

THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

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VANCOUVER ELECTION FUND.

Conditions during the last six months have taught many a wage-earner that Socialists had tried in vain to tell them. However, there are many workers who 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 hands of every workingman 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 \$200) 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 July 14th, the balance of the fund will have been collected.

P. S.—If at any time I should by mistake, fail to acknowledge the receipt of any donation, it will oblige me if the donor will notify me at once.

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

LITERATURE.

- List No. 2.
 - The attention of Locals wishing to start a leading library is called to the subjoined list of \$10.00 worth of books and pamphlets for \$2.00. By selling the pamphlets in this list the Local can get its \$5.00 back and will thus obtain its leading library free. Any other one dollar or fifty cent books will be substituted on request.
 - 1 copy "Origin of the Family," by Engels \$0.50
 - 1 copy "Socialism, Utopian and Scientific," by Engels \$0.50
 - 1 copy "Communist Manifesto," and "The Rights of Man," by Paul Lafargue \$0.50
 - 1 copy "Evolution, Social and Organic," by Arthur Morrow Lewis \$0.50
 - 1 copy "Anarchism and Socialism," by George Plechanoff \$0.50
 - 1 copy "Materialist Conception of History," by Antonio Labriola \$1.00
 - 1 copy "Marxism," by Ernest Untermyer \$1.00
 - 100 copies "Socialism, Revolution and Internationalism," by Deville, each 10 cents \$1.00
 - 100 copies "Revolution" by Jack London, each 10 cents \$1.00
 - 1 copy "Anarchist Pamphlets, assorted, 2.00
 - 1 Yearly Clarion Subscription \$1.00
- Total \$10.00
- On ordering cut out the above list and send together with \$5.00 to the Dominion Secretary.

PRICE LIST OF SUPPLIES.

- Supplies will be furnished Locals by Executive Committees at the following prices:
- Charter with necessary supplies to start Local \$5.00
 - Constitutions, per doz. 25
 - Ditto in Finnish, per doz. 31
 - Membership Cards, each 50
 - Dues Stamps, each 25
 - Platform applications, blank, per 100 10
 - Ditto in Finnish, per 100 25
 - Ditto in Ukrainian, per 100 50

FOREIGN SOCIALIST PAPERS.

- French—L'Union des Travailleurs, Cluses, 7s.
- Hungarian—Elore, 1528 Second Ave., New York, N. Y.
- Italian—La Parola del Socialista, 145 Blue Island Ave., Chicago, Ill.
- Japanese—Forsward, 113 1/2 Division St., New York, N. Y.
- Polish—Robotnik, 627 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill.
- Slovakian—Olas Svoboda, 699 Loomis St., Chicago, Ill.
- Slovenian—Rozsvet Ludu, 683 Loomis St., Chicago, Ill.
- Swedish—Svenska Socialisten, Rockford, Ill.
- Croatian—Radnicki Straz, 464 West 15th St., Chicago, Ill.

SECRETARIAL.

This week, there will be in the hands of the secretaries, the proceedings of the convention, for the party's approval.

The attention of the membership

is called to those parts dealing with the Clarion. English speaking locals are urged to place their cards in the paper at a weekly per month and to order a dollar bundle of 25 copies at one cent per copy.

Furthermore no effort should be spared to increase the subscription list. Take notice that hereafter the rates will be one dollar per year net. To pay for the printing and mailing alone, 2,500 yearly subscriptions at \$1.00 will be required. Therefore after this issue no more fifty cent yearly subscriptions will be accepted.

Together with the proceedings are yearly lists of subscribers to the Clarion. The number preceding each name is the number of the issue with which that subscription expires. Some member of each local should be appointed to see those subscribers whose subscriptions are about run out, and prevail upon them to renew.

B. C. PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Regular business meeting June 2 Minutes of previous meeting read and affirmed.

Correspondence dealt with from Local Phoenix, Ferris, Roseland and Nelson.

Warrants were authorized for the following sums:

To Western Clarion, ad. space, \$2. printing, \$2; to secretary convention hotel expenses, \$2.50; salary, \$10; to C. M. O'Brien organizing expenses, \$50; to Dominion executive supplies, \$10.

