





THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

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Last issue's article on "What the matter with Canada," is being run in the form of a manifesto, together with the platform. Locals or campaign committees desiring the same should order at once. The cost is \$2.00 per thousand copies, plus postage to any part of the Dominion. Winnipeg has already ordered fifteen thousand. All that are needed should be ordered now, as it will not be possible to run small quantities at this price later. Locals where there are no candidates running would do well to order some for distribution.

DOMINION EXECUTIVE.

Regular business meeting, October 5th, 1908. Present—Comrades Lambert (chairman), Morgan, Peterson, Kingsley and one secretary. Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Organizer Kingsley's statement of receipts and expenditures received. Correspondence dealt with from Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta executives. From Locals Toronto, Kalkbeka Falls, Ont., Eckville, Coleman and Calgary. Organizers O'Brien, Sunnar and Tomashavsky. From International Socialist Bureau, Brussels, and from Chas. H. Kerr & Co., Chicago. Charter granted to Local Brandon.

Receipts.

- Local Coleman, Fin. Br. stamps \$5.00
Local Calgary, rec. books 1.50
Manitoba Executive, per Brandon 5.00
Local Coleman, Rec. Books 50
Total \$12.00

Warrants were ordered drawn as follows: Postage, \$4.50; express, \$1.25; duty, 50c; office supplies, \$15.00; account of Western Clarion sub cards to organizers, \$44.00; ad space, \$1.00; printing, \$2.50.

Kingsley Tour.

- Expenditures \$433.40
Receipts en route 310.00
Balance \$123.40
Salary, 124 days, at \$3.00 372.00
Paid from fund \$496.25

B. C. PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE.

Regular business meeting, October 5th, 1908. Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Correspondence dealt with from Locals Matsqui, Victoria, Ferale and Coal Creek, and from Comrades Parker or Williams, John McInnis and C. Bunting. Receipts: Local Matsqui, stamps \$2.00; Local Victoria, stamps 5.00. Total \$7.00. Warrants as follows were ordered drawn: To Western Clarion for ad space, \$15.00; to secretary, September salary, \$18.00.

LOCAL VICTORIA.

D. G. McKenzie: Dear Comrade—Find enclosed \$1.00, for which send due stamps to Victoria Local No. 2.

The working class in Victoria constituency have not a candidate in the field. Victoria local has been a little quiet during the summer, but now as the elections are getting nearer and interest waning warmer, the comrades in all seriousness and enthusiasm are buckling up in fighting trim and bending their energies and support to the working class candidate in Nanaimo by helping him to finance and conduct meetings in the rural districts throughout the district. The working class good; we will send Hawthornthwaite to Ottawa! It is absolutely necessary that the workers should have a fighting representative placed at the capitalist headquarters in Ottawa immediately, as we may not have an opportunity again for five years to make a breach into the main bulwark of capital.

As capitalist production is crumbling and bearing its own death, the workers must stand ahead for the workers within the next few years. So it is up to every worker to strike hard right now by urging his and her fellow workers to strike together by adding their every power to the voice and voice backed up by power to protest against industrial slavery and to demand the ownership of the means of getting a living so all may have an opportunity to get an education and to get an education to the unnecessary struggle and scramble for jobs and bread. Yours for the revolution, WILL BLAKE

CALGARY CAMPAIGN FUND.

Seeing that the federal election may be thrust upon us in the near future, the members of the Calgary Local No. 4 are endeavoring 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.

All contributions will be thankfully received and will be acknowledged in the Western Clarion from time to time.

F. HYATT, Box 270, Calgary, Alta.

VALE-CARIBOO.

Comrade Chas. Bunting having been nominated to contest this District in the interests of the working-class, it is now up to the working-class to furnish the funds necessary for the carrying on of the campaign. Contributions should be sent to JOHN APPELBY, Phoenix, B. C.

VANCOUVER ELECTION FUND.

Up to date (September 28th) just seventy-four comrades have contributed to the above fund. As many more as possible should add their names to the list within the next few days. We are trying hard to reach every worker in this riding with our literature, but our efforts are hindered by lack of funds. A detailed statement of all receipts and expenditures will be published as usual in this paper at the end of the campaign.

