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Editor The Socialist: Dear Comrade—  
Comrade R. P. Pettipiece addressed our League at its last meeting. Our comrade is editor and proprietor of the Larreau Eagle in the Kootenay district. He has in view the starting of a Socialist newspaper somewhere in British Columbia, most likely at Victoria, being the seat of government, an imperial stronghold, honeycombed with one-man power, municipal blockheadedness, capitalistic to the very core, Mongolian intrusion and competition, home of the grafter and retrogressive politicians. A splendid field for a clear-cut, class-conscious Socialist organ. The aim of the paper will not be to place candidates in the field all at once, although that is the goal we are striving for, but rather to at this juncture, perfect organization and educate the people to a proper understanding of what Socialism is and what it is not.

No better text for the new paper to everlastingly preach upon, in my opinion, than the text The Socialist is forever pounding away at, viz.: that "Socialism demands the public ownership of all the means of production and distribution. Anything less is but middle-class patchwork, and will not abolish wage slavery."

Rally, comrades, the battle is yours.  
Fraternally yours,

HAROLD BURNETT.