Receipts.

Local Fernie stamps, supplies \$9.60

Local Phoenix stamps, supplies \$10

Local Sandon, conv. ass. 8.00

Local Roseland, conv. ass. 5.30

Local Northfield charter fee, 5.00

Total \$34.30

Warrants ordered drawn for the following sums:

Dominion Organizing Fund. \$553.05

Previously acknowledged \$553.05

Local Frank, Alta. 5.00

J. White, Nanaimo, B. C. 1.00

Miss Robinson, Toronto, Ont. 1.00

Total \$561.05

DOMINION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Regular business meeting, June 2. Present: Comrade Lambert, (chairman), Morgan, Peterson, Pritchard, Stebbings and the secretary.

Minutes of previous meeting read and affirmed.

Correspondence dealt with from Ontario and Manitoba executive committees; from Locals Montreal, Albert, N. B., Coleman, Calgary, Eckville, Hillcrest, Red Deer and Mountain House, Alta.

From Organizers O'Brien and Tomashewsky.

Local Finnish Publishing Co., Port Arthur; A. S. Root, Haddington, Sask, and J. J. Stroutman, Keely, Sask.

Applications for charter received from and charters granted to Locals Lindsay, Ontario and Northfield, B. C.

Receipts.

Local Coleman, Finnish contribution, \$ 1.00

Locals Inghalt, Mountain House, branch convention assessment 5.40

Local Red Deer, stamps 1.00

Local Lindsay, charter fee 1.00

In it and pass it along to somebody else. Never throw a Socialist paper away unless it is too much sacrifice in publishing them.

Or cut out any pithy little paragraphs that describe or define Socialism and paste them up on fences or telegraph poles where they may be read easily by passers-by. Notice the number of people who stop to see those I have pasted up on telegraph poles and fences here in Toronto.

Another way is to write a terse definition of Socialism in large red letters on a fair-sized piece of plain paper and paste that up on telegraph poles and fences. Such posters cost us no more than a little time and are very effective in dispelling the popular ignorance which retards the growth of our cause. But don't let the police see you tacking these things up on telegraph poles.

Ask everybody you know down to the propaganda meetings of your local. Better still, call for your "victims" and persuade them to come along with you.

The best way to make Socialists is to get them to subscribe for Socialist papers. This is much better than giving them leaflets, for the paper comes to them every week with the gospel, whereas one or two leaflets a year is not going to make many people jump into our movement. So get busy hustling for those Socialist paper or other.

After you have once got a person interested in Socialism by talking to them, lend them any books or pamphlets you may have. A book will make a Socialist quicker than any movement. The writer probably knows more about the subject than yourself, expresses himself better, and can deal with the subject more or less comprehensively. Moreover, a fellow can't talk back to a notified fellow. So get busy hustling for those Socialist paper or other.

Now get busy and do something for Socialism every day.

WILL R. SHIER.

FERNIE.

D. G. McKenzie. Kindly publish the Clarion enclosed pamphlet which extends to a small way the incident which led up to a "vacation" at the Michel Mines. For your information I may say that Bros. Garner, Whitehouse and myself are also in the Clarion.

What the outcome will be is hard to forecast.

With kindest personal regards, I am Yours for Liberty.

JAS. DOUGLAS.

The Cause of the Suspension of Work at Michel.

The Crows Nest Pass Coal Company have issued notices requesting the miners at Michel to resume work at once, stating that they are here, as before, and as they will be now, after, willing to settle any trouble in the same liberal spirit as heretofore.

What suspicious magnanimity! The Coal Company have never lived up to the spirit of the agreement, never mind giving it a liberal interpretation. This present suspension is simply the climax of a grip policy pursued by the Coal Company's officials.

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FOR PROPAGANDISTS.

Do something for the cause every day. Do as much as you can, but little or much, do something.