Comrade D. G. McKenzie now has charge of this fund and all contributions must be sent to him. "On to Ottawa," Leeds.

- Previously acknowledged \$325.00
A. H. Hewitt 10.00
J. Klein 5.00
Collection City Hall, Sept. 30 22.00
J. A. Peterson 2.00
John Myrtil 1.00
H. Gilchrist 2.00
Total \$328.00

NANAIMO RIDING CAMPAIGN.

All parties desirous of assisting especially the Socialist Party in the coming Dominion election are requested to forward subscriptions to J. Place, Nanaimo, or J. Ray, Box 170, Victoria, B. C. Previously acknowledged \$245.15. Local Toronto 16.00. Collection at St. Wellington 5.50. Collection at Cedar District 2.25. Total \$264.00. Yours for the Revolution, JACK PLACE, Nanaimo, B. C.

ANDOTHER ONE.

Comrade Albert St. Martin, of Local Montreal, has been nominated to contest St. Lawrence division of Montreal as the Party's candidate.

BUSINESS MEETING.

Ontario Provincial Executive, September 29th, 1908. Present—Comrades Tredler (chairman), Wragley, Young, Gribble and Stroud. Minutes of previous meeting accepted. Communications from Galt, Guelph, Fort William, Kalkbeka Falls, Port Arthur Finnish and English, Nola and Comrade Fraser dealt with. Communication from Secretary Wilson referred to Toronto Local.

Moved and second that Ben F. Wilson be offered dates for a tour of Ontario next November. Carried. Moved and second that secretary communications and secure appropriate dates for tour of Ontario next winter from Miss Nellie Leih, Meta Steine, Anna Maley, Mrs. Triller and Margaret Prevey. Carried. Financial and organizer's report accepted. Organization committee's report accepted.

Comrade Glibbe instructed to write provincial manifesto for federal election. Comrade Glibbe instructed to write provincial manifesto for federal election to secure orders for manifesto from Ontario locals.

Secretary instructed to write Cobalt and Port Arthur for information respecting federal elections. Warrants were ordered drawn for the following sums: Dominion Executive \$50.00; National Executive 7.00; Secy's salary and postage 6.00; Leheny organization tour 21.75. Total \$84.75.

- Receipts: Comrade Fraser (donation) \$2.00
Guelph, stamps 1.75
Port Arthur, Fin. Br. stamps 10.00
Galt, stamps 3.00
Port Arthur, English 5.00
Port Arthur, Jewish 5.00
Kalkbeka Falls 2.00
Total \$28.75

Adjustment.

F. G. STROUD.

A BUMPER MEETING.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 1st, 1908. D. G. McKenzie: Comrade—Sunday evening September 27th, J. H. H. and P. Williams addressed a large audience in the Grand Theatre. It was one of the best of the silent meetings that demonstrate the silent sentiment permeating the mass of people outside the party proper. It is something, since Victoria Local received such encouragement as they witnessed at this particular meeting. The theatre was almost filled, and from time to time the comrades appeared upon the platform until the close of the meeting the audience showed its appreciation of the party's efforts by their vigorous applause and a collection of \$45.00.

Since the federal campaign is now in full swing, every outlying district is being visited, Victoria attending to one end of the particular campaign and the other. No stone is left unturned to ensure the success of Comrade Hawthornthwaite, and in connection with this matter I might add that it is conceded that Comrade Hawthornthwaite will be elected over Mr. Stinson, whose political star is waning, if you already out.

Victoria Local is gaining in membership almost every meeting. Our quarters are great improvement upon the old one, is more centrally located, well lighted, airy and clean. Each member pays 50c per month, enabling us to subscribe for our reading room to the following papers: Western Clarion, Appeal, Reason, Daily Socialist, Miners' Magazine and a capitalist daily, which are always on file for those who desire to read something concerning the movement. Whatever the condition may be in these parts of the nation we in Victoria can conscientiously say that the movement here never looked healthier, the outlook was never so encouraging as it is at the present. Conscious of the justice of our cause, we are supported of our ultimate success, we unflinchingly await the eve of battle.

