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ONTARIO SOCIALISTS CONVENE

A Clear-Cut Revolutionary Declaration Adopted for the First Time.

TORONTO, Oct. 20.—The convention of the Ontario Socialist League, held at Victoria Hall on Thanksgiving Day, the 15th inst., marked a long step in advance in the history of the movement in Canada. For the first time since the body was organised, it has taken a clear decisive stand for genuine class-conscious Socialism and independent political action without fusion or compromise, and defined its principles so unequivocally that hereafter there can be no doubt about them. And the inspiring and encouraging feature about it is that the delegates were nearly unanimous in taking this action. The change from the temporarising, cautious spirit that characterised some former conventions was inspiring.

CLASS-CONSCIOUS TO A MAN.

There were about 50 delegates, and some unattached to any league in attendance. The three Toronto leagues were fully in evidence, and among other places represented were St. Thomas, London, Guelph, Galt, Paris, Preston, Orillia, Manitoulin Island and Mount Forest. The first business transacted after the delegates had been seated was the reading of President Simpson's address, which struck the keynote of the after proceedings in its advocacy of a straight-forward, uncompromising policy and a closer organisation. A large number of resolutions affecting important changes in the platform and constitution along these lines were adopted. The most important of these passed without a dissentient voice, and reads as follows:

"We, delegates of the Socialist Leagues of Ontario, and comrades unaffiliated throughout the province, in convention assembled, affirm our belief in the materialist interpretation of history as expressed in the immortal definition, 'That in every historical epoch, the prevailing mode of economic production and exchange, and the social organisation necessarily following from it, form the basis upon which is built up and from which alone can be explained, the political and intellectual history of that epoch; that consequently, the whole history of mankind (since the dissolution of primitive tribal society, holding land in common ownership) has been a history of class struggles, contests between the exploiting and exploited, ruling and oppressed classes; that the history of these class struggles form a series of evolution in which now-a-days a stage has been reached where the exploited and oppressed class—the proletariat—cannot attain its emancipation from the sway of the exploiting and ruling class—the bourgeoisie—without, at the same time, and once and for all emancipating society at large from exploitation, oppression, class distinction and class struggles., and declare our allegiance to the programme of international revolutionary Socialism as the only class-conscious movement, to attain which desired end we declare our aim to be the organisation of the working class, and those in sympathy with it into a political party, with the object of conquering the power of governments and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private distribution into a collective ownership by all the people.

We recognise the triune demon of interest, rent and profit as responsible for the degradation and misery and uncertainty of livelihood that now oppresses the toilers, and therefore pledge ourselves to their abolition and the institution of production and distribution for use, without profit, so that the workers may receive the full product of their toil.

While accepting many so-called reform measures, such as direct legislation, proportional representation, public ownership of public utilities, etc., as democratic and therefore Socialist, we recognise the fact that when administered by a capitalist government, they can at best but be palliatives, and, therefore, set our faces rigidly against any alliance or fusion with any independent or so-called reform party advocating any or all these, or other demands that does not include the aims and purposes as herein declared, but shall pledge our representatives to vote for any and every measure that shall be for the betterment of the working class in field or factory."

The name of the organisation was changed from that of the "Ontario Socialist League" to the "Ontario Socialist Party." The dues system latterly in abeyance was restored and the pledge also suspended in deference to the views of some of the weaker brethren, was again put in force and strengthened by an amendment binding each member to refrain from voting or working for any candidate for office other than a Socialist.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA VICTORY.

During the discussion of these resolutions the argument for close organisation and a platform of straight scientific Socialism was reinforced by frequent references to British Columbia and the progress of the movement there as the result of a strictly classconscious agitation. There is no question that the example you have set us of what can be accomplished by a rigid adherence to the principles of international Socialism and eschewing all idea of fusion or compromise, has wonderfully stiffened the backbones of Ontario Socialists, and brought many waverers into line. The following congratulatory resolution in recognition of the triumph achieved by our stalwart comrades of the Pacific slope was unanimously adopted:

"That we heartily congratulate the Socialist Party of British Columbia on the results of the recent provincial election, in which two Socialists were returned to the legislature, being the first occasion upon which Socialism has secured representation in any Canadian legislative body, and we recognise that in the courage, self-sacrifice and fidelity to principle manifested by our comrades of British Columbia throughout the contest, they have set an example of that spirit which should animate the movement and by which alone we can hope for success."

THE NEW PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE.

The election of officers resulted as follows: R. N. Price, St. Thomas, Chairman of Executive; James Simpson, Toronto, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. May Darwin, Toronto, Secretary; James A. Kelly, Toronto, Treasurer. The remaining members of the Executive are Comrades Carter, of Guelph; Miss Ward, St. Thomas; Spence, London; Hughes, Guelph, and Wood, Paris. Comrade Price, the newly-elected Chairman, it may be mentioned, was the introducer of the first resolution setting forth in positive terms the doctrine of the class struggle. He represents the strongest local in the province, with a membership of 200, who are getting things in shape to put up a stiff fight at the next Dominion election. The re-election of Comrade Darwin to the secretaryship is an honor well deserved. Perhaps no other Toronto Socialist has been so indefatigable in the work.

GETTING DOWN TO HARD PAN.

The convention was essentially a business occasion. There was much less effervescent enthusiasm about it than was manifested at previous gatherings, but also much less aimless and irrelevant discussion, and a good deal more practical work. The delegates all appeared to have come there knowing exactly what they wanted, and they proceeded to do it with as little unnecessary fuss or waste of time as possible. It was a great day for Socialism. "The first genuine Socialist convention we have held," was the verdict of more than one comrade. I must not omit to mention that we were favored with the presence of Comrade Isaac Cowan, of Cleveland, who gave a rousing address at the evening meeting. And so we enter upon the winter's work, including a municipal campaign, with renewed hope and confidence.

THE PARTING OF THE WAYS.

The trade unionists are not making much headway with their municipal campaign. The action of the Socialist convention of course prevents any member of the party accepting a trade union nomination. Of course many "social reformers" and people of sympathetic ideas but undefined principles, are disposed to take exception to the Socialist position. "To refuse to affiliate and act with trade unionists seems very narrow-minded," said one. "Would not you support a trade unionist if you knew he was thoroughly honest and intelligent?"

"No, certainly I would not. That would make no difference," replied the Socialist.

"Why, that's nothing but bigotry and prejudice."

"Is it? Now let me put it to you this way: Suppose you owned a vessel and wanted to engage a captain. Would you take a man simply because he was honest and intelligent?"

"Of course I'd want him to have a knowledge of navigation."

"And if he hadn't, you wouldn't take him on, no matter how good a man he was?"

"Why no, I should say not."

"Now I call that narrow-minded," replied the Socialist. "I am afraid you are bigoted and prejudiced."

"How do you mean?"

"Why, before you'd put a man in charge of a ship you would insist upon his knowing where he was going and how to get there, and you would be right. That's what we insist on. We are tired of drifting around. The men we want must not only be honest and brainy, but must know what course to steer and where he wants to get to. He must be class-conscious, in other words."

PHILLIPS THOMPSON.

A GRIST FROM THE MILL OF CAPITALISM

FERNIE, B. C., Oct. 20.—Killed in the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company's No. 2 mine at Fernie, B. C., one Mr. Scott, a miner. He is one of the 500 men who were hired in England not many months ago and shipped here to the C. N. P. Coal Company by the secretary of the Immigration Department of the Dominion of Canada. A letter in the Clarion some time ago showed the gross misrepresentation used by the above-mentioned secretary in order to induce these men to come here. The Fernie mines are about five miles from town. The Coal Company has a special train to do its work, but to get Mr. Scott's remains to town without waiting for the regular trip the miners' union had to agree to pay the coal company half the cost of a special trip. This is one of the ways in which our economic masters benefit by the organisation of their employees.

