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# POINT REMARKS ON THE SOCIALIST PRESS

Wage-slavery has produced some strange deformities and these can be found at both ends of the social ladder.

There is the man, said to be so mean that he uses a wurt on his neck in place of a collar button and the dead man's eyes; but the meanness of the man who believes in Socialism, and who could but not assist the movement.

He is willing to be carried into the co-operative commonwealth on the backs of his fellows and usually the greatest hater against the way he is being carried.

Often he will spend money on booze and papers which lose no opportunity of slandering his class and lying about the Socialist movement but ask him to subscribe for the Clarion or donate something to the cause and "he does not like the editor" and the Socialist party is "too revolutionary" or the Clarion is "too coarse and vulgar."

A year ago I met a woman who believed in Socialism but who would not have the Clarion in the house. She had Burns and a big illustrated bible on the table; she could take the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Lot and his daughter, Solomon and his many wives and lady friends, but the word "belyache" had appeared in the Clarion and she "bore" her. She forgot even the voyage of Jonah.

The woman washed the dirty socks and underwear in a mining camp. She was wrinkled and rheumatic and twisted in her old mind by her husband and over a tub, but could not stand the "coarseness" of the Clarion. Her husband, another toll-collector, voted for capitalism and all its horrors and indignities but he was in an unguarded moment the editor had applied a metaphorical "belyache" where it seemed to fit, as a rule however these are excuses not reasons at all.

The Clarion is not violently vigorous in style and hits hard, but it is tactically as a rule, and the individuals it doubles up naturally hate it. But if the Clarion were popular, if it were even tolerated by the well-dressed and "respectable" class, that would seal its condemnation.

"You cannot serve God and Mammon" that is, unless he is the God of Mammon, now popular. The call that awakens rebellion in the wage-slave could not please his master. The big capitalist does not want his system turned down. The traders in commodities: land, insurance, law, politics, pills, theology, etc., etc., etc., might suggest the red herring of reform, but will never stand for revolution. They expect to climb up the social ladder, and naturally object to having it thrown down.

But some one says: "he does not accept the economics and philosophy of the Clarion." Now have you really mastered the economics of Marx and the philosophy of Lenin? If you have discovered that ideas such as historical materialism, surplus value, and the iron law of wages, are without foundation, perhaps Higgakotson, Owen, Henry George and others, you have a plan which you know would work. You may be a heaven-appointed Moses but the trouble is you don't attract, and they are not going your way. But the workers are going the road that Marx and Engels said they would, and they saw this road for the same reason the astronomer knows the path of the planets, and the navigator finds his way over the seas, by organized knowledge acquired through study and experience. Socialism is based on the hard facts of history, not on schemes or "brain-storms."

The Western Clarion is the organ of the Socialist Party of Canada, and of the great international movement. This great army of revolt against capitalist society numbers over eight million votes and an even greater number of men and women who do not vote,

determined one of the strongholds of Mammon; the Clarion—and all doing a glorious work in their special spheres.

But the movement has more than periodicals. The Kerr Publishing House, owned by 2,000 comrades of the movement, publishes millions of books and pamphlets every year.

Yes, Socialism is something else than a scheme of mental and moral freaks bent on "destroying the home" and instituting a reign of "free love" from the cities, as men like Goldwin Smith, Roosevelt and James Creelman would have you believe.

As Jack London says: "The literature of Socialism is a myriad times more imposing, scientific and scholarly than the literature of any previous revolution."

It has poetry which, like Walt Whitman's, throbs with the hearts of brotherhood and has the rhythm of waves breaking on cliffs and freedom of mountain torrents rushing to the sea.

Or like the verse of Markham and French, in which are the sighs and groans of pleadings of suffering children, and the cry of women being ground into profits for the blasted capitalist, and the machine and the curse of men maddened at the sight of their loved ones famishing for food!

And the literature, poetry, drama, art, sculpture and music of revolt is to the bourgeoisie like a red rag to a bull.

# HOW WORKING-CLASS LEADERS TRAVEL

The Socialist Organizer Gets His Bumps While the Labor Fakirs Live on the Fat of the Land.

The editor of the Clarion got a rather a kick about the last issue in reporting Comrade Kingsley's meetings. The point is well taken and the neglect must be felt keenly by the comrade who is working for us under the circumstances which we would put up with. Not that Comrade Kingsley is a notorious hunter and wants to see his name in print, as he is the last one to be afflicted with that microbe, because meeting after meeting lost his two limbs and he was going to put life into the meetings they arranged. Nothing succeeds like success and each town which he visited in a good report of his meeting, places next in line would put enthusiasm into their efforts to make their meeting the best of the series.