There are various ways of spreading the propaganda, some of which require more or less ability in the speaking and writing line, but others of which are simple and easy to carry out.

already in Michel, whom the company has clearly discriminated against, and who were in Michel before the man in question, but under clause 7 of our agreement the union recognized its inability to assist them other than by monies. It is generally known that the general superintendent and the president of the mine some five years ago over a family feud, and now he has allowed his personal matters to conflict with his professional duties. The principle involved in this matter is a serious one for the Union, if the company can successfully establish it. It can be made to cover almost any field, and the Michel miners will fight desperately to resist this intrusion of their rights. We are told that under the Canadian Labor law, we are to be pleased for them to cover our case, and if it did, we will break any law in the Constitution, that encroaches on our liberties. What law shall state, what line of demarcation has been fixed, where liberty ends and where slavery begins? It is called upon to give his name, why not call upon him to furnish a certificate of good conduct from the minister, with a guarantee of his being meek and humble?

The Coal Company would transplant their methods in Michel; they will be successful when the men are starved out. If this condition prevails much longer, we will call upon our brothers at Coal Creek and Fernie to take action in sympathy with us. The principle involved is the same as that which we have stated. However, we are called upon to give his name, why not call upon him to furnish a certificate of good conduct from the minister, with a guarantee of his being meek and humble?

JAMES DOUGLAS, President of the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co., Michel, B. C.

Michel Local Union No. 2324. Dated at Michel, May 19th, 1908.

FALLING INTO LINE. Dear Comrade: Having lost my job through not being a sufficiently docile slave, I was left "free" to accept an invitation from Comrade Beal of Lindsay to spend a few days there.

The day I arrived it was raining and no outdoor propaganda could be done, but I saw a number of comrades who were called upon to make one foot cheerful whatever the weather. The deluge continued next day till the evening, when it cleared up and we captured the Salvation Army group and soon made a crowd of it. Comrade Durd, a ready speaker, stepped to the aid and made it easy for the writer to follow.

There is only one story for a Socialist to tell in a case like this and the crowd was told that story without any trimmings. After the meeting a number of the comrades adjourned to the hotel and promptly organized a "C. C."

Next day was Sunday. Got the Lindsay Army group again by stepping out as soon as collection was made. The military men tried to take their few listeners away by saying "Come along to the hall, boys," but Lindsay again opened fire and kept it up in the style for some time. The new Local is fortunate in having an open air speaker like this comrade, who had considerable experience in the old country.

I had tried to get another comrade to open the meeting, but the writer had to take the case, and was taking the plunge, so I tried a dodge. Giving him a bundle of Clarions I asked him to announce them for distribution after the meeting. He did so. On returning to the hotel, I said "Glad you gave the crowd a talk to-night, comrade." He said, "Why, I only told them I had some Clarions to give away." My reply was, "That's what is wanted of you, tell them something you know, and want them to know." This comrade is well versed, and when he realizes that it is not "making a speech" that is wanted, but just the telling of his fellow workers what is the matter, he'll do his part in the telling.

The Lindsay comrades are the real thing, and I expect to hear great things of the movement there. To see the way they did things and the way they treated me personally, made my visit to Lindsay a pleasure from first to last. I hear since leaving Lindsay they have nominated a candidate for the Legislature. Comrade Goodwin, a genial veteran,

who knows his business as a Socialist, has written the caption were taken at Lindsay, which disclose the necessary cash for.

WILFRED GRIBBLE.

MANITOBA.

Regular business meeting April 30th.

Accounts authorized to be paid \$5.00. To Winnipeg Local, No. 2. \$2.00. Organizer Silbushens moved and seconded that the application from Winnipeg Polish comrades and Foreign Local be accepted.

Also that the executive insert a card in the Clarion.

Manitoba Provincial Executive committee meets Cameron & Jennings store, Alexander avenue 15th and 30th of every month. The secretary will be pleased for them to cover our case, and if it did, we will break any law in the Constitution, that encroaches on our liberties.

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PORT ARTHUR.

D. G. McKenzie. Dear Comrade: At a meeting of local Socialists held at the Hotel, L. T. English was nominated to contest this constituency on behalf of revolutionary workers. The meeting was well attended and enthusiastic.

It was decided by the meeting to adhere strictly to the political program as voiced by the party platform. Comrade English explained that he would not consider the nomination under any other condition. This promise to be the most interesting campaign ever carried on in Port Arthur; there is an education waiting for the workers and the teachers are at hand.