Fraternally yours, J. REAY, Secretary Victoria Local No. 2

PROTESTS.

Editor Clarion: Referring to the Kingsley tour in Alberta, information comes to hand that comrades in various parts of the province, especially Bowden, lay the blame upon me for some of the plans miscarriage; but I am not going to lay down and take the blame put on me where it belongs to the credit of the routing committee, which I did not form a part. The letters were addressed to my box for convenience. Of course, if I am to be blamed for meetings that were not held, then the comrades had better give me credit for the good meetings that did take place! The thing cuts both ways. Yours in the struggle, MRS. M. H. HYATT.

Four hundred cotton mills are in England, thus throwing 200,000 "hands" out of employment. Hurrah for a white England!

RED DEER, ALTA.

Editor Western Clarion: Dear Comrades—The Socialists of this riding, an area of about 20 by 200 miles, met in convention here. Twenty delegates were present, and the meeting was most successful. The result of the election, making it impossible to campaign more than a small part of the district, every delegate was in favor of running a candidate, firmly convinced that the movement was sufficiently strong to warrant their doing so. I have attended several conventions, but the farmers assembled here are the most active, determined and most confident in themselves and the movement that I have ever seen.

Several delegates were nominated. For various reasons all declined in favor of Comrade P. F. Olsen, secretary of Local No. 11, S. C. of a young man of about 28 years. The discussion re the 3rd and 4th points of the platform was short all firmly convinced that they would have no trouble in raising the money. There are so many Socialists and sympathizers in this riding that it will be no trouble to raise the money. They elected a campaign committee, who are also the finance committee, with Comrade D. McLure as secretary-treasurer.

The small farmers are such a busy people, particularly counts for them being so late getting their candidate in the field. Even yet many of them are busy threshing. I made a short spell analyzing the position of the small farmer under the rate of capitalism. It was one of the most encouraging meetings that I as organizer for the Party ever attended. The farmers are fast awakening to their class interest. They will be something doing in their own province at the next provincial election.

C. M. O'BRIEN.

BRANTFORD, ONT.

Doubtless many of those who turned out to hear Comrade Leheny speak the other night in Brantford, were disappointed with his lecture. Instead of the usual clap-trap of the capitalist spinster they listened to an analysis of present day society. The evils which accrue to the workers were dealt with in a plain, simple, and direct manner, and the workers were wakened up to their remedy. And so, the wage slaves who were present seemed to be quite out of their element, for it was something entirely new most of them had never heard of. The speaker, Comrade Leheny dealt with the various ruling class "virtues," "thrift," "sobriety," "industry," which our masters are always so ready to hold up to us. Each dealt with in turn, and the impossibility of any of them benefiting the workers as a class was clearly shown.

The lecturer went on to speak of the labor union movement. He emphasized the commodity nature of the workers' labor power—made a few excellent points when he quoted John Mitchell as saying that the delegates of the miners and their employers "met and talked as man to man." They did not, said Leheny. They were dealt with in turn, and the impossibility of any of them benefiting the workers as a class was clearly shown.

IT'S UP TO THE WORKERS.

The workers will once again be called upon to decide whether they want the present system to go on or whether a new system shall be ushered in—the Socialist Commonwealth.

In Alberta we are going to give a strenuous fight against the present system, but to do work we must have funds. The average workman says he has no money to spare; then my advice to him is to practice a little self-denial, and the rest must be given up to our emancipation, and instead of passing all the spare cash he possesses over to the saloon keepers, let him make an investment in the Socialist party, which will give the greatest dividend that the proletarian can ever expect—the right to own his own job.

What are the farmers in Alberta doing? We don't hear from them. Surely they can send a donation alone to help the campaign, for the farmer will be benefited in such a way as he never even dreamed of. But he has been robbed so often that he begins to be scared of any plan through before him. Contributions to the campaign should be sent to the secretary, F. H. Sherman, to the top of the pole, and therefore I call upon all workers to dig up and foot the bill, as you need not expect your capitalist masters to help you.

