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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE INTER-PROVINCIAL CONVENTION HELD AT FERNIE

Proceeding of the Inter-provincial convention held at Fernie, B. C. on May 23-24, by delegates of locals in Alberta and British Columbia.

Fernie, B. C., May 23, 1908

The convention was called to order by Dominion and Provincial Secretary McKenzie shortly after 11 a. m.

Comrade C. M. O'Brien was elected temporary chairman and was directed to nominate a credentials committee and a committee on procedure. The following comrades were nominated:

Credentials: Comrade J. H. Burrough, Ladysmith, B. C., Comrade Chas. Bunting, Grand Forks, B. C.; Comrade A. L. McKenzie, Red Deer, Alberta.

Procedure: Comrade J. H. Matheson, Nelson, B. C.; Comrade J. Rivers, Solntula, B. C.; Comrade J. Kiviniemi, Phoenix, B. C.; Comrade T. Tomashavsky, Frank, Alta.; Comrade W. Dreaver, Calgary, Alta. Business was suspended pending the report of these committees.

The credentials committee reported the following delegates with credentials and the number of votes they were entitled to:

Local	Delegate	Votes
Ladysmith, B. C.	J. H. Burrough	3
Fernie, J. Harrington		1
Fernie, J. Shooter		1
Fernie, H. Chatter		1
Frank, Alta.	McLachlan	1
Sumnerland, B. C.	J. P. Johnson	2
Mara, B. C.	F. H. Johnson	2
Vernon, B. C.	J. Matheson	2
Nasimino, B. C.	J. Cartwright	4
Revelstoke, B. C.	W. W. Lefaux	2
Nelson, B. C.	T. Tomashavsky	1
Hillcrest, Alta.	A. White	2
Belleuve, Alta.	C. Stubbs	3
Calgary, Alta.	W. Dreaver	3
Solntula, B. C.	J. Rivers	3
Phoenix, B. C.	J. Kiviniemi	4
Nelson, B. C.	J. H. Matheson	2
Red Deer, Alta.	A. H. Smith	2
Red Deer, Alta.	A. D. McKenzie	1

Your committee further recommends that Comrades Susaner of Edmonton, Alta., and Thornley of Pincher Creek, Alta., be given seats and one vote each in convention.

(Signed)  
J. H. BURROUGH  
CHAS. BUNTING  
A. MCKENZIE

Report received and delegated sent and committee discharged.

The committee on procedure recommended the following as an order of business for the convention.

1. Report of the convention by Comrade Harrington, Fernie.
2. Report of credentials committee.
3. Election of chairman and officers.
4. Dominion and Provincial secretary's report and reports of other executive officers.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Receiving reports of committees.
8. New business.
9. Good and welfare of the movement.

J. H. MATHESON,  
Chairman of Committee.  
Report received and committee discharged.

Comrade Harrington, Fernie, in a brief address, gave a slight review of the change of sentiment in the public mind, both locally and nationally, by the growing strength and power of the Socialist movement, and extended the cordial greetings of Local Fernie to the visiting comrades.

The chairman of the convention and Comrade J. H. Burrough as secretary.

Credentials were accepted from: Comrade Kingsley, Vancouver Local, 5 votes; Comrade F. H. Sherman, Taber, Alta., 1 vote; Comrade Chas. Bunting, Grand Forks, 2 votes.

The chairman nominated the following comrades to act on the various committees.

Dominion secretary's report: Johnson, Harrington, Matheson.

Platform, constitution and resolutions: Kingsley, D. G. McKenzie, A. D. McKenzie, with power to add to their numbers.

Organization: Lefaux, Rivers, McLauchlin.  
Press: Cattell, Burrough, Dreaver.

It was then decided to exclude the representatives of the capitalist press. Organizer O'Brien submitted his report on work and prospects in Alberta. Referred to committee on organization.

Organizer Tomashavsky, Susaner and Rivers gave brief and encouraging addresses on the way the movement is spreading amongst the Slavonic and Finnish people in the Canadian West. Resolutions dealing with the Western Clarion and the act to amend the Dominion Elections Act, referred to committee on resolutions.