A so-called "independent-labor" candidate was notified by a meeting of trade unionists to cut the word "labor" from his platform. He called a meeting of trade unionists to submit a proposition to them. Three of us attended with the above results.

Douglas English's bundle of Clarions until further notice. Yours in the Revolution, A WANDERER.

NANAIMO.

D. G. McKenzie. Dear Comrade: We held our first campaign committee last night. I was appointed secretary so you can have subscriptions in campaign fund addressed to me. I will inform secretaries of other campaign committees to forward their names to you. It was deemed advisable to have subscriptions sent to the secretaries of the campaign committees and acknowledged through the Western Clarion.

Yours for the Revolution, J. PLACE. Sec. Local No. 3.

HILLCREST, ALTA.

Dear Comrade: I write to let you know that organizer O'Brien's lecture here on the 19th inst. was a success. He exposed the exploiting system and laid the blame of the present and other panics on the exploited ones who continue to vote for the same old thing at every opportunity.

In treating of the panic the comrade showed how it is inevitable that a surplus or over-production should accumulate under the capitalist social system. Owing to the profit method of production the consumers do not consume the products of industry as they are yielded.

Dividing the commodities into two classes, the workers and the capitalists, it is evident that the former who receive about 1-5 of the value produced as wages, can consume only one fifth of said value, the latter on the other hand, though they live lives of riotous luxury, wastefulness and dissipation are unable to consume the remaining four fifths.

He also showed how avenues formerly open for disposing the surplus products are now closed. That is the exploiting of backward nations.

Enclosed please find P.O. order for \$5 for per capita due stamps. Yours for the new order, JNO. A. Mc LENHAN, Secretary Local, Hillcrest, No. 15, S. P. of C.

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The Social Democrats of Germany have succeeded in electing five representatives to the Prussian Diet. They are the first Socialists to enter that body.

NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Evert L. Kinman, of Vancouver, B. C., Agent for George A. Cox, of Toronto, Ont., intend to make application for permission to lease the following here-shore for wharfage, booming, etc., on Port McNeill, Vancouver Island, commencing at a post planted at the N. E. corner of Sec. 15, Township 2, Range 12, and extending to the shore line in an Easterly direction to the N. E. corner of Lot 25, Sec. 13, Township 2, dated March 16th, 1908.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that after 30 days I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for Coal and Petroleum on the following described lands, in Rupert District: Commencing at a post planted at the quarter post between sections 10 and 11, Tp. 2, Range 12, and marked M. P. Brophy's N. W. cor. post; thence South 90 chains; thence East 30 chains; thence West 30 chains; thence West 30 chains to point of commencement.

Dated Dec. 25th, 1907. E. L. KINMAN, Agent.

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Dated Dec. 25th, 1907. E. L. KINMAN, Locator.

on whom surplus goods were sloughed off. But these backward nations have become producers themselves and, having accepted the capitalist system have surpluses of their own to dispose of. Hence the present panic is more far reaching than prior ones and likely to continue longer.

Comrade O'Brien pointed out how the working class produce everything even in the matter of building materials. The surplus is a fool or a dangerous lunatic like Harry Thaw, but so long as the ownership of property is vested in him the profits from that property flow to him.

It would take too long to sum up all the points covered by him in his lecture, but he specially took to task the working men who continue to vote for the preservation of the master class. Charlie also gave us a few pointers on the marvelous spread of socialist sentiment amongst the farmers of Alberta and the showing to miners that we are not the only pebbles on the ocean beach of Socialism.

Taken all in all the lecture was a clear and systematic portrayal of the various points of Socialism and the weaknesses of capitalism. An audience of about fifty were present who sat absorbed in the great philosophy throughout the lecture and then went home to think some more.

A collection of \$7.50 was taken up and a number of pamphlets purchased from the "organizer, Comrade Edgar Johnston acted as Chairman.

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Propaganda Meeting

ROSE THEATRE

(Hastings Street) Sunday, June 7th, 8 p.m.

Under Auspices of Vancouver Local S. P. of C.