Only a few weeks more, so send donations to the Secretary, Mrs. M. Hyatt, Calgary Campaign Committee, Box 270, Calgary, Alberta. F. HYATT, Organizer, Local Calgary.

LOCAL TORONTO.

Dear Comrades—Now that our late provincial convention has passed into an history making epoch of our movement, a few remarks apart from the business transactions must not be forgotten. The action and spirit shown by our Finnish comrades in the tasteful-decoration of the convention hall calls for special commendation, the Finnish women comrades working the Tolstois to embroidery and add to the comfort of the visiting and local comrades assembled.

The evening of the first day of the convention (Sunday) was taken up by a special appeal by the convention hall, the establishment committee desiring of great credit for the excellent program secured. Comrades Schomburg and Ethel Epitit's violin selection, Comrade Kelly's virtuosity, and the performance of the Finnish horizontal bar and vocal selections and Comrade Gribble's recitations being well received by an appreciative audience. The concert was followed by "The International" by the English, Finnish, Jewish and Italian choir, apart from their independent renderings, adding much to the international spirit greatly in evidence.

Special appeal by the chairman, Comrade Drury, on behalf of the Janoff Pouden defence fund, realized \$14.50. The able stage directorship and management of Comrade Bishop tended largely to add to a pleasant evening under the "big wig." The somewhat heated and lengthy discussion on our Finnish comrades' recommendation of the introduction of an immediate demand and palliative program into our platform for the morning's session (Labor Day) was adjourned at 12 o'clock noon until 2 p.m. to allow the assembled delegates to accept an invitation to lunch together given by Toronto local, and to attend their own immediate demands after their morning's energies. A very pleasant meal was enjoyed at an adjoining hotel, twenty-two sitting down. Short speeches by Comrades Wragley, as toastmaster, J. Williams, Thomas Gribble, Leheny, Lindala, Tredler, Armstrong (Hamilton), Cook and Bertin (Berlin), Peters (Guelph), Flag (Montreal), helped to further cement the comradeship of the delegates. The display of internationalism from the different nationalities represented.

A lecture by Comrade Leheny in the Labor Temple auditorium the following evening, Tuesday, September 22nd, was most successful from an educational standpoint, though marked by a meagre attendance in spite of an active canvass by our comrades of the Labor Day parade. The English delegates, at the meeting, outlined our position in regards to Kell Hardie's supposedly missionary efforts to effect unity between the Socialist and Trade Union political factions in Canada. Several comrades gave answers to our disatisfying replies to their questions at Kell Hardie's meeting here some two weeks previous. A special invitation extended to the Independent Labor Party delegates, to the meeting, was used, our platform brought forth no response from that quarter. I have assured confidence in stating for the special edification of any enthusiastic member of above organization or any other party, that the program, which may possibly read this paper, that our platform is open now and all the time to any and all opponents who can show where we fall as a political organization, representing the working class, with the further assurance of courteous treatment.

The regular business meeting of the English branch on Wednesday, September 16th, was marked by a continuation of the same good work. The report read out by our financial secretary showing us actually to have our books clear and with a balance on hand to no doubt relieve your anxiety. A motion was brought forward that we devote \$5 towards "The Red Special Fund." However the short address given by Comrade Pettelippee, who "blew in" on route for the Halifax, was very convincingly the needs of our own West in the coming campaign, his special plea on behalf of Nanaimo causing the above motion to be withdrawn, and the subscription to the fund \$10 towards the Nanaimo campaign fund. The appointment of a committee consisting of Comrades Gribble, Greer and McColl to locate a possible site for the opening of a reading room, the same to be the most appropriate and possible realization in the near future of a permanent headquarters for our local Comrade Woodhouse's resignation as corresponding secretary being accepted, and the decision that the post is the reason for my addressing you as Yours in, revolt, H. STROUD.

The city morgue of New York is thrown open each night to the homeless ones for sleeping purposes. Needless to say that many of them will sleep their last sleep therein before next spring, driven to suicide by this glorious system.