Dominion Secretary D. G. McKenzie referring to Comrade Kingsley's tour, asked the convention to authorize him to instruct Comrade Kingsley to go direct to Calgary to address a meeting on May 27, one meeting in Winnipeg, May 29, and then place himself at the disposal of the Ontario provincial executive until after the provincial elections, then to go further east and speak at every possible place on his return trip. The convention approved of the program outlined and authorization given.

The Dominion Secretary Then Submitted the Following Report:

Taking into consideration the fact that there have been several changes in the Dominion and British Columbia provincial secretaries, since the last convention and also that I have held the office only since February, it is a matter of no little difficulty for me to make any continuous report of the work done and of the progress of the party. My report must therefore necessarily be confined to a mere outline of what I know from my connection with the committees.

To commence with here is the report of the finances of the two committees:

Dominion Executive.	
Dec. 31, 1907, Receipts	746.20
Expenditures	564.60
Balance	261.95
May 15, 1908, Receipts	1,077.90
Expenditures	564.60
Balance	513.30
Provincial Executive.	
Dec. 31, 1907, Receipts	625.70
Expenditures	323.60
Balance	292.10
May 15, 1908, Receipts	470.30
Expenditures	355.50
Balance	114.80

It will be seen by this that there is a falling off in the general fund since the beginning of the year. In this connection I might remark that I do not consider that to be able to show a handsome balance in hand is necessarily a good report. Large sums of money would be to be able to show that the party's monies had not been wasted but had been usefully spent.

Since the beginning of the year one of the heaviest items of expense has been the printing of the constitution in Finnish, which, in view of the increasing number of Finnish locals and also of the desirability of the Finns as members of the party, must be admitted to be money well spent. As Comrade O'Brien in the field, where the keeping of organizers, O'Brien and Tomashavsky in the field, where they have, both done good work in British Columbia it cost only \$120 over, and above his wages to keep Comrade O'Brien in the field, the B. C. locals having supported him fairly well. In Alberta however, where the movement was for the most part new, and the population in the clutches of hard times, almost all

the expense fell upon the committee. However, it was well worth it as Comrade O'Brien has proved himself a satisfactory organizer both to the committee and apparently to the comrades in Alberta. The platform has also been translated into Finnish and Ukrainian and an Italian translation is in course of preparation. That more work along these lines has not been done is due to the fact that the income of the committee is not yet large enough to make it possible.

While I am on the subject of the party's finances I would like to make a recommendation which I think would increase the party's funds all along the line and at the same time lead to the party's independence as a propaganda organization. I would request therefore that the secretary make a note of this so that it may be brought up for discussion later.

My proposition is to alter both the form and the price of our constitution to suit the needs of the party, and at 5 cents each, the price should be increased to 25 cents. The Dominion executive to sell them to the provincial executive to sell them to the locals at 20 cents and the locals to sell them at 25 cents. Thus securing an accession of revenue all along the line.

At the same time they should be issued in a form that will make them worth 25 cents as a pamphlet. Together with the constitution they should contain a copy of the manifesto of the Socialist Party of Canada. This manifesto should restate our whole position, historically, economically and politically. It should deal with each of the preceding stages of society and with the system of production under each for the purpose of comparison with the present system. It should deal thoroughly with the economics of capitalism and show clearly from the necessity of working-class political action and the course that action must take. Combined with this should be instructions as to the organizing and conduct of locals. The whole should be made a booklet to cost about 10 cents to print.

Further in regard to the finances of the party I would suggest that this convention devise some more satisfactory method of providing for the expenses of a convention.

With regard to organizing work it has been considered necessary by the committee to keep Comrade O'Brien in the field in British Columbia for some time from now on, as an organization in this province is by no means thorough as it is being formed. Alberta comrades are about to inaugurate a provincial organization, the onus of keeping up the movement in that province will fall upon them largely henceforth.

Some effort should be made to organize the province of Saskatchewan as soon as funds are available for the purpose.