Isn't it funny how most comrades like a doctor to reading one of Phillip Thompson's articles, or Mack's articles, and read the news in the shorter letters by other writers, without ever thinking of writing a few lines themselves. There's Comrade Drury, for instance, who has been speaking in several Ontario towns—but never word in the Clarion. Then there's Comrade Simpson, a newspaper man who can write, Comrade Peel; one of the best economists in the Party in Canada, and numerous other comrades in Toronto, Guelph, Galt, Berlin, Hamilton, Cobalt, Port Arthur and other localities. True, some of these comrades are doing more than their share of work in the movement, but an occasional letter to the Clarion would help to make the paper more interesting and readable—and consequently more saleable.

But to get back to Comrade Kingsley's case, the tour which has been all peaches and cream for the "Old Man." It isn't generally known that some years ago Comrade Kingsley, in his calling as a railway worker, lost his two limbs and for years put his earnings which would be good towards modern artificial limbs, into the party propaganda. Just before beginning his present tour, however, he got a pair and had to break them in while on the road. I may be telling tales out of school, but some need to be told.

Leaving Kermie about May 25, Comrade Kingsley spoke at Calgary and Winnipeg before coming under the jurisdiction of the Ontario executive who wanted to use him in as many places as possible before the elections on June 8. Port Arthur was given a date, but the comrades put their meeting in Ontario was temporarily disorganized. Cobalt was never appointed and Toronto had to send Comrade Gribble to Cobalt on two hours' notice.

Then Comrade Kingsley went to Montreal and found a meeting a frost. With funds running low, and many of the Locals visiting failed to cash up anything, Com. Kingsley might after sight in the city coaches to Toronto, Ontario was in the open air, his first meeting was an hour and a half later than a blazing sun through a glass roof; his first meeting at Hamilton was cancelled; he missed connections at Peterboro; his second Toronto meeting was in the open air, and he got drenched, and he wound up with a prior disappointment at Sarina and Port Huron. Against these were some successful meetings at Lindsay, Guelph, Galt, Berlin, Allandale and Cobalt.

Then going up the lakes from Sarina to Port Arthur ought to have been a pleasant trip. But it was rough and the boat was so crowded that he had to stand for an hour or more in order to get his meals, while he was unable to secure better than an upper berth, the "man" in the lower refusing the request of another comrade to exchange with Comrade Kingsley.

With all these experiences in this supposedly civilized part of the country it can be taken for granted that other hardships would be endured on the prairies and in the hills—although the high-hearted miners and lumberjacks would make his trip as smooth as possible.

With Comrade Kingsley doing his work for his class under the conditions described, surely the least others can do is to write for the Clarion and push subscriptions.

Talking about Kingsley's experiences makes me think of how other "labor leaders" travel. I was in Montreal a fortnight ago, and made enquiries about Victor Grayson, M. P., who was reported as being there. I found, however, that he had been in Montreal a week and returned to England. He had been seen by one of the Montreal comrades to whom he stated that he had spent £30 (\$150) during his week's stay. National Secretary Barnes, of Chicago, had asked me to look Grayson up and endeavor to arrange for some meetings in the States. I was told, however, that Grayson intended returning to America next April to be toured as a lecturer by a manager who would be after the dough.

Keir Hardie, M. P., with his wife and daughter, has been visiting Toronto this week and the capitalist press has been full of his doings, how he cutted on his fringe-Goldwin Smith, how he rooted at a "match" which he aims to unite the Labor Party and Socialists, etc. Others who heard him speak will probably describe his meeting. I'll content myself with reporting a meeting I had with him a year ago. After the usual preliminaries I enquired: "Comrade Hardie, I'd like to know your position on the class struggle?"

"There is no class struggle," he replied, "following this up with a denunciation of the 'foolish' tactics followed by the Socialist Party of Canada."

Having had some experience in publishing Labor and Socialist papers I "Socialist" in front of it that game to get enough to buy a decent meal ticket, but alone four the world with a family, knowing, too, that a man won't grow rich on the salary paid a British M. P. by the contributions to his M. P. by the workers. I said: "Comrade, are you out over Ramsay MacDonald, Keir Hardie, Victor Grayson and such men manage to finance these globe-trotting expeditions. If any comrade can enlighten me I'll promise to send the suggestion on to the Dominion executive so that if the game is straight the path of the next organizer sent out to our Canada for our Party will be made out more than with this summer's trip by the 'Old Man'."

G. W. WRIGLEY.  
Toronto, Sept. 1.

bull. They do not understand it and they do not understand it because they lack true sympathy which can alone mature humanity and make Socialists indeed.

The conventional and popular literature is of course, made to sell and to perpetuate the reign of its masters who hold the purse strings.

The literature of revolution is for freeing the mind of the wage-slave and to help lift humanity to a plane above that of snarling brutes where it blindly grovels to-day.

The literature of capitalist society will sell itself by the millions of dollars and mimicry of a gaudy parrot in a gilded cage; the literature of Socialism to the soaring of eagles high above the mountain tops.

W. J. CURRY.

**THE TEDDY BEAR.**

The Teddy bear lives on the top of a mountain, his brain is so fertile it works like a fountain, the ideas pour forth in a limitless stream and each when some goblin in a purple dress and Old Nick, he straightens things out with all pneumatic stick. Though the full dinner pail is an empty old can, it doesn't care a flip—he's a practical man. "The Wolves."