On the same day that this profit-making system extinguished the life of Mr. Scott, four men were killed in the coal company's mines at Morrissey, about 13 miles west of here. That is to say, they have found four bodies, but the Slavonic people say there is yet four more bodies to be found. That is nearly a week ago, and we are still in ignorance as to how many men were killed. Under the present system of capitalism, which is the only true anarchy, human lives are the cheapest thing in the commercial market.

On May 22nd, 1902, when at least 130 men and boys were killed, the coal company could not or would not tell how many men and boys were on shift, and it is not known to this day how many were killed in that explosion, but we do know that some of the victims of that explosion are in the mine yet. This, perhaps, would not be known, but for the fact that their widows and orphans were here, and they are still waiting here, expecting that some day the remains of their loved bread-winners will be found. Alas! they are waiting in vain; one of the entrys which caved with the explosion and buried no one knows how many men and boys, remains as the explosion left it. It would cost money to clear it out. The coal company drove another entry alongside of it, and had the profit off the coal as it was dug.

Within a very few hours after Mr. Scott and those of his class at Morrissey had lost their lives, the train from the coal company's mines at Michel, about 40 miles east of here, brought one Mr. Edwards, with his two thighs and his back broken, as well as his whole body cut, bruised and broken. He is yet alive.

And this is only unusual because of its all happening about the same time. This crippling and taking of human life is continually going on in the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company's mines, and the people of these camps have become so accustomed to it that a stranger in this vicinity would not know that anything serious had happened.

"WHAT HAVE I DONE?" LET EACH ONE ANSWER

Comrades:—I have just seen a copy of the Clarion of October 22nd. It is inconceivable to me that the comrades of British Columbia shall allow the Clarion to suspend publication.

I have just about completed a two months' trip over a great part of the province, and at every point I visited the people are only waiting to be asked to subscribe for a Socialist paper to take it.

No paper outside of Canada can do the work that is necessary to make Canada Socialist. There MUST be a Socialist paper in British Columbia. All the workers in the movement agree to this. Then, why let the Clarion, which has served so well, starve to death?

I have gone on taking subscriptions for the paper in the fullest confidence that the workers who have seen the light of Socialism would do their part and keep the paper going and growing, so that those who are seeking the light and are willing to pay for it, should not be disappointed and the movement set back.

There is no duty now nor in the near future for British Columbia Socialists so important as the support, the most generous support, of the Western Clarion.

Give one good, hard pull together NOW, right away, and show that the Socialists of British Columbia who have given the capitalists the greatest shaking up ever given on the western continent, are not going to have their voice silenced by a puny magistrate in a small debts court.

Up and at them, comrades, in the name of all you hold dear. It is the greatest, grandest battle the world ever saw. Don't be disgraced after your grand effort on October 3rd.

Yours in the cause.

TOM. E. WALSH.

Grand Forks, B. C., Oct. 24th, 1903.

THE WORKERS GETTING WHAT THEY VOTED FOR

If the old saw is true about "coming events casting their shadows before," the people of the United States will soon have a little more leisure time on their hand than they can dispose of, with due regard to their stomachs. I am very much afraid that some people who whooped it up at the last election for the G. O. P. and the full "dinner pail," will have a chance to get out and compete with each other, to their heart's content, and, after seeing the beauties of the competitive system from that point of view, if they are still on top of the earth, they will be in a better frame of mind for studying the economic question from the co-operative standpoint. Between Blaine and Everett I find that the Great Northern Railroad is occupying about the same position as the C. P. R. does here. The section hands are almost invariably Japanese, who receive for their services (for ten hours' work mind you) the magnificent sum of $1, and if a Jap chances to be a little better worker than his fellows he is favored with five or ten cents more per day than the rest of them get, so that he will keep them from loafing. This statement was made to me by one of the company's "dog robbers," commonly called the "section boss," one of the style of "geezers" who used to make by-laws like the following:

"Sure you'll neither smoke nor crack a joke while work is going on, and you are not allowed to speak out loud on section 91."

Of course we can't blame the Jap for working for what he can get, and we can't blame him for being here. We have no chance to blame anyone but ourselves. You may say it is the Jap's own fault that he works for a dollar a day, but comrades, if we don't wake up to the fact that we must gain control of the reins of government we will soon be in the same pickle as the Jap is. The Jap gets just enough wages to keep body and soul together. Now, Mr. Worker, how much more do you get? Not much, I'll warrant. The Jap gets $1. He has no wife or family; you get $2.50, you have a wife and children to support. The Jap wears rags and lives in a shanty. You pay rent for the right to live on the earth, which was given to the people as a whole, and not to any set of men. The Jap is so constituted that he can live and do a day's work on a handful of rice. You can not. Now, friend, figure it out and see if you get all that is coming to you, and which is the best off, you or the Jap. If you conclude that there is something wrong with the system, investigate and see what the Socialist has to offer you.

OTHO VON GALEN.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 26th, 1903.

ITALIAN SOCIALISTS IN CONVENTION

The International Socialist Review contains a most interesting report of the first annual convention of the "Federazione Socialista Italiana," which took place on September 6th and 7th in West Hoboken, N. J. There were 33 delegates present, representing some 30 Locals and eight different states.

G. M. Serrati, editor of Il Proletario, the Italian Socialist daily, presided over the convention, which throughout was characterised by a spirit of fraternity and devotion to the cause of Socialism, which we of English-speaking comradeship would do well to emulate.

In regard to the party press we are told that only one out of the 33 delegates was in favor of discontinuing the publication of the daily paper. Thirty-two delegates wanted the paper to be continued at all costs, even to the extent of having each Local pledge a monthly contribution to defray the expenses of publication. A true spirit of Socialism and noble self-denial was shown by the delegates during this discussion, in which the comrades stated their willingness to share their scanty wages for the enlightenment of their fellow men.

It was also voted to have the Executive Committee take the necessary steps for the formation of an Immigration Bureau for the protection and benefit of the Italian immigrants, who are too often an easy prey to the padrone, the banker and other colonial sharks, being defrauded by them and sold like chattels to the contractors.

An interesting discussion arose over the attitude of the Federation towards the two Socialist parties, the S. L. P. and the S. P. A report was submitted by Dellavis, full of the false and time-worn vilifications against the Socialist Party, which had been previously printed and distributed among the delegates for the purpose of prejudicing them against the S. P. Editor Serrati replied to these accusations and showed that while it might be true that in some instances the S. P. had been slack and of too broad a spirit, the majority of its members were good, uncompromising Socialists, doing excellent work in all the states of the Union, in some of which the S. L. P. did not exist at all. "In the S. L. P. press," he said, "I see nothing but insults against other Socialists; in the S. P. press I see nothing but Socialism. I am in favor of a union between the two parties, but cannot countenance the conduct of the S. L. P." He then read a communication from the International Socialist Bureau, informing him that the only Socialist Party recognised there at present was the Socialist Party.

After a number of resolutions had been introduced and a final pronunciamento had been issued by a delegate from the S. L. P., the following resolution was adopted:

"To sever all connections and alliances with the S. L. P., and constitute themselves into an independent organisation."

When this vote was carried a voice was heard to say: "There are neither victors nor vanquished here; we are all comrades!"

PROGRESS AT REVELSTOKE

REVELSTOKE, B. C., Oct. 26.—The Clarion must be kept going, and this Local will do much more to keep it in the field. Comrade J. Thornton is now secretary. * * Our Local is quite prosperous, an increase of about 10 members since election, and more in sight. We rented Selkirk hall for a year, where weekly meetings are held, and had fine discussions ata the three meetings held so far. The Liberals say they intend to contest Taylor's election. When thieves fall out we'll probably get at the truth.

The Miners' Federation (Eng.) has to date received £16,000 towards the election fund by means of a shilling annual subscription from its 250,000 members.