The most remarkable advance made by the party since the last convention has been the growth of Alberta, to which due credit should be given to ex-organizer Lefaux and the Alberta political committee of the Trades and Labor congress. It is to be hoped that the Alberta provincial executive will be able to do good work in the province. In British Columbia, also a number of new locals have been found, but on the other hand some old locals have died out, mostly owing to the fact that their members have been discriminated against. In this respect, while it is not our policy to attack individual employers of labor but rather the capitalist class, it seems to me time that we took measures to strike back whenever we find a corporation discriminating against our members. We should look up its record and see if we can not make trouble for it.

Much good work has been done in British Columbia in the last two years by many of the locals, in which respect local Fernie has been probably the most active. Local Victoria has also made a remarkable advance having lately increased in membership from seven to over fifty. Some time ago, owing to the fact

that the volume of work entailed by the secretaryship of British Columbia and that of the Dominion had increased to such an extent that it was no longer possible for anyone to give it sufficient attention in his spare time, it was found necessary to appoint a paid secretary. At the same time it was not possible in the present state of the party's finances to pay a sufficient wage. Fortunately at this time we had with us Comrade Dales who was so circumstanced that he could afford to take the two positions at \$30 a month. That he made a most satisfactory secretary, I do not think anyone will deny. Unfortunately Comrade Dales was, at the end of January, compelled by ill health to throw up the position which then devolved upon me.

I am glad to be able to report that the relations between the locals and between the committees and the locals are at present of the best, and I hope that they will continue as such. I have not the time to waste quarreling among ourselves. The only friction just now appears to be here and there within the locals, while it is to be expected in an organization composed necessarily of the most progressive of the proletariat.

Turning to the matter of elections in the last provincial election, candidates were run by the party in 22 of the 42 ridings in British Columbia.

A very big showing was made by Comrade F. H. Johnson in the riding of Here in Fernie, Comrade Moore was defeated by a narrow majority and then only by a very small margin. Comrade Davidson failed of re-election in the Sloan owing to the depopulation of that district by the closing of the mines. I think every one here will join me in hoping that the work will be revived that defeat sending him to Ottawa. There is not in the party to-day, a man more worthy to be the first representative of labor to set foot within that House of Commons.

I do not know what the plans of the other comrades are for the coming Dominion campaign. In British Columbia there will be five of the even seats contested, Kootenay, Yale-Cariboo, Nanaimo, Victoria and Vancouver. In two of these, Kootenay and Nanaimo we have a fighting chance.

In the Ontario Provincial elections the party has eighteen candidates in the field.

The report was referred to the committee which subsequently made the following recommendations: That the financial portion of the report, together with the books, be submitted to an auditing committee, they to report at the next meeting of the convention, or before adjournment. That while we enforce the opinion of the secretary that large sums in the funds do not make for good propaganda, we deem it necessary that a reserve fund of fifty dollars (\$50) be continually kept in hand for emergencies.

Concerning organization work, we recommend that the expenditure of funds, over and above reserve funds should be used for educational and organization work in places where locals are weakest, and where results will be better realized and generally more desired to form a General B. C. Provincial Campaign Fund. We endorse the recommendation of the Secretary that a more elaborate and clear statement of our position be issued in 25 cent booklets.

Considering that the present method of raising funds for the Provincial Conventions is unsatisfactory, we suggest that a yearly assessment of one dollar (\$1) per member in lieu of standing be collected from Locals.

In respect to discrimination against our comrades by employers, we suggest that the utmost publicity be given such actions in our press, and that our parliamentary representatives be made cognizant of the facts.

We consider that \$30 per month is an insufficient wage for a paid Secretary, and recommend that means be devised to raise the salary to \$50 per month.

Signed,  
JOHN HARRINGTON,  
J. F. JOHNSON,  
J. H. MATHESON.

Committee on Dominion Secretary's Report.

The Convention then considered the report of above committee.

Clause 1. Re auditing. Passed. Comrades Matheson and Johnson to be auditors.

Clause 2. Re reserve fund of \$50. Passed.

Clause 3. Re spending of funds in unorganized and weak places. Passed.