# THE ERA OF UNREST

We live in times of great social unrest, which the industrial depression we are now experiencing, only serves to emphasize. It manifests itself among the workers in the growing knowledge and sense of responsibility for this condition, and is the impulse of class-consciousness. The industrial system of to-day has divided society into two great classes; at the base of the social structure is the working class, at the summit rests the capitalist class. These latter being few in number, whilst the former are many.

The evolution of the system, through the concentration of wealth in the hands of the capitalist class, has crushed out all effective opposition from intermediate class interests, leaving them in supreme control of the machinery of production and distribution. Matters on the economic field, therefore dominate the political power, using the institutions of government to conserve and defend their interests. By acts of parliament their rights are determined, their sanction, and the means applied to enforce recognition of the same through the medium of the Liberal or Conservative or both political parties.

The apparent division of interests between these two old political parties is merely kept up as a subterfuge behind which the class nature and purpose of all legislation enacted for the protection of capitalist interests may be effectually screened from the notice of the workers against whom it is aimed. It is, however, becoming increasingly difficult for the capitalist class using the old methods to prevent a knowledge of the workings of the modern system of wealth production rapidly spreading among the working class. They fear the result of this knowledge, and the approaching election sees them engaged in a campaign of the electioneering deceptions of past campaigns. Quick enough to claim credit for what they call "prosperity" in times of industrial expansion, they then in the months of capitalist most unwilling to shoulder the onus of guilt, preferring to ignore its presence. Forecasting abundance, poverty came; instead of "prosperity" it has been a time of depression which still continues in spite of "boosting." It would appear that in view of all this, something must be done to prevent the capitalist class from that class of capitalist laws, the corporation lawyers and business men, would be necessary to elect to power either the Liberal or Conservative parties.

It ought to be plain to the workers that were it possible for the capitalist class to prevent panic conditions, they would certainly have done so, especially with an election to be held on Oct. 15, as a class interest benefit by an industrial crisis, individual capitalists may, as a result of the crowding out of the smaller and

the transferring of such wealth as remains in the hands of the capitalist class is not increased thereby. Decay sets in the moment wealth can no longer be produced and disposed of for profit. The industrial depression of this year marks a point where, owing to overstocked markets and falling demand, the object of capitalist production can no longer be pursued. This object is to realize the profit placed in the hands of the capitalist by labor, by the operation of the machinery of production and distribution. To do this, markets must be found for their consumption, but they are absent among a protesting population. With a large proportion of wage-workers unemployed, the wages of labor inevitably tend downward toward the cost of living. This is due to the competition among the workers for jobs, there being necessarily less jobs than workers. It follows then, that the wages of the producers in reality constitute the market which can only consume of the products of labor to the extent of these wages. The surplus remaining must find a market elsewhere.

It is to be hoped that workmen will pay no heed to the election glibberings of capitalist politicians, the "Old Man" who say anything to draw the labor vote. They will predict the opening up of factories, mills, etc., railway or other construction, but it is merely part of the capitalist's game for the purpose of hiding the real issue and forestalling working class political action. This is what they fear, it is the only thing that threatens the capitalist hold on the means of life. In the face of business depression, without markets and no profits in sight, there can be no boom in industry. That can only add to and further depress the already overstocked market, it would be better to go to sleep and fill them up again; it is a cinch capital won't be used in that way.

It begins to look as if, in the place of construction, destruction will be the next stage in the march toward the revolution. What form it will take or its extent will be determined by the urgency of the needs of capital and the growth of class-intelligence among the workers. Should the latter be strong enough, the class struggle for political power between the capitalist class and working class may be accomplished peacefully, and the solution of the problem be found in the collective ownership of all the means of wealth production by the working class, open to all and free for profit.

The organization of the Socialist Party is in the political field for this aim, and its candidates in the forthcoming election stand on a platform that should meet the full approval of all workers throughout the Dominion.

O. RAYNER.

## A SOCIALIST DICTIONARY.

Capital is wealth used to produce more wealth.

Surplus value is wealth which the workers produce but are unable to buy back.

Profits are unpaid wages.

Economic determinism means that the industrial forces at the present stage would and determine the nature of the ethical, social and political institutions of society.

Wages is that portion of wealth the worker receives in payment for his labor power; not, as many suppose, the equivalent of what the worker produces.

Wages is an interpretation of the word "rent" in the present, if we cast of the future. In popular usage the word signifies an economical system based on cooperation instead of competition; on collective ownership of the means of production; on class ownership of the means of life; on industrial democracy instead of industrial autocracy.

WILL R. SHIER.

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## A FARMERS' CANDIDATE.

"Read, not to contradict and confute, not to believe and take for granted, but to weigh and consider."

With this Baconian quotation in mind, we forward to you the platform of J. G. Anderson, Independent Farmers' candidate at Wetanwin, Alberta, which is a more important matter than it looks, for you will see the hopelessness of trying to make governments do anything else, and will direct yourself of the idea that "the government should be made over in its entirety by the majority of all the people."