GLAD MESSAGE FROM MANITOBA

Significance of the Recent Socialist Victories in British Columbia.

Whilst events of deepest import to human society are happening everywhere—all more or less confirming the soundness of Socialist analysis and forecast—our immediate interest for the last two weeks has been centred round British Columbia.

First, because we are part of the same political unit, Canada considered as a nation, and progress in one section being sure to reflect itself in every other as knowledge increases and capitalist exploitation develops itself.

Second, because of our personal acquaintance with some of the standard-bearers of Socialism in B. C.

A third reason arises from the international character of the movement, which makes all such struggles, in one sense, of uniform consequence, no matter where they occur.

Among the Socialist fraternity here one opinion only prevails, viz., that our comrades of B. C. have won a ringing victory; one that will be immediately fruitful of good throughout the Dominion and bring good cheer to the movement everywhere.

To me the deep significance of the contest is not the number elected, nor altogether in the agrregate of votes polled, but in the remarkable "uniformity" of the vote throughout the province.

Had the vote been bunched on the Island and Vancouver City and thin elsewhere, even though a greater aggregate had been rolled up, it would not have been so satisfactory, and would have given the enemy a great leverage in claiming that B. C. was only Socialistic in "spots," and even this owing to local and personal causes.

No such claim can be made.

The vote is spread with almost mathematical proportion and precision over the whole electorate as far as it was tested.

How far it was an intelligent class-conscious test is another matter. That there was considerable cross-voting in Victoria and Vancouver is evident, and was to be expected at this stage, but the one-member ridings where the workers rejected the old parties in toto, made a good off-set. All credit to them.

You now know where you are at, and for the future the nomination of a Socialist candidate for "any" riding will no longer be regarded as a huge joke by the capitalist gang with its army of heelers, who have, from the beginning of government, exploited labor and the rich resources of the province. Now, however, is the time for persistent work and the utmost circumspection in carrying it on and formulating a policy.

British Columbia has by a splendid spurt, shot ahead of her sister provinces.

Such things have happened before on both sides of the Atlantic, and reaction has followed, obliterating all traces of the bold advance, and granting that conditions grow even more favorable, through the industrial evolution, to maintaining our ground, yet the danger of relapse is not altogether past, and the utmost efforts must be made to avert it.

In the circumstances it is very assuring to know that comrades so tried and true as Messrs. Hawthornthwaite and Williams are carrying the mandate of the party.

O! men of the mountains, rivers and forests, if you had only gone just one or two better, and, in addition elected, say, Bennett, Mortimer and Riordan, what a labor group you would have had to explain your interests and fight your battles.

I mention these not invidiously, but because of my better personal acquaintance with them. When I think of the several good comrades all but elected, it makes patience a difficult virtue.

However, let us look not back, but forward. Elections come round quickly enough after all.

Be of good cheer, comrades of B. C. Consolidate and strengthen the weak-hearted in your ranks, convince and enlighten those in the outside darkness of economic gloom and ignorance. Above all, keep clear and bright the splendid beacon you have lighted on the mountain-tops.

The political land-slide is already crossing the plains and leavening the effete east.

The future is ours, as we work for and deserve it.

GEORGE DALES.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 18th, 1903.

ORGANIZATION MUST BE VIGOROUSLY PUSHED

FERNIE, B. C., Oct. 26.—The late campaign has proven that we are not well enough organised to conduct a campaign as it should be against the forces that oppose us. We are kept too much on the move and scattered about too much. We have so many small camps and so few large camps. Most of us are out in the hills at these camps the greater part of the time; too far away to attend our union or Socialist meetings, and, while we may get the papers and keep posted, yet we are deprived of that method of education, viz., the interchange of ideas, which we have at our meetings, also the practice of expressing our ideas in a public way.

It is impossible for us to hold our union meetings in most of the camps, because of our secret obligation, and there is always some fellow about who has not joined the union, but I would advise that in any camp where there is five or more persons that they organise a branch of the B. C. Socialist Party. There is nothing secret about it; you can organise in the presence of your employer or any other person, even if they are opposed to Socialism. The obligation is public; anyone wishing to take it can become a member of the party, and anyone who don't wish to take it can remain in the meeting and take part in the discussion, but they have no vote. Here is the obligation:

"I, the undersigned, recognise the class struggle between the capitalist class and the working class to be a political struggle for power, (namely to capture the reins of government), which necessitates the organisation of the workers into a political party distinct from and opposed to all parties of the capitalist class. I hereby sever my relations with all other political parties, and pledge myself to support by voice, vote and other legitimate means the ticket and the programme of the B. C. Socialist Party only."

Five or more persons signing their names to the above obligation and paying ten cents each can make application and secure a charter from the B. C. Socialist Party. (Charter costs $1, in addition to per capita tax.—Ed.) The Executive Committee will also furnish you with membership cards and due stamps to show your standing in the party. You can hold your meetings once, twice or three times a week, the oftener the better. Have your meetings held just like a public meeting, elect a chairman for the evening, have your rules of order and your subject for discussion. In that manner you can keep yourselves posted on the questions of the day; you can revive hope in those who have become discouraged; you can start those thinking who have heretofore not taken any interest in public questions, and derive many other benefits from such meetings.

Then, when a convention is called to bring out a candidate for the governmental offices of the country, each local will be entitled to representation. In that manner we will have more representatives at our conventions, therefore the better chance to pick the best material in the district. Again, the more organisations, the more representatives, the greater prestige will we have as a party, and all these things count. To you who are opposed to Socialism I will say this: Socialism is fast swallowing up our so-called civilisation. If it is a bad thing it is time we knew it. We can only know it by hearing what it is. Show us Socialists that it is wrong and we will be with you to fight it, but if it is right we believe it to be your duty to join with us in putting it into operation.

Let us get ready for the Dominion election.

C. M. O'BRIEN.

RECENT ELECTION HAS TAUGHT THEM A LESSON

PHOENIX, B. C., Oct. 21.—Just a line to let you know that we are still in the fight for liberty. There are only 20 men working here, and you will see by the cards that I have corralled the most of them for the Clarion. They are all Socialists, and will be at the ballot-box with the goods next election. Several of them did not have a vote on the 3rd, but will be right in line for next election, which we are expecting will take place shortly, according to the enemy's report in their press.

They concede to the Socialists the balance of power, and we all know that they are not going to stand for that. Well, the "balance" will be a little heavier next time, and they cannot call the turn too soon to suit us. We will guard against all their dirty work next time in the Greenwood riding. They won the election on the coalition system, as many comrades voted the Liberal ticket (I mean the capitalist ticket) on purpose to defeat the Socialist candidate, and, notwithstanding all their corruption they had the beautiful majority of seven votes. The election was also a good thing for our Miners' Union, as it had the effect of making the union more solid than it has ever been before. It also demonstrated that there were union men in the union, and men who belonged to unions. The latter class of traitors numbered six, and they of the latter class had the satisfaction of voting for a three-penny lawyer, who declared himself at Midway as being opposed to the Western Federation of Miners. These six men would prefer to have a man of this stamp represent them, instead of a man who had been black-listed in several places for being true to organised labor and trying to uphold its principles.

As Kingsley says, "We'll hand them a bunch" at the next election that will keep them guessing for a while.

Enclosed find the money for the Clarion, and what is lacking will be forthcoming on pay-day. Keep the good work going on. The boys are all hungry for the Clarion. All we talk of here when we are not working is Socialism. The only trouble is that we have no one to discuss it with us, as we are all Socialists. Yours in the big fight.

FRED HESLEWOOD.

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A trust is but a combination of individuals controlling for private gain the instruments of production that have been socially produced by ages of toil and genius of myriad numbers of men and women, and they can no more be destroyed than the law of gravitation can be annihilated.