Clause 4. Amended to read that the Socialist Campaign Fund be used for election purposes, but for organization and propaganda, and that funds be raised by the Local organizations to cover their election expenses. Passed.

Clause 5. Passed.

Clause 6. Re Provincial convention Assessment. Amended to read "fifty cents" yearly, and referred to Committee on Constitution and Finance.

Clause 7. Re discrimination against comrades. Passed.

Clause 8. Re Dominion Secretary's Salary. Rejected. The matter being in the hands of the Dominion Executive Committee.

Press committee submitted condensed report of the day's proceedings to be sent to "The Morning Albertan." Passed.

Organizer O'Brien's Report.

For two months I have been working through Alberta in the interests of the Socialist Party of Canada. Our movement is much bigger and more active than is generally known. Most of our comrades come from England, United States, or some other foreign country. As yet most of them are strangers to the country, and get their literature from the party comes from, many of them pay dues to their home organization. Most people in this province (Alberta) are unsettled. They are just trying to make a stake any way, and where they came from. Hence the Alberta movement is only partly organized; as yet it is largely individual effort. Now that the "boom" is over, making a stake is a big part of the issue, and many of them find themselves tied to a piece of property that they cannot give away, let alone sell, Alberta becomes what they are pleased to call "home."

Then they find the necessity of joining the "home" or Canadian movement. They are, however, the most active lot of comrades I ever met, spreading literature and talking Socialism every chance they get.

The movement South of Calgary is larger, better organized, and generally far more active than it is south of Calgary. I feel that my trip has been a success in every way, except financially. The poverty of the small farmers is very great. Men, old timers, who have accumulated considerable property, stock, and machinery cannot borrow or get money. There never were so many sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in the province as now, and there never was a time when they were so busy as they are now, and have been during the past winter. Most of the coal mines are closed down, a few of them are working a part of the time, only two or three have been working what they call "steady." The number and poverty of the unemployed among wage-earners of the large towns is appalling. The conditions of those who are working on the construction of the G. T. P. I think, beyond my power to describe. More work there as a last resort, in preference to starvation.

However, if our comrades were organized as they should be, through their organized efforts, they could have easily covered my expenses. As it is, I had to draw on the general fund for \$400. My expenses were \$134.20. I received collections and donations \$58.60. I addressed 38 public meetings on behalf of the party. I wish to thank many of the comrades for their assistance in arranging meetings, and for the assistance many of them gave me other than financial.

C. M. O'BRIEN.

Report of Organization Committee.

We consider Comrade O'Brien's report very successful. We recommend that, owing to present conditions, seeding, etc., no organizer be sent into Alberta at present, and that the matter of propaganda in Alberta be left to the hands of the Alberta provincial executive committee to be now formed.

Re Comrade Susaner's report. We wish to emphasize the value of this comrade's work and are of the opinion that no better propaganda work could reasonably be wished and that this comrade be commended for his work and interest.

Comrade Tomashavsky's report, we consider to be of its own recommendation, and that this comrade can be depended on to do efficient work in whatever locality he may settle amongst his countrymen. We recommend that this comrade's report be accepted and that the executive committee keep him in view for campaign propaganda work when conditions at a future time warrant it.

In regard to Comrade Rivers' report, we recommend that Local Solntula be advised that the provincial executive committee cannot see its way to assist them financially in the Dominion campaign, and that the question of the advisability of their running a candidate be left to their own discretion. (Note: Comrade Rivers' report was also read and similar to the two previous reports, J. H. Burrough, secretary.)

We recommend that the foreign speaking locals work together with the English speaking locals, but owing to the fact that there are no local secretaries of the Dominion executive committee, we recommend that all referendums and notices be forwarded to the party papers published in the languages of these respective locals, and that these papers, subject to the direction of the Dominion executive committee, be recognized and endorsed by the party. We recommend that the Alberta comrades form a Provincial executive committee with headquarters in Calgary.

We call the attention of the convention to the fact that the amount of money appropriated to keep the secretary alive is not sufficient as will enable mankind to get the maximum value of labor out of him.