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come into power. You see, they might not be so ready to deal with this, in quite other measures you mention. In some the way you or we propose. And until the producers do come into power, the non-producers will see to it that they have the best of the law in civil service, election laws, etc. are not tinkered with except according to their ideas of tinkering.

As to special privileges to corporations, there will always be special privileges to corporations. When the producers abolish corporations, we need need no law against special privileges.

As to our views on Asiatic immigration, we see you are no longer at all in agreement with us. We see you have our old friend the initiative and referendum. We don't go much on him now anymore since he got so friendly with Hearst and others of ill repute. Switzerland, Greece and other places wouldn't be happy till they got it, but they don't seem much happier now.

You say that "farmers are under no legal or moral obligation to be excluded from the soil as at unprofitable price." And don't you ever run away with the idea that they do either. Just come to British Columbia, take a look at the price of bread, meat and potatoes, and you will see that it is worth. You get just about what it is worth. You get just about what it is worth. You get just about what it is worth.

No, Mr. Anderson, we are not making fun of you. We are a serious-minded individual given to a study of Karl Marx, who was not a success as an entertainer. And we have a serious mind as to you as we might have been, for it looks as if you were really trying to do something if you only knew what. If you don't have all the success you expect, get yourself the vote of our party and put in a winter or two reading it.

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is where we come in. If we lend our countenance to the Anti-Asiatic agitation that is more or less chronic along the Pacific slope, and are not playing directly into the hands of the master for the good of the schools? What a majority of the Socialists in the West are doing, with the best of intentions. They do so on the ground that Asiatic competition will lower the standard of living of the whites, among other reasons. They are not aware that it is vain to seek to escape from Oriental competition by excluding Orientals. In fact the Jap worker in Japan is more to be feared as a competitor than the Jap worker in America. As Socialists, they should also be well aware the Asiatic exclusion even if successful would solve no problem for the working class; also that the success of the Jap worker in capitalism means the cheap Asiatic labor, and capitalism it is that rules. Under these circumstances it would appear strange that Socialists should be found advocating the exclusion of the Jap worker from the market to be seen. While they sincerely believe, many of them, that they are so doing for the reasons they advance, the real motive, of which they are mainly unconscious, that they are doing this for these reasons and makes their fallacy perceptible, is the fact that there is a sentiment among the workers in favor of Asiatic exclusion, and the hope that this sentiment can be swung into the Socialist movement.

Of the realization of this hope, there is little prospect, for, were the Anti-Asiatic movement to attain any practical results, it would be accomplished by one or other of the old pro-labor parties, to whom, much more than to the Socialist party, of whose members are accustomed to look for redress, not that they are not to be justified in looking for aid in that quarter, but because these parties are large and powerful and the Socialist party is not. And moreover, the name, Socialism, is, as a rule, quite sufficient to keep the non-Socialist away from us.

Taking into account all these facts, the writer has arrived at the following conclusions, inspired, not by any cheap patriotism, but by the desire to further the cause of man, but from purely material considerations: That we should in no way identify ourselves with the Asiatic exclusion movement, because we thereby make ourselves liable to a party to foment race hatred and thus preparing willing victims for a war, should it occur. Furthermore, we bring into prominence the race question at the expense of the true goal of Socialism, which is the all-important question for us.

That we should seek rather to combat the sentiment in favor of Asiatic exclusion, by pointing out to the workers the disadvantages of being excluded from Asiatic competition by any such means, also their absolute impotency in the matter so long as they allow the capitalist class, which benefits by Asiatic immigration, to remain in the saddle, and further that this race question is being agitated by the master class in order to delude the workers into participating in a trade war for their masters' benefit.

That we should, as a result, be ever-ready to stand up for Asiatic immigration, or for that matter, immigration of any sort. The longer that the hope of betterment by immigration is before the workers, the more they will be misled by their one common hope of betterment lies in the ever-growing of the wage-system. Immigration, whether of the Asiatic or Salvation Army variety, is a means of expanding the market for the interests of the workers; but while Capital rules, that which is detrimental to the interests of the workers is perfectly in order, and while they allow Capital to rule, is no worse than they deserve.

That the Asiatic exclusion movement is a waste of energy, there can be no question, and also that it is to the best interests of the workers that it should be discouraged. By setting our faces firmly against it now we can undoubtedly kill it, in fact it is not any too much alive as it is. However it should be clearly understood, that it is not the Asiatic Exclusion movement to which we refer as that body has no connection with the Asiatic exclusion movement, except that it seeks to corral its vote.

No doubt, such a stand on our part as this at this juncture, by no means popular. But what have we to lose by that? We haven't noticed any wave of popularity overwhelming us lately anyhow. The question is, is it right? If it is, then it is, and it is, the correct stand to take.

**BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE.** That farmers' platform calls to mind a most peculiar idea we discovered during a sojourn among the farmers. The result of a meeting of the Government roads are built for their benefit. It doesn't seem to have struck them that a capitalist government is just as likely to build good roads for the farmers' benefit as it is to build a three-fourth gang-plow for his hired man's benefit. The capitalist class has its roads improved for exactly the same reason

that it has its machinery improved in other departments of its wealth factory, that is, to increase the output and enhance the productivity of the workers, and to increase its profits. Good roads merely facilitate the production of foodstuffs for the benefit of the capitalist class. A good road won't help the farmer much while there is a capitalist class to exploit him. However he thinks it does, and reasons from that, that if the government owned the railroads and elevators that would help him some. Well in some countries the governments do these things; but somehow the farmers there seem to be up against it anyhow. We would like to know what quarrel the farmer has with railroads, in particular. They don't rob anybody but their employees.

**A WOMAN'S COLUMN.** Comrade Wrigley's suggestion as to a "woman's column" is up to the Old Man. If it is to be written for women by women, and with articles of vigor displayed in the three letters in this issue, he might do worse than give them a page. We must admit, however, that we are just the least bit inclined to be skeptical as to whether this is a woman's page.

The Clarion is a "man's page" is largely the fault of the women, and if the women are given a column we expect they will prove this by petering out.

Out of one thing we give you fair warning, fair ladies; if the Clarion's "Woman's Column" ever becomes like the "woman's column" in some other Socialist papers, which contain nothing but articles by women dreamers and fools, the poor Scotchman will be turned loose with a meat-axe.

**THE BOURGEOISIE.** What it is, and What It Has Done since the Working Class. The bourgeoisie cannot exist without incessantly revolutionizing the instruments of production, and thereby the methods of production, and consequently the relations of production. The bourgeoisie has created, in the first condition of existence for all previous industrial classes. This continual revolutionizing of the instruments of production, together with the substitution of the old methods of production by the new, the first condition of existence for all previous industrial classes. This continual revolutionizing of the instruments of production, together with the substitution of the old methods of production by the new, the first condition of existence for all previous industrial classes.

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The bourgeoisie has subjected the country to the rule of the town. It has created enormous cities; it has prodigiously augmented the numbers in the towns as compared with the rural districts, and thus has repugned a great part of the population from the life of country life. Just as it has made the country dependent on the town, so it has made barbaric or semi-barbaric countries dependent on civilized countries, nations of peasants on bourgeois nations, the Orient on the Occident.

The bourgeoisie ever more and more arrests the dispersion of the means of production, property, and population. It has concentrated population, centralized the means of production, and concentrated property in the hands of a few. The necessary consequence of this was political centralization. Independent or loosely connected provinces having separate interests, laws, governments and tariffs, were lumped together into a single nation, with one government, one constitution, one national class interest, one bourgeoisie.

The bourgeoisie, during its class rule of scarce one hundred years, has created more powerful and colossal productive forces than all past generations together. Subjection of the forces of nature, machinery, application of chemistry to industry and agriculture, steamships, railways, electric telegraphs, clearing of whole continents for cultivation, canalization of rivers, whole populations conjured out of the ground—what previous century even suspected that such productive forces slumbered in the lap of social labor!—Marx.

**QUITE SO.** The baneful and disastrous effects of the "Lodge, Owen and Lasswell" articles lately contained in the Lantern, for which I was sent to jail, have already blossomed forth. Word comes from Sundance that a certain "gentleman" from Deadwood was caught in a most compromising position with the wife of a Sundance man and that the Deadwood "gentleman" made a hasty and indecorous getaway in a very delectate costume through a window in the hotel where the two were enjoying the "hot" and "cold" love. The interesting part of the story comes from the fact that the Deadwood "gentleman" in question was one of the witnesses against me at my recent trial on the federal court and who testified that my character and teachings are very bad and have a most disastrous effect upon the community. Whether or not this "gentleman" lapses from virtue are the result of that unfortunate article, for when I was sent to jail, doth not your honor. Suffice it to say that this "gentleman" found in bed with his neighbor's wife is doubly opposed to Socialism in the ground that he has taken up the home—Deadwood Lantern.

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# Socialist Directory

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**MANITOWA PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** Meets 13th and 20th every month. Jubilee Hall, cur. of King and Alexander. The Secretary writes for information and membership correspondence to the Secretary, W. H. Stebbins, Suite 1, Little Block, corner Vespa and 4th, Winnipeg, Man.

**ONTARIO PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** Meets in Finch Hall, 214 Adelaide Street, Toronto, Ontario, every Wednesday, Organizer, W. G. Gribble, 124 North Ave., Toronto, P. O. Box 2000, Sec. Report Ave., Eglinton, Ont.

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LITERATURE.