Having been socially produced all industry should be socially owned and co-operatively operated for the welfare of those who labor. This being true scientifically and ethically, there is no other solution of the problem of capitalism but Socialism—the scientific and political expression of the democratization of industry.

The political contest of the future, therefore, must of necessity be between a political party or parties representing capitalism and one representing Socialism. The parties of capitalism are here and the party of Socialism is now in the political arena, where the defenders of the present system must meet it. Evasion can no longer be maintained, and the people must make their choice between them. The campaign upon which we are entering is but a part of the great struggle for the emancipation of the working class from the system under which they are slaves, bound to toil for other men's enrichment.—John C. Chase, Socialist Party candidate for governor in Massachusetts.

The prohibitionist ascribes all social evils of the day to the use of intoxicating drinks, and believes that the enactment of a law prohibiting such drinks will be sufficient to cure humanity of all physical, moral, mental and social ills. The Socialists agree with the prohibitionists in the condemnation of whiskey (especially if it is bad whiskey), but they point out the fact that drunkenness, like crime and ignorance, is but one of the results of our faulty social and industrial system. Put the dissolute and dissipating millionaires to honest work, and they will stop debauching themselves and their mistresses with champagne; provide the workingmen with clean, cheerful homes, and the means of intellectual culture, and they will stop drinking bad whiskey in filthy and malodorous saloons. The only way to abolish drunkenness is to abolish the social system which breeds it, and the only way to abolish that system is by voting the ticket of the Socialist Party, which stands for the overthrow of the iniquitous capitalist system.

Under capitalism labor power is a commodity. It is equally well established that as a commodity labor power has a special character, a character not found in other commodities. Labor power is a commodity from which the seller cannot separate himself. When the seller of labor power—the laborer—sells that commodity to somebody, he is compelled to stay at the place of delivery, losing, during the deliverance, quite an amount of life tissue, which reappears in a new form in the product he produces. The product does not belong to the seller, but to the buyer of the commodity, labor power. The buyer is master; the seller a slave. It's what we vote for.

The one thing above all others for the workingman to see and understand is the class struggle. The very instant he grasps this fact his feet are on the rock—he takes his place with his class and, come what will, he holds it, especially on election day. This is the work to which the labor agitator must give himself with all the powers of his mind and body. The labor movement has come with a rush during the past few years; it is still largely in the hazy, nebulous state and is sure to bump and bruise itself severely before it develops the class-conscious solidity, strength and clearness it must have to triumph in the struggle and fulfill its historical mission.

Commenting upon the result of the recent election in this province, the Miners' Magazine says: "The Socialist Party of British Columbia is forging to the front, and the laboring class across the border are demonstrating the fact that they have awakened to the real issue which confronts the humanity of the world and propose to bring about, by class-conscious and class-loyal political action the industrial emancipation of the workers in the domain where Dunsmuir and his kind reigned as the corporate king." The platform of the S. P. of B. C. was also re-produced.

The "social evil" wave in Vancouver has culminated in a decision on the part of the city council, under pressure of the church element, to "move" the unfortunate victims of capitalism located on Dupont street. Careful scrutiny discloses the fact that the dates upon which they must "move," and the probable date of Jim Hill's railway reaching that point are simultaneous. Truly the god of commercialism is a cruel task-master, and, like Bret. Harte's chink, has ways that are dark and tricks that are vain.

Join the party which depends solely upon the working class for financial support and appeals solely to the working class for votes and whose candidates can therefore be depended upon to be true to the interests of the working class. Vote for the party that demands for the working class the RIGHT TO WORK and to get THE FULL VALUE OF ITS PRODUCT.

The Clarion is more than pleased to note the news contained in Comrade Thompson's Toronto letter this week. The revolutionary spirit has reached the cent belt, and from now on we may expect to see the rapid growth and development of a clear-cut Socialist movement. Hats off to the Ontario comrades!

Euripides has said: "That man is the bravest who trusts to hope under all circumstances; to be without hope is the part of a coward."

LESSONS IN SOCIAL ECONOMY

For Local Classes.

(By Walter Thomas Mills, Principal of the International School of Social Economy.)

These lessons will be printed regularly in this paper throughout the year, and local classes may be organized for their study wherever the Comrades may wish to do so. The teacher of the class, and as many others as may wish to do so, should have the full set of lessons as by Correspondence and the Training School. Comrade Mills will appreciate it if those organizing clases will report the same to him, Box 405, Kansas City, Mo.

LESSON II.—THE WAGE SYSTEM.

A wage worker is not a slave, because no one else owns him. He is not a serf because he is not required to stay forever on a piece of land where he was born. But the wage worker cannot work for wages unless someone gives him a chance to do so. And no one will let him do so unless he makes more things than he is able to buy with his wages.

Men were slaves because other men, by owning them, could make the slaves make more things than were required to keep the slaves alive.

Men were serfs because, not being able to get away from the place where they were born, the men who owned the land could make them make more things than were required to keep them alive.

The wage worker cannot get a chance to work at all unless he does the same. But the wage worker can move about when he wants to, and he can be made to move when he does not want to. But the serf could not. Neither could the slave.

The serfs and the slaves were obliged to stay with the man who owned the slave or who owned the land. But they had a right to stay there even if the owners got tired of them.

The wage worker does not have to stay where he does not want to. And he has the right to stay, even if he does want to, if the man he is working for tells him to go.

THE LESSON.

1. You do not need to own a man in order to be his master.

2. Under slavery and serfdom one man could own some other men. But now the whole class of men who pay wages are the masters of the whole class of men who work for wages.

3. The man who works for wages is as dependent for a chance to live on some one to pay him wages, as ever was a slave.

4. The slave had to work for a living only, or be killed.

5. The wage worker must work for a living only or be starved.

6. The wage system is different from slavery or serfdom, because the wage workers get more privileges and the masters get more stuff.

7. Under the wage system no one has any claims on the wage worker. He can choose his own master if he can find one, and may go where and when he pleases, provided he stays in the road and keeps moving.

QUESTIONS.

1. Does any one own a wage worker?
2. Must he stay on the land where he was born?
3. Can he work for a living if no one hires him?
4. Can he compel anyone to hire him who does not wish to?
5. If anyone had a slave who could not make more things than were necessary to keep himself, would he keep the slave?
6. If a wage worker should get all the things which he makes, could he keep his job?
7. Did the serfs or slaves have any rights which the wage worker has not?

BACK OF THE FEAST

(By R. M. Sheridan, in The Worker.)

From recently published interviews:

"When I can't attend to both public and private business I'll quit the public business."—Mark Hanna.

"My street cars are savings banks."—Mark Hanna.

With parenthetical comment I reproduce an editorial of the "Cleveland Press":

"It took nearly half an hour to raise the Lorain street car" (one of Mark Hanna's savings banks) "that ran over and killed little nine-year-old Eddie Somers and to release the body. Meanwhile hundreds of people gathered. That was Tuesday night. Only a few weeks ago in another part of the city a child remained under a car" (one of Mark Hanna's savings banks) "for a half hour or more, its cries of anguish being stilled at last by kindly death, but not before the mother had appeared and fainted and the frenzied father had sought to kill the motorman. These things happen too often. We have become hardened to them. For a moment our hearts thaw in a little pity for the sufferers and we say 'something ought to be done'—and then we forget."