(Signed)  
JOHN RIVERS  
W. McLAUCHLIN  
W. W. LEPEAUX

Committee on Organization.

The convention then considered the above report.

Clause 1. Re Alberta propaganda. Passed.

Clause 2. Re Organizer Susaner's report. Passed.

Clause 3. Re Organizer Tomashavsky's report. Passed.

Clause 4. Re Comrade Rivers' report. Rejected.

Clause 5. Re co-operation of foreign and English speaking locals, and the use of foreign Socialist papers, and reply to Local Solntula. Passed.

Clause 6. Re Dominion secretary's salary. Rejected.

Clause 7. With headquarters in Calgary. Passed.

The committee on platform, constitution and resolutions submitted two resolutions for consideration, one from Vancouver local with Comrade Kingsley's comment, and a resolution dealing with the act to amend the Dominion Elections Act now before the House of Commons at Ottawa.

Vancouver Resolution.

Whereas, The Western Clarion has

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THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

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VANCOUVER ELECTION FUND.

Conditions during the last six months have taught many a wage-earner facts that Socialists had tried in vain to tell them. However, there are many workers who, although working from an employment, are wholly unconscious of what is wrong or what the remedy is. Because of this fact I would impress on every comrade the necessity of getting ready at once to put into the head of every workman in this city the knowledge necessary for him to have if he would solve the problem that confronts him and his class. Therefore no time should be lost in raising the balance of the deposit money (about \$2500) which will leave us free to commence actual campaign work—distributing literature, etc. With this end in view, I would ask every comrade to do his part during the present month so that when I give my next report on June 29th, the balance of the fund will have been collected.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes 'Previously acknowledged \$155.00', 'J. G. Morgan 1.00', 'Harry 1.00', 'R. Jameson (2 mos) 2.00', 'J. D. 1.00', 'Mc... 1.00', 'B. L. J. 1.00', 'S. 1.00', 'Total \$162.50'.

P. S.—If at any time I should by mistake, fail to acknowledge the receipt of your donation, will you be so obliging if the donor will notify me at once.

Yours for Revolution, "Care "Western Clarion," Box 836, Vancouver, B. C.

BERLIN, ONTARIO. Editor Clarion: Enclosed you find report of our local paper convention. It is fairly complete and may be of interest to your readers.

GUSTAVE PRAGER. Between 80 and 100 men were at the Socialist convention on Wednesday evening in the Bricklayers' hall.

Mr. Prager, president, and the following were nominated: Aid-N. Amussen, Aid. H. Martin, J. B. Gatenam and Otto Schumann.

All retired in favor of Mr. Martin, who made an able Socialist address in accepting the honor of nomination. Though neither he nor his comrades expect to win, they purpose compiling as heavy a vote as possible.

In speaking of class distinction, Mr. Martin said there is one class that does not know nor wants to know about Socialism; another wants to know; to investigate; to find out; to learn.

In this campaign the Socialists will not go out begging for votes, said Mr. Martin. They prefer to have votes from people who know what Socialism means.

Wage slavery leads, he said to poverty, pain and protest of starving millions to peace, plenty and prosperity.

Before adjourning it was announced that the campaign is being financed by the local union, with such assistance as is granted from friends.

LITERATURE. In reply to enquiries in this respect, the following list is compiled. The thirteen dollars' worth of literature in the subjoined list will be forwarded to any address in Canada, on receipt of \$5:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes '25 copies "Socialism, Revolution and Internationalism" by Deville; each 10c. \$2.50', '1 copy "Revolution," by James London; each, 5c. 2.00', '25 copies "Wage-Labor and Capital," by Karl Marx, each, 5c. 1.25', '25 copies "Philosophy of Socialism," by A. M. Simons; each, 5c. 1.25', '25 copies "Socialism and Farmers," by A. M. Simons;

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been and is now published at a loss, thus working a hardship on the comrade owning it, and

Whereas, in the opinion of the party ought to own, control and be responsible for its party organ.