(List No. 1)

- 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 postpaid to any address in Canada, on receipt of \$5:
25 copies "Socialism, Revolution and Internationalism," by Deville; each 10c. \$2.50
20 copies "Revolution," by Jack London; each, 10c. 2.00
25 copies "Wage-Labor and Capital," by Karl Marx, each, 5c. 1.25
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25 copies "Socialism and Farmers," by A. M. Simons; each, 5c. 1.25
25 copies "Mission of the Working Class," by Chas. Vall; each, 5c. 1.25
10 copies "Communist Manifesto," by Marx and Engels; each 10c. 1.00
10 copies "Socialism, Utopianism and Scientific," by Engels; each, 10c. 1.00
1 copy "Marxism Economics," by Untermyer 1.00
Six months' subscription card to the Western Clarion. .50
Total \$12.00
All the above for five dollars on application to the secretary.
When ordering, cut out and forward above list.

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 dozen. .50
Ditto in Finnish, per doz. .50
Membership Cards, each. .01
Dues Stamps, each. .01
Platform and application blank per 100 25
Ditto in Finnish, per 100. .50
Ditto in Ukrainian, per 100. .50
Ditto in Italian, per 100 .50

CALGARY CAMPAIGN FUND.
Seeing that the federal election may be thrust upon us in the future, the members of the Calgary Local No. 4 are anxious to place a candidate in the field, therefore we solicit financial aid to provide the necessary funds incidental for election purposes. With this object in view I would ask all comrades and sympathizers in Alberta and elsewhere to support us in our attempt to procure legislation for the workers.

Receipts to Date.
Collection at convention \$14.11
A Friend 2.00
Alex Sismar 5.00
Open Air collection, Sept. 6. 4.46
Open air collection, Sept. 7. 3.02
Previously acknowledged. 4.00
Total \$37.33
F. HYATT, Organizer.
Box 370, Calgary, Alta.

VANCOUVER ELECTION FUND.
Comrades, the hour for action has come. Only a few more weeks and the working-class of this city will be asked to decide if they want Poverty or Plenty. A vote given to E. T. Kingsley means Poverty; a vote for Foyerty, means Plenty. As election time draws near the Capitalist parties and press and other "Friends" of Labor begin handing out the usual gold-bribe to catch the workers' vote.

What have you done, what are you doing to put your fellow worker into the skin game that is played on him. Get to work now, for the time is short. Order as many copies of the "Western Clarion" as you can. We will distribute each week from now until election day. Remember if you do not do it must be left undone.
The deposit fee of \$200.00 is ready. Every cent above that amount will be spent in a vote for Poverty or Plenty or they—before the workers and let them choose. Shall a working-class representative, or a capitalist hooligan, be the next member sent to Ottawa to "conquer" Canada? The answer depends on you.

"P.B.—All orders for bundles of the "Western Clarion" may be sent to the Editor "Western Clarion," Box 836,

Vancouver, B. C. (office Black Block basement). You may call for them or have them sent to your address by mail. The rate is one cent per copy plus postage. If you cannot pay for them they will be sent to you free.

NANAIMO RIDING CAMPAIGN.
All parties desirous of assisting financially the Socialist Party in the coming Dominion election are requested to forward subscriptions to J. F. Hays, Nanaimo, or J. Reay, Box 770, Victoria.

RESOLUTION.

Dear Comrade: The following resolution was passed unanimously at our last business meeting:
Resolved, that Vancouver Local deem it advisable to concentrate our Provincial forces to assist those districts already having candidates in the field, more especially those who appear to have a chance of success; and urge where no Socialist candidate is running, that the members of the party mark their ballot for Socialism, in order to show their political affiliation.
That a copy of this Resolution be approved to the Provincial Executive and if approved, to be forwarded to every Local in the Province also to "Western Clarion."

Fraternally yours, J. REAY, Secretary.

ALBERTA LOCALS.

(Take Notice)
That Comrade A. R. Smart, Box 370 Calgary, is secretary of the Alberta Provincial Executive. Requests for stamps, etc. from all Alberta Locals should be addressed to him and not to the Dominion Secretary.

VANCOUVER COMRADES.

A number of the members of Vancouver Local are making votes for Socialism by distributing a bundle of Clarions each week. If you cannot distribute Clarions or pay for them, let us know what you can do. There is no need to be a dead weight. Let there be no dead weights.

SECRETARIAL.

Organizer O'Brien has pretty thoroughly covered Comrade Davidson's constituency, the Kootenay district. Comrades Kingley and John M. O'Neill, editor of the "Western Clarion," are being used in that district. Comrade O'Brien has been assigned by the Dominion Executive to take a hand in the campaign in Alberta; the sum of \$100 has been set aside for that purpose.

This is as it should be for a large part of the funds coming into the Dominion office during the past year month has come from Alberta.

The Alberta comrades are urged, however, not on this account to allow all the responsibility fall upon the Dominion funds, but to make their own efforts to support Comrade O'Brien in the field and to make the best possible use of him while they have the chance.

COMRADE KINGLEY HAS BEEN GETTING MORE DATES ALONG THE LINE THAN THE SECRETARY EXPECTED, SO THAT IT NOW APPEARS THAT HE WILL NOT BE BACK IN VANCOUVER UNTIL ABOUT THE 20th, WHICH MEANS ONE MORE ISSUE OF THE CLARION FOR THE SECRETARY TO GET OUT.