That's so. What is it we forget? Let us see. Why, don't you know that we forget that sumptuous and gluttonous feasts called wedding breakfasts must be provided and served at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the idle guests of the Senator whose street cars are his savings banks? We forget that they toil not; we forget that royal equipages drawn by blooded horses, harnessed with trappings of magnificence, must be provided to convey and display the parasitical guests of the great Senator, president-maker, labor-crusher, union-smasher, strike-hater, wage-slave-coddler, and

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that his guests at his daughter's wedding may be paraded through the public thoroughfares to the admiring plaudits of the proletarian populace; that flowers and shrubs be gathered from everywhere in all the land in lavish profusion and wanton and wasteful abandonment, artistic and gorgeous adornment transforming a St. Paul's into a dreamport of perfumes, music divine, visions fair and Canon Wealthys there to chant the words and formulae of holy matrimony, uniting wealth to wealth and scorning commonwealth and wealth creators and producers. All these things must be provided out of the wealth created and produced by the workers and turned over to the Senator and placed in his savings banks

(STREET CARS WHICH CRUSH OUT LITTLE LIVES)

so that the Senator and HIS children may have and shine and "show-off" and all be made to appear to be "the real thing—the whole thing."

But why should parents permit their little children to toddle and roam and wander off into the streets to be devoured and ground up by the cruel wheels, trucks and greedy motors of Senator Hanna's street-car-savings-banks? It is plain enough that they should not do it; to whom do the streets belong, anyway? Ask yourself over and over again until you get it into your head and then don't forget it.

Now hear the "Cleveland Press" again:

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A CHILD IS OF SO LITTLE CONSEQUENCE.

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THE BABES OF THE WORKERS

should not go upon the streets unless their nurses, governesses and attendants are with them or else they should stay in sunless rooms or play in dingy back yards or run about in filth reeking alleys and so grow to beautiful womanhood and worthy manhood. Can't you see how it is yourself? To be sure, the father is away from home all day working or striking; the mother is all day long moiling in the kitchen or nursery, which is all one to her; in a moment of abstraction or despair her precious darling is gone to the wide-open jaws and grinding machinery of one of Mark Hanna's street-car-savings-banks.

"What's that you tender-hearted one? You say it does make a difference—that children are dearer than life to some? Well, sometimes we don't act as though it made any difference. The great body of the public doesn't seem to care. We turn from such heart-sickening sights as these that have become common and in two seconds are thinking how to get a dollar or two out of somebody. Bereaved fathers may weep and rage, grief-stricken mothers may helplessly moan and sob and suffer heart-break, neighbors may shudder and sympathize, but we—the great bullying public—indifferently pass on. If these things were necessary it would be different. But they are not necessary. There is no possible excuse for them."

What is it that is not necessary—that there is no excuse for? Is it the killing and grinding out of the lives of little children by the

AVARICIOUS "ECONOMY"

of railway corporations that save expense and swell profits by overworking motormen and endangering life? Oh, bless you, no! What is it, then, that the editorial pen protests against and arraigns? It is the horrifying spectacle of a dying child pinned to the metal rails and stony pavement under the wheels of one of Mark Hanna's street-car-savings-banks for a WHOLE HALF HOUR. It is the time involved and not the killing. Therefore this editor proposes a remedy. See what it is: "A jack on every car, which would enable the motorman to raise either end of his car"—Mark's savings bank—"in one minute instead of waiting a half hour, is thoroughly practicable."

To be sure, the child is already "done for;" the jack is used, the savings bank is raised up and the mangled and mutilated little form is tenderly lifted from the right-of-way of the street-car-savings-bank of Mark Hanna and the car goes on to "gather them in" and to

GATHER THE TIN FOR DIVIDENDS

to pay for wanton wedding breakfasts and other fixings and doings and to cruise along the Atlantic coast with Ship Subsidy Griscom.

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At a regular business meeting of Local Nanaimo, No. 3, Socialist Party of British Columbia, held on October 24th, it was moved and seconded and passed unanimously, that "Com." F. Ogle be expelled from the Socialist Party of B. C. for communicating and publishing in the press private matter of business meeting held on October 18th, 1903, without the authority of the Local, notice of expulsion to be published in the Western Clarion.

DANIEL LIVINGSTONE,
Secretary Local Nanaimo, No. 3.

Nanaimo, B. C., Oct. 24th, 1903.

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Labor produces all wealth and to labor it should justly belong. To the owner of the means of wealth production belongs the product of labor. The present economic system is based upon capitalist ownership of the means of wealth production, therefore all the products of labor belong to the capitalist. The capitalist is master; the working man is slave.

So long as the capitalists remain in possession of the reins of government all the powers of the state will be used to protect and defend their property rights in the means of wealth production and their control of the product of labor.

The capitalist system gives to the capitalist an ever-swelling stream of profits; and to the worker an ever increasing measure of misery and degradation.

The interests of the working class lie in the direction of setting itself free from capitalist exploitation by the abolition of the wage system. To accomplish this necessitates the transformation of capitalist property in the means of wealth production into collective or working-class property.

The irrepressible conflict of interests between the capitalist and the worker is rapidly culminating in a struggle for possession of the powers of government, the capitalist to hold; the worker to secure it by political action. This is the class struggle.

Therefore we call upon all wage earners to organize under the banner of the Socialist Party of British Columbia, with the object of conquering the public powers for the purpose of setting up and enforcing the economic programme of the working class, as follows:

1. The transformation as rapidly as possible, of capitalist property in the means of wealth production (natural resources, factories, mills, railways, etc.) into the collective property of the working class.

2. Thorough and democratic organization and management of industry by the workers.

3. The establishment, as speedily as possible, of production for use in lieu of production for profit.

The Socialist Party, when in office, shall always and everywhere until the present system is utterly abolished, make the answer to this question its guiding rule of conduct: Will this legislation advance the interests of the working class and aid the workers in their class struggle against capitalism? If it will, the Socialist Party is for it; if it will not, the Socialist Party is absolutely opposed to it.

In accordance with this principle the Socialist Party pledges itself to conduct all the public affairs placed in its hands in such a manner as to promote the interests of the working class alone.

Pledge

I, the undersigned, desire to be enrolled as a member of the Socialist Party of British Columbia. I recognize the class struggle between the Capitalist Class and the Working Class to be a political struggle for power (namely to capture the reins of government), which necessitates the organization of the workers into a political party distinct from and opposed to all parties of the capitalist class. I hereby sever my relations with all other political parties, and pledge myself to support by voice, vote and other legitimate means the ticket and the programme of the B. C. Socialist Party.

Signed..

Residence..

Date..

Constitution

Sec. I.—This organization shall be known as the "Socialist Party of B. C."

Sec. II.—The party shall be organized as follows: First, local branches of not less than five members; second, an executive board of nine members, these to be elected at an annual convention of delegates from all Locals. At least six of the executive shall be chosen from place of headquarters, and known as resident members. The non-resident members of the Executive shall not be required to be present at all meetings, but shall be consulted and kept advised of all the proceedings of the board.

Sec. III.—The executive board shall have supervision of the party organization. It shall have power to hire and appoint organizers, grant to and revoke charters of Locals, and adopt such measures as may be required to carry out the objects of organization. The executive board shall be required to make a report of its meetings through the columns of the Western Clarion.

Sec. IV.—Any member of the executive board may be re-called by an imperative mandate of the membership of the party; his successor to be elected by the initiative and referendum. A majority of those members voting being necessary to elect.

Sec. V.—The officers of the executive shall be: Chairman, Treasurer, Literary Agent, Organizer and Secretary. They shall be elected at annual conventions, and none of them shall be eligible to hold any such Provincial Executive office while holding a similar office in any branch of the Party.

Sec. VI.—The duties of the Secretary shall be to act as corresponding and recording secretary, and to receive the provincial dues from secretaries of local branches. The treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Party, and furnish a bond to amount required by the executive board. The literary agent shall take charge of the literary propaganda of the Party. The organizer shall organize new branches, and shall be subject to direction of the executive board.

Sec. VII.—A party convention may be called at any time, at the request of five branches.

Sec. VIII.—Every applicant for membership shall fill out and sign the following application and pledge:

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Section IX.—The dues of the members shall be fixed by each Local, but shall be sufficient to pay to the Executive Board ten cents per month for each member of said Local.