This local recommends that the convention take up this matter, with the view of assuming the ownership and control of the Western Clarion, believing that the party interest in this paper will be increased and the circulation be considerably augmented.

Conradie Kingsley's comment was as follows: In connection with the foregoing resolution I wish to say that if the Dominion executive committee will take over the Western Clarion, and assume charge of it as the official organ of the party, I will agree to make good all deficit incurred in the publication thereof for a period of six months from date of their taking it over.

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Report adopted as amended. The committee on resolutions reported adversely on the following resolution submitted by Conradie Cartwright:

That section 13 of the bye-laws be amended by striking out the words "six months" substituting the words "two years."

Report received and adopted. Moved that the party take up the work of spreading Socialist education amongst the children. Motion passed.

Auditing committee reported as follows: We beg to report that we have audited and found correct the books of the Dominion and Provincial secretary and treasurer.

Report received and adopted. The committee on the resolution dealing with the Dominion Elections submitted the following resolution:

Whereas, the government of Manitoba has already disfranchised large numbers of electors in order still further to curtail the franchise;

Whereas, it is a matter of current report that the Ottawa government purposes to amend the Dominion Elections Act so as to place still further obstructions in the way of a full and free exercise of the franchise;

Therefore, be it resolved, that we, the Socialist party of Canada, in convention assembled do urge upon the working classes of Canada to use every force at their command to frustrate any attempt to further restrict the franchise, even if it becomes necessary to resort to extreme measures to effect the purpose.

Moved: That a copy of the Clarion containing the above resolution of the convention dealing with the proposed amendment to the Dominion Elections Act, be forwarded to the premiers of the different provinces, and to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Also, that a footnote be printed below the resolution, calling the attention of the Canadian labor press, to the matter, and requesting them to copy.

Moved by Conradie J. H. Matheson, seconded by Conradie C. Bunting, that we appoint a committee in the interior to route speakers to the best advantage, it being difficult to do this from the coast on account of the frequent changes in railroad time tables.

Amendment by Conradie Kingsley: "That this convention request the B. C. Provincial executive committee to notify locals Grand Forks, Nelson and Fernie that they will be considered in the future as centres of the party, and speakers for the interior will be routed."

Motion withdrawn, amendment put as the motion and carried. Conradie Rivers asked the convention to recommend to the Dominion Executive Committee to endorse the "Tokkansa" as the official organ of the party in the Finnish language.

Domination Secretary McKenzie replied that the Dominion executive committee had already done so, and the Executive Committee had also endorsed the "Tokkansa" as the official organ of the party in the Ukrainian language.

He applied to the convention to have the action of the Dominion executive committee in regard to these two papers endorsed. The convention endorsed the action of the Dominion Executive Committee as requested by the secretary.

Conradie Johnson, speaking for the Okanagan comrades wished the Boundary delegates present to consider the matter of nominating a candidate for Yale-Cariboo. He was expecting to see more delegates from the Boundary so that the matter could have been settled at the present convention.

Conradie E. T. Kingsley supported the motion, and gave several suggestions. Conradie Johnson said that the Okanagan comrades were emphatically in favor of putting up a candidate who was not expected to select the candidates.

Conradie C. Bunting said he was in favor of the best man wherever he came from. Conradie Kiviniemi moved that Local Grand Forks take the initiative in the matter and ask the difference in the matter of the candidates.

Seconded by Conradie Kingsley. Carried. Conradie C. Bunting casually referring to the matter of funds, requested all comrades who had \$1000 to spare to cough up. At the last Provincial Convention in Fernie it was discovered when Conradie McInnes was nominated that the company had serious objections to the union going into politics and still more serious objections to the union funds being used for political purposes (Laughter).

Conradie Leifson moved that the action of the convention dealing with the salaries of representatives at Ottawa be reconsidered. Seconded by Conradie Johnson. After a lively discussion the motion was put and

carried. Moved that the convention go into committee. Carried. A vigorous discussion then ensued. Conradie Kingsley, Leifson and O'Brien taking the stand against the proposition as to the salaries of representatives at Ottawa. Moved by Conradie D. G. McKenzie, Drevler and others.

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