It has been mooted last, in the coming campaign, it would be cheaper if the local of the various Locals that are running candidates getting out their own manifesto, one manifesto be gotten out for as many Locals as wish it. As there appears to be yet some time before the elections take place, this idea is brought forward for discussion. It might be here stated that by first running such a manifesto in the Clarion, its cost could considerably be lessened.

DOMINION EXECUTIVE.

Regular business meeting Sept. 8, 1938.
Present: Comrades Peterson (chairman), Martilla, Lambert, Pritchard and the secretary.
Minutes of previous meeting read and affirmed.
Correspondence dealt with from Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta Executives. Locals Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Ont., Stenies and Moose Jaw Sask.; Medicine Hat, Calgary, Coleman, Illicrest, Cannore, Inuitfall, Lebridge, Alta.
From organizers Kingley, Gribble, Stevens and votes received from Tykannas, Chas. Kerr & Co. Chicago, Daily Socialist, Theodore Debs and U. S. National Secretary.

Organizer O'Brien assigned to Alberta for the campaign, and \$50.00 donated for the purpose with a recommendation to the Alberta Executive to further aid him financially.

Receipts for Four Weeks Ending Sept. 10, 1938.
British Columbia Executive, \$30.00
Manitoba Executive, 13.50
Local Hillcrest, Alta., 6.00
Coleman, Alta., 3.00
Cannore, Alta., 4.40
Inuitfall, Alta., 2.00
House Branch, 2.20
Lethbridge, Alta., 3.00
Literature, 6.00
Organizing Fund, 12.00
Total \$87.10

Warrants were ordered drawn for the following sums:
\$75.00 to C. M. Kingley for organizing; \$50.00; C. M. Kingley for organizing; \$25.00; ad space in Clarion, \$2.00; Chas. Kerr & Co., literature, \$3.00; Secretary's August salary, \$15.00.

B. C. PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE.

Regular business meeting Sept. 8, 1938.
Minutes of previous meeting read and affirmed.
Correspondence dealt with from Local Coal Creek, Fernie, Revelstoke, Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Northfield, Victoria, Port Moody, Sointula, Gibson's Landing, and from Organizer O'Brien.

Receipts for Four Weeks Ending Sept. 10, 1938.
Local Sointula news, \$10.00
Gibson's Landing, 4.00
Vancouver, 20.00
Victoria, 5.00
Port Moody, 5.00
Coal Creek, 2.00
Ladysmith (Finnish), 5.00
Northfield, 5.00
Total \$56.00

Warrants were ordered drawn for the following sums: Ad space in Clarion, \$2.00; Postage, etc. \$2.75; Secretary's August salary, \$15.00. Dominion Executive Prof. supplies, \$20.00.

VANCOUVER COMRADES.

Take Notice.

Upon the representation of members who are unable to attend our Monday evenings, the meeting night of Local Vancouver has been temporarily changed to Tuesday evenings, 8 p. m.

No come, or we will change it back again. HATTIE BONE, EDMONTON.

Dear Comrade: Enclosed, please find \$2.00 for which insert our card in the Directory; also send a bundle of Clarions for 1 month. Will renew the order monthly as funds are low. Our meetings are small but we have hopes of producing speakers among our ranks by keeping our shoulders to the wheel.

I received a postal today from Comrade Collins, of Vancouver, asking if there is any truth in the statements of the capitalist press viz., 25,000 men for the harvest.

From what I can learn there may be a need of help on the farms, but the farmers are in a position that they cannot afford to pay men to gather in the grain; this condition obtains here, many men without jobs—others with jobs too poor to pay for the labor they require, and still many farmers, say they are dependent. It appears to me they are far more independent than they desire to be.

Yours for the Revolution J. R. HUNTBACH.

AMONG THE HARVESTERS.

Taking up the daily newspapers we read about the bumper crop in the West, and the prosperity of the people; yet again we read about the great numbers of men out of employment, and also that the C.P.R. has been deluging the country with harvesters, hundreds of whom are in sorrow, without the means to work, which they so gladly expected to make a winter's stake.

Yet if you speak about Socialism to these men as people, they are among the first to contradict. The Socialist worker as a rule, can only be made to understand things through his stomach, and then his bemuddled brain will catch the spark at last.

Again, I am told that there is work for everybody, and most of these out of work are no good, in fact they don't want work. But I can safely say they are not good, and I have yet to find the men that don't want work if it comes their way, because the means to work are but the right to live.

Ignorance cannot be argued with, in fact it should not be brooked with galling force; until the workers understand the system they are living in, they will never come to the right conclusion. If they are satisfied that this capitalist system is the best and just and correct, then there has no need coming; if they decide otherwise, then it is time that they began to register their kick at the system in the ballot box, and to vote for the man who will free the slavery that has been put upon the workers and oppression practiced upon them. F. HYATT, Staveley, Alta.