Sec. X.—A local branch shall consist of at least five members, and shall hold at least one business meeting per month. It shall make its own rules and by-laws so long as they do not conflict with the Provincial Constitution.

Sec. XI.—Any person subscribing to our principles and platform in a locality where there is no local branch may become a member at large by sending his application to the provincial secretary and complying with the constitution.

Sec. XII.—All questions not provided for in this constitution shall be dealt with by the executive board, subject to a referendum vote.

Sec. XIII.—The executive shall submit all questions to a referendum vote upon the request of three Locals.

Sec. XIV.—Under no circumstances shall the Socialist Party of B. C. fuse or act with any political party.

Sec. XV.—This constitution may be amended by a referendum vote of the membership, or at the annual provincial convention of the Party.

Sec. XVI.—The annual convention shall be called by the executive some time before November of each year. Every Local in good standing shall be entitled to send one delegate, and one additional delegate for each 20 members or major fraction of the same paying dues to the executive.

WE WOMEN

Edited by Dorothy Drew

Correspondence to this Department Solicited

A few weeks ago the question of why women should be Socialists was discussed at the meeting of Local Vancouver, and from the points raised during that discussion it appeared that the matter was a "burning" question in the minds of some of the male members, at least. I expect these are the husbands of wives who do not believe in Socialism, and, as Josephine Conger has an article in last week's Appeal to Reason," addressed to these women, I reproduce it for their benefit.

TO WOMEN WHO DON'T BELIEVE.

Perhaps in the multitude of homes to which the Appeal goes there are good little wives and mothers who do not appreciate the work we are trying to do, or there may be those who do all in their power to counteract its influence upon other members of the family.

It is very natural that many such cases should exist, because the human mind is so formed that all people cannot see alike or think alike. This is demonstrated in the numerous religious doctrines that have sprung up from the teachings of one meek and humble man, a man who tried his best to teach harmony and unity among his followers. But human nature will follow its bent. It is not for us to say that it should do otherwise. However, there are many cases in the Socialist movement that border upon the pathetic because of the inability of both heads of the household to accept its revolutionary teachings. These difference of opinion are exaggerated because of the extreme radicalism of the Socialist position, compared with the orthodox ideals of society. The husband who adopts these ideals is as a rule an enthusiast; he is so wrapped up in his new beliefs, and is so inspired by them that he cannot control his desire to be shouting them abroad on every street corner and singing them morning, noon and night in his own family circle. Blinded by his own enthusiasm, he cannot understand why everyone, especially those intimately associated with him, cannot feel as he does about it. People get Socialism very much as they formerly got old-time religion; they get it all over, and they are borne away on its wings to glory. Of course the wife who has had no such "experience" simply looks at her husband in astonishment, and sometimes she calls him a lunatic. She doesn't like this new thing that she thinks has come up between them, and her opposition increases in the ratio of the growth of his enthusiasm. Many times he is unduly devoted, she thinks, to the propaganda work. He stays away late at night, attending meetings; he spends his hard-earned cash for literature; he opposes her minister, he does a thousand little things that are in danger of piling up into one great load of crime against her and their children. The trouble is, that he is going like a race horse, while she is holding back. Such a team is liable to come to sorrow. If something is not done to even things up.

"What CAN be done?" That is the question, and it is one that should be considered seriously by every man and woman who find themselves in this strait. And since the woman is the one who feels herself most sinned against, we will consider what she can do. In the first place she must remember that she REPRESENTS, and is UPHOLDING, the conservative element that teaches, and has always taught, that the man is the HEAD of the house, the family, the community, the state, the nation; that women and children are, and should be, subservient to him; that he must take the lead in religious and industrial affairs; that he is the active, positive element in all movements pertaining to the welfare of home and country. That HE, in fact, and HIS will, are, in most things, supreme, and that to question them is the grossest assumption on the woman's part. The dear little woman must remember that all these things are, according to the long-established ideas of the world and the church, man's natural and God-given rights. And if they are, the wife must allow the husband to exercise his rights in the way he sees fit to do. She has no right to question her lord and master's thoughts, actions and ambitions, or to try to dictate to him in any way. Do you suppose an inmate of a Turkish harem would presume to control the political ideals of her religious and legal owner? No, indeed, she understands the "rights of man" too well. So, you, too, if you accede to men the privileges that the centuries have given them, should understand that for you to try to dictate to your husband in regard to governmental matters is supremely ridiculous. Let him alone. HE is the HEAD, the supreme authority.

But you say that you do not accede so much power to your husband. Well, then, you do not understand your own position, and if you will look into the matter closely, you will discover that you, too, harmonise with your husband's ideas to a very large extent, and that you do not believe the things you are trying to make yourself believe. Because one of the strongest tenets of the conservatism you are hugging so closely, is man's power and authority over woman. It gives him every right, and allows her none—outside of his wish. If you could really understand that your husband is working so furiously—and, to your imagination, foolishly—for your emancipation and that of your daughters, from the tyranny of man rule, you might feel differently about the matter. He may be a tyrant himself, a perfect product of the present system, but the fact that he is trying to make such productions as himself impossible in the future ought to be a long mark in his favor.

So I would advise the woman who finds the encroachments of Socialism disagreeable to her to look into the matter seriously, and not allow her happiness to be wrecked upon a rock that is destined to set her sex free from the most repulsive of bondages—to say nothing of the bondage of wage slavery under which her children and her children's children may forever be crushed.

THE RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH INTERFERED WITH IN KANSAS.

Rev. Granville Lowther, Vice-President of the American Socialist College, Wichita, Kan., was arrested on October 9th at Great Bend, Kan., for speaking on the street. Mr. Lowther was making a Socialist speech in the street. The marshal came along and ordered him to go to the park to speak. He told the marshal he would do so, and explained to the audience that the street belonged to them, and that the marshal was their servant, but that, notwithstanding he fact he had a right to speak on the street, provided the sidewalk was not obstructed, he would comply with the request of the authorities. He then announced that he would speak at the court house that night and requested them to come and hear him. He ceased speaking, but, as he turned to walk away, the officer arrested him. He was then taken to the police court and fined. The city attorney prosecuted the case, and Dr. Lowther pleaded in his own defence. That he would be fined was a foregone conclusion. He refused, however, to pay his fine, and was thereupon sent to jail, but the comrades insisted upon paying his fine and securing his release.

What action will be taken regarding the matter, since the fine was paid, we cannot say at the present writing. However we think it would have been better to have appealed the case at once instead of paying the fine. It is not always easy to decide a case of this kind on short notice. Upon Dr. Lowther's return to Wichita the case will be considered by the local comrades, and if any recourse is possible the matter will be pushed vigorously.

W. A. ROSS,
Secretary American Socialist College, Wichita, Kan.

No man ever bcame a millionaire by hoarding the product of his own toil. He got it by hoarding the product of other men's toil.

Mr. Carnegie says: "The greatest discovery of my life is that the men who do the work never get rich?" Oh, that the men who do the work could wake to this discovery! Perhaps they might then ask the question, Why?

Under industrial despotism, political democracy is impossible. The present system of industry is based entirely upon exploitation. All business, commerce and trade is carried on for the profit and enrichment of the few at the expense of the many, and the few seeking more and more to gain possession of the wealth of the land have taken possession of government as an instrument to aid them in plundering the people.

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It is a strange superstition that makes men regard what they know to be elementally good as dangerous in practice; and what they know to be elementally wrong as practically safe.—George D. Herron.

The Socialist Party will some day say to the brigand capitalist class, "The rights of property of individuals, like those of nations are limited by the higher right," and that right is that of humanity. That right cannot be realized so long as capitalist property is the social foundation. It must give way to collective property—Socialism. The capitalist class must not be allowed to stand in the way of the hopes and aspirations of collective humanity.