RED DEER.

Dear Comrade: Another commission has been sitting on the people of Alberta, but for what amount it will be some time before we know. Its alleged purpose is to ascertain if it would be advisable to establish a Provincial work-packing house. The supply of work to be obtained, and right there, is of course, where the Government will expect to find the nail to hang its hat on, as the supply is not apt to put in its appearance before the packing house is built. The Alberta Farmers' Association petitioned the Government—that is, apparently, their so-called petition read as follows: "We believe that it would be in the best interests of the farmers of Alberta if a Government work-packing plant be established. (And, doesn't this sound funny? To be run on such broad lines as to leave a sufficient margin for private enterprise." Blank forms of Local cards to be sent to all branches of the Association by Secretary Stevens. Stevens now holds a Government appointment. It is amusing to hear farmers say that it would be best to accept the legislation of the Province were to build a packing plant. They evidently believe in the other fellow getting that all is going in that line. Isn't that being a little 100 honest? When the farmers of Alberta, to be sent to Parliament) they will probably get a packing plant without asking for it and also become owners of retail shops. In this connection let me mention that the local of a farmer who brought to town a hind quarter of beef "free class," and sold same for 4 1/2 cents per lb., and before he got his cheque the same meat was being cut up and sold for 16 cents per lb. "Wildred Gribble" of Local 2, to take over about what it would be likely to exchange for under the laws of the socially needy amount of labor." It seems doubtful if the present Government is set to trust an important public utility with it.

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WOLVES.

This is the title of a Fable by Watson to be had for ten cents of Chas. Kerr & Co., 153 E. Kinzie St., Chicago. It is brightly written and entertaining, and it tells us of the power and lack of usual modicum of muddy economics that so far has seemed to be a necessary accompaniment to fables.

The Toronto Star has had another. This time the Bylander quotes a Socialist of no less prominence than Henry George to prove the object of the Socialist "plainly is general confiscation. No wonder this Prof. Goldsmith is reported to be the most learned man in Canada.

RACE MURDER.

During August 863 babies under one year old died in Chicago, mostly from infantile capitalism. Say, Teddy Roosevelt, would you like to know if their mothers had practiced race suicide? The volume of the Clarion is not given, but we are sure the news of the good work that the Clarion has done is doing.

SHERMAN NOMINATED; SUNNAR JAILED

Editor Clarion: On Saturday night, September 5, the Calgary Local held a convention, when Comrade Frank H. Sherman was unanimously nominated as the standard bearer of the Socialist Party in the Dominion elections. This was not unexpected as it has been freely discussed for some time past, and we feel that he is the best man we could select as a candidate. Com. T. J. Johnson, of Edmonton, nominated Com. Sherman, while Com. W. Brown was the second, and the nomination was unanimous. A campaign committee was formed, consisting of Comrades J. Harrison, G. Howell, W. Brown, C. Sayers, Franks and Mrs. Hyatt, and were in consultation with Com. Sherman in regard to the campaign. Com. Harrison presided on the Saturday evening, and there was a good attendance.

Com. Sherman expressed his appreciation of the honor which had been conferred on him by the Socialists of Calgary in being selected as the candidate of the cause to which he intended to consecrate the remainder of his life. His purpose was, he said, to fight to the end for the interests of the people who he belonged. He had refused nominations in more than one federal constituency and if the leaders thought that he would be more use in some other constituency they had not informed him to that effect. He would not accept the nomination of the Calgary Socialists. He would not enter the fight in a half-hearted manner but would give the two old parties cause to remember this campaign, and in such a manner would he conduct the campaign that his friends would have no cause to be ashamed of him. In this campaign the Socialist are making a beginning which will spell success in the near future, and the present system is being torn down and crumbling to ruins, and it is up to the workers themselves to bring about better conditions.

Frank Sherman is only a cipher in the present. Every vote given to him is simply a vote for the emancipation of humanity. Comrade C. M. O'Brien strongly endorsed the nomination of Com. Sherman and he appealed for support, but because the candidate is Sherman but for the great principles underlying his candidature.

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Local Hillcrest forwards \$2.00 for a bundle of Clarions each week. Comrade John A. McEwen writes that Prof. G. O. M. of Socialism hit the mark here.

Each of the following comrades added a name to the sub. list: This time Jas. Young, Blodign, J. W. Wooster.

"An old woman can scare you men half to death. I'm glad I'm not a man. You're the biggest cowards God ever made. You do all the work, you take the blame, you get the punishment, you have your breasts to masters' guns—and if you are not shot down you ought to be—"Mother Jones.

For heaven sake workmen, wake up! Can you see or hear? You know that the Socialist party—your party— all over Canada is asking you for funds in order to put up candidates in the interest of you and your class. Don't give the capitalists all your own; save a little for yourself. The Liberals and Conservatives will not be short of money—their masters, the capitalists, will see to that. If you are not doing your share of the work, you are not doing your share of the responsibility. You have not voluntarily contributed.