Workingmen must be made to understand that they alone are to blame for their present condition. As long as there is an opportunity for men to become exploiters, they will continue to exploit their fellows. And I don't blame them. Let the blame rest where it belongs—on the men who have the power within their hands to stop this exploitation. As long as the workers of this country don't want industrial freedom they won't get it. I don't blame the men who are riding on their backs for not getting off when they don't want them to get off. How do I know the workers don't want to be free? How? Great Heavens! Don't their votes tell the story? What more evidence do you want?—Warren's Monthly.

The result of the invention of machinery has been to increase the wealth of the few. The hope of the world is that through invention man can finally take such advantage of these forces of nature, of the weight of water, of the force of the wind, of steam, of electricity, that they will do the work of the world, and it is the hope of the really civilized that these inventions will finally cease to be the property of the few, to the end that they may do the work of all for all.

When those who do the work own the machine, when those who toil control the inventions, then, and not till then, can the world be civilized or free. When these forces shall do the bidding of the individual, when they become the property of the mechanic instead of the monopoly, when they belong to labor instead of what is called capital, when these great powers are as free to the individual laborer as the air and light are now free to all, then, and not till then, the individual will be restored and all forms of slavery will disappear.

The class antagonisms in society are becoming more and more distinct, and the time is approaching when men must line up on one side or the other, for the defence of the old order of things or the establishment of the new. The issue is capitalism or Socialism. The ballots of an intelligent and revolutionary working class may bring about the transition peacefully, but from the present outlook it seems that the ruling class intend to provoke a premature revolt which they hope to suppress by physical force, regardless of the the horrors that such a policy is certain to bring in its wake. But whatever they may decide, one thing is certain. The course of economic evolution cannot be stopped or stayed. Those who constitute the ruling class can only decide in what manner the coming changes shall be ushered in, but cannot prevent their coming. And that we are on the brink of enormous and far reaching social changes is a fact that the capitalist class confirm by the measures they are preparing to meet the future emergencies.—Erie People.

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John T. Mortimer will be the speaker next Sunday evening in the same place.

Provincial Chaiman Pettipiece addressed last Sunday evening's meeting of Nanaimo Local, returning to Vancouver on Monday's ferry.

Every Local in B. C. should be holding weekly educational meetings. Secretaries should send reports of their progress to the Clarion at least once a month.

The Clarion is the only weekly labor paper in Vancouver. It should receive the hearty support of every workingman in the city. Have you subscribed? Only six bits a year, post paid.

There are probably more idle men in Vancouver to-day than usual, for it is quite evident that hundreds of them do not know where their next meal is coming from. "Prosperity," you know.

The Socialists of B. C. should be getting ready for their municipal campaigns. Every battle strengthens your Local. Keep in line, too, for the federal elections, about February next.

Elsewhere in this issue we print the platform, constitution and pledge of the Socialist Party of B. C. Next issue will contain the proposed new constitution now being drafted by the Provincial Executive to be submitted to a referendum vote for adoption.

The Clarion desires to call the attention of Locals throughout B. C. to the necessity of a directory, giving name, number, time, place of meeting and name of secretary, such as the "card" of Vancouver, which appears in this issue. The charge is only $1 per month.

The Clarion is in receipt of a lengthy letter from the "press committee" of the local S. L. P. section. It is not of sufficient importance to the public to warrant publication. The Socialist Party of B. C. is quite capable of looking after its own affairs without the assistance of outside meddlers.

The Victoria Trades and Labor Council has voted to exclude from its membership unions of mill-workers and hack-drivers, because they belong to the American Labor Union rather than the "no-politics-in-the-union" A. F. of L. When Dunsmuir pulls the strings his Punch and Judy show does business.—Victoria correspondent.

Local Vancouver met in Sullivan Hall last Sunday evening. Organiser Kingsley was the speaker, and the members turned out in force to hear him point the way "Through the Jungle,"the economic wilderness in which the workers of the world have been struggling these many years, and out of which they are but now emerging into the plain highway of Socialism.

"You never look at anything I want to look at any more. You don't care how I dress. You don't care for me any more. Why, you haven't kissed me for two weeks," said a handsome bride of one month, in front of a Cordova street dress goods store on Saturday last.

"Indeed, I am sorry, but it is not my fault," said the Clarion man.

Turning, the lady looked at him and gasped. She had taken the arm of the wrong man.

Harry Sible and George Coglin returned from Dawson, Y. T., on Friday last. Mr. Sibble says the Socialist Educational Club in the northern capital has a membership of 100, and a vigorous educational campaign is being conducted. Jos. A. Clark, he recent political opponent of J. H. Ross, Liberal, for federal office, is an active worker for emancipation, and will certainly be heard from in the next election up there.

The Nanaimo, Revelstoke and Greenwood Locals have responded to the Clarion's "ultimatum," and everything goes to indicate that the workers in B. C. have determined to put their shoulders to the wheel. The discontinuance of publication at once has already been overcome, but it will require the united effort of EVERY SOCIALIST to pay off the plant indebtedness, and maintain the present standard of the Clarion. Never mind about the other fellow, but answer this question: "What have I done?" If you can't buy a share ,or a a part of one, rustle ONE new subscriber this week, or send $2 for five yearly subscription cards. Don't put it off; do it before you sleep.

For the benefit of the editor of the Seattle Socialist, the Clarion desires to say that the Vancouver "fusion" dodger, over which there seems to have been much unnecessary discussion, was NOT printed in this office, nor had we any knowledge of its origin until after they were being distributed on the streets on election day. When the Socialists of Seattle have as clear-cut a platform as that of the B. C. S. P. it will be soon enough for the "international censor" to go out of his jurisdiction to "clear up" the Socialists in Vancouver. The balance of the Socialist's contradictory and inconsistent criticism we leave to Provincial Organiser Kingsley, who will deal with the subject in its own columns, where the mare's nest belongs.

Among Ourselves

Comrade T. E. Walsh is making a tour of the provinc.e, taking subscriptions for The Western Clarion. Any favor which friends of the paper show to him will be appreciated.

A. J. Arnason sends in a new subscriber and some advertising from Victoria.

From Barnet, B. C., Nels Nelson sends in two names to be added to the Clarion list for another year.

From Sedro Wooley, Wash., J. M. Bonney renews his own subscription and sends another to bear it company.

"Here is two dollars to apply on share stock to be held by the Executive. Will pay balance when I can."—C. W. Mitchell, Revelstoke.

Fred Heslewood, of Phoenix, sends in fifteen names from Winnipeg mine, and promises a sound "licking" to the old partyites "next time."

L. H. Norton, Vancouver, sets a good example to the members of Vancouver Local by renewing his subscription on the "double" method.

H. G. McDonald, Fernie, sends in four new names from the Coal Baron city, where the light of Socialism is as badly needed as anywhere in the province.

"* * I shall always retain the kindest memory for the comrades of B. C. for their steadfast and determined effort for Socialism. * *"—Irene Smith, Tacoma, Wash.

A. R. Stebbings, Vancouver, bought share No. 2 in the company this week. If the Clarion goes down it will not be the fault of such comrades as the late candidate Stebbings.

Subscriber: What is the difference between one share at $1 and 1-10 of a share at $1, if the subscriber intends to turn the shares over to the Party Executive in either case?

A. S. Embree is still dropping subscriptions from week to week. He carries our subscription cards and sells them as occasion presents itself. A good plan for other comrades to follow.

The duty of the Socialist is to make Socialists of other people. One of the best ways to do that is to distribute Socialist papers. Try an occasional bundle of the Clarion. One cent per copy.

"I want to see a copy of the British Columbia Socialist publication. I see you did something to the plutes up there," writes the secretary of the Socialist Local at Deloit, Ia., in ordering samples of the Clarion.

"Sorry to read in the last issue that the Clarion must suspend publication unless financial assistance is forthcoming. There is this about it, that the Party must not let the paper go down, and I think that is the feeling here among the majority of the comrades."

T. E. Walsh reports from Grand Forks this week and sends in a healthy batch of subscriptions from that district. Three Walsh's doing business for the Clarion throughout the country would give us that seven thousand subscription list in about three months.

"If the workingmen of British Columbia allow the Clarion to go down, it will be a shame and a lasting reproach upon them," says Mrs. S. Goddard, Vancouver, at the same time putting up ten dollars for a share in the W. S. Publishing Company, to show that she will not be a sharer in that shame.

John E. Dubberly, Vancouver, becomes a shareholder to-day, and will put his shoulder to the wheel that financial depression is trying to block. "The Clarion must continue to voice the politics of the working class," is what Com. Dubberly says, and he acts as though he meant to make it a go.

Com. Walsh is doing a land office business at Clarion subscription rustling in the Boundary. His remittances have done much to keep things moving financially. Com. Walsh, being a printer, understands that well wishes and advice are acceptable, but a mighty weak weapon to stand off the sheriff with.

"Clarion assessment was voted upon favorably at Friday night's meeting. You will hear from the secretary in due course. I have paid for one and a-half shares in the W. S. P. Co. ($15), which I hereby turn over to the Party to be held by the Executive as property of the Party."—B. F. Gayman, Revelstoke, B. C.

"Another 'terror' from Vancouver has lately come to Phoenix. His name is Walsh, and he is gathering seeds, called half-plunks, which are to grow up and ripen into Socialist votes in the fulness of time. In other words he is soliciting subscriptions for the Western Clarion. In other respects he seems to be strictly ALL RIGHT."—W. H. Bambury, Phoenix.

An effective piece of campaign literature used during the recent campaign, was one gotten up by Comrade Wrigley, Victoria, who gave the Clarion instructions to print several thousand and send small bundles to each Socialist candidate, excepting those in Victoria and Vancouver. On one side was a timely article on "A big strike almost due," and on the other the Socialist platform, candidate's name, etc.

"Why don't you raise the subscription price of the Clarion?" is a question frequently asked us. Because the mission of the Clarion is to make, and help organise, Socialists, and to do this we want to reach the people who are in great need of Socialism—the wage-slaves. The Clarion is not run for profit, primarily, and for this reason, if for no other, it should be placed independent of advertising support from the owning class.

"You will probably be interested to know that I am located here as pastor of the Congregational church. * * * I was glad to meet Mr. Walsh, who visited Nelson in the interests of the Clarion last week. Hope you are prospering, and the Clarion reaches fullest hopes. Sincerely."—E. H. Holman, formerly Red Lodge, Alberta. We have already heard of Com. Holman's work as a Socialist in stirring to new life the Socialist spirit of Nelson. He will help the workers' cause there.

"I think if every Local was like Ladysmith the Clarion would never go down; the few that attend our meetings would pay anything before they would see the Clarion killed. I made an appeal for subscribers and got four. I get ten every week myself, so it is of no use for me to get any more, but that counts nothing. Because a Socialist gets a paper that don't say he should be satisfied. His solemn duty is to get more subscribers and advocate Socialism. I wish I could be in every city in B. C. at once. I think I have got about all the likely subscribers in Ladysmith, but keep on; we never know whom we may convert in these days. Trusting the Clarion will swim."—George Hannay, Ladysmith.

The spirit having moved me, I take pleasure in sending you four subscribers, including myself, to your most valuable paper, the Western Clarion, a true inspired teacher of humanity. I think it an excellent paper for those who seek to learn the true conditions of the wage workers, not only of the Province of B. C., but all over the American continent, and I think it the duty of everyone who understands this great class struggle to help spread the gospel of emancipation. And in no way can we do it more successfully than through the columns of the Socialist press. If we do our duty as men we shall soon capture the strong fort of capitalism, the reins of government, and march to victory beneath the banner of freedom. The battle is hard, and sometimes obstacles seem to darken the horizon. But has it not been so in the struggles of ages past? We must expect it. So, comrades, let us rise and sound the keynote of warning, be ever ready for the fray, until we have raised the Lion of the Soil from his slumber and buckled on the sword of freedom. The ballot will give us victory. "Yours for the spread of Socialism."—H. G. McDONALD, Fernie, B. C., Box, 299.

"I was very sorry to see the notice in this week's Clarion that our champion in B. C. would probably have to shut up shop for lack of support. If all the comrades of B. C. have the class struggle at heart I see no reason for such a disaster taking place. * * There are 2,500 subscribers. Now, if 2,000 gave one dollar apiece, and all renewals of the Clarion were charged one dollar for the year's subscription—as the paper is well worth it—and have special rates made for bundles for distribution among non-Socialists. * * In this way you could get out of debt and have a news printing press, and dispense with advertisements altogether, and have the Clarion independent of the capitalist class. Now, comrades, each come out with your dollar, through your Locals, and let's save our champion. I remain, yours for the cause of the oppressed."—Hugh Dixon, Victoria, B. C., Oct. 23rd.

Would it not be better, Comrade Dixon, for each one, instead of sending $1 for one subscription, to make it pay for two, and in this way accomplish our real object, that of carrying the message of freedom to every non-Socialist? 7,500 paid readers at 50 cents will leave sufficient "profit" to pay for production. —Ed. Clarion.

Says Comrade Wrigley, of Victoria: "The Clarion must live. Some writer on the Victoria Colonist is evidently a warm friend of the Clarion, as last Sunday's issue announced the death and burial of our Socialist weekly. The wish is the father of the thought, as, while the Clarion is frank in telling the Socialists of B. C. the difficulties encountered in keeping the paper out of debt, I will be disappointed in the comrades if they do not rally to the call for aid and place the paper on a sound basis. There are enough of them to do it, and I believe the workers of B. C. will not allow their only weekly to suspend publication. But the Clarion is not the only paper that doesn't pay dividends. Few Socialist papers do, and even 'labor' and 'capitalist' sheets are in the same boat—a Vancouver labor paper has just suspended publication as a weekly until this wave of Socialism passes by, and the Colonist itself is understood to have been a financial sinkhole for many years. The difference, however, is that both 'labor' and 'capitalist' papers can call upon the corporations and political grafters to make good any deficiencies for services rendered. A Socialist paper cannot do this —it has no goods to deliver—and it must rely upon the working class for the support necessary to keep it alive."

Socialist Party of B. C.

(From Executive Headquarters.)

EXECUTIVE MEETING.

Executive Committee met in the office of the Western Clarion on Monday evening, the 26th inst., present, R. P. Pettipiece (chairman), E. Burns, L. T. English, L. H. Norton, E. T. Kingsley, J. T. Mortimer and the secretary.

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

Communications read and discussed. From Revelstoke, re Com. Benj. Hanford's tour; Nanaimo, re vote on assessment for Executive debt; Northfield, ditto; Phoenix, due stamps; Victoria, re statement of indebtedness and quarterly notice of Locals' organisations and officers.

Secretary instructed to take steps to secure Com. Hanford for Revelstoke and other Locals that may be willing to meet the expense of his meetings: also to urge upon comrades the necessity of acting through the Executive Committee in securing speakers.

Resolved that the sub committee on constitution be instructed to make provision to so adjust all local organisations of this party that they shall correspond to the provincial riding in which they are located. Wherever two or more Locals are situated in one riding, they shall be consolidated under one central organisation.

Resolved that the secretary be instructed to form a report blank for use of Local secretaries in reporting to headquarters.

Treasurer Burns reported that balance of $7.95 had been paid to Organiser Kingsley, and $10 to the secretary.

Adjourned.

B. E. MERRILL, Secretary.

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