HERE AND NOW

By "Leeds." EXPRESSIONS. The following subs. expire with the next issue: Joseph Crocetti, Jas. Brown, J. P. S. Vancouver; Jas. Dickie, J. W. Baldwin, Toronto; Frank Smith, Salgo; Andy Johnson, Chasley; Geo. Adzett, Telegraph Creek, B. C.

What is the use of building more rail-ways, factories, etc., when those we have already built are only running on short time or closed down altogether.—E. T. Kingsley.

Worked! On October 26th. vote for the Socialist candidates, and Canada for the working-class.

Comrade Dr. Curry forwards five yearlies from Prince Rupert. He is now back in Vancouver to join in the fight.

It matters not whether the Liberals or Conservatives are elected on the 26; the capitalist class will still be in power.

From Calgary come a bunch of five subs. from our energetic hustler, Comrade F. Hyatt.

On October 26th the workers will act as the polls whether they or the capitalists shall own the jobs.

Four workers will be told the truth every week for three months, through the efforts of Comrade Macneil.

You may not agree with those "bad" Socialists, but you will not find any of them voting for the capitalist candidates on election day.

From Victoria come a bunch of three yearlies from Comrade Will Blake.

Campaign work is as necessary as a campaign fund. The one is useless without the other. Get busy!

Comrade E. A. Drury, of Toronto, is another "underdog." He sends along a five spot for subs. and a bundle of Clapots.

You lose your vote and spoil your ballot, only when you mark it for a capitalist candidate.

As the capitalist papers would say, Comrade H. W. Walker of Victoria has started to "sit up the ignorant mob." He leads off with an order for twenty-five copies a week.

Millions of your fellow-workers are to-day dependent on "hand-outs" for an existence. Don't for heaven sake vote that they shall starve.

Comrade W. H. Stobbing, Winnipeg, has a few not very complimentary remarks to make about those comrades "who are not dead, but sleeping." He rolls in a bunch of four.

Do you think the capitalists are spending thousands of dollars in this election for the purpose of starving and telling you how much they love you?

Comrade J. S. Bernet, although busy doing campaign work, rustles three subscribers and hands them in.

A vote for Socialism is a vote for Home and Country.

Comrades Arthur Botley and J. Fraser, Cobalt, and Comrade J. G. Morgan, Vancouver, each added a new name to the Clarion sub. list this week.

Election deposits and bark-knocks are no obstacles to those who would dare do so.

One would think that the comrades in the large cities would have better opportunities for work, rustling than those in the small ones. Yet most of the new subscribers come in from comrades in the small towns.

As soon as you have finished reading this copy of the Clarion for at once if you think you may forget it go out and stop every worker you meet and solicit his subscription. Keep it up for an hour and let us know the result. Yes, I mean YOU.

WANT PARKER BAD. Phoenix, B. C. Sept. 27, 1908. Editor Clarion.

Dear Sir—Things are shaping up very satisfactory for the coming election. Since our candidate has been placed in the field quite an interest has been aroused and the boys have started in real earnest to send Chas. Bunting to Ottawa. We are badly in need of speakers so that we are ready to make any arrangement as soon as he can get up and we believe that Parker is the right man to send. The campaign fund is swelling, so keep your eye on Yale-Cariboo. Yours as ever, JOHN MCINNIS.

TOO FEW REVOLUTIONARY WOMEN.

In the Clarion of September 19th, "Burl George," who had evidently just come from harvesting and had forgotten to rid himself of the "chaff," had something to say regarding a woman's column in the Clarion. He apparently had dissected his straw man before he digested the matter he attempted to criticize, as he was entirely wrong on two material points. A woman's column was not suggested by any of the three contributors in the Clarion of September 12th, and I, in endorsing the previous suggestion that a woman's column be established, said nothing to infer that I wanted it devoted to fashion notes or cooking recipes. On the contrary, I said such a column should "educate the women workers what to vote for when they secure the franchise."

Why has the Clarion a "party news column" and a "news and sports columns" if it isn't to increase the number of comrades interested in active party work and encourage more to do their part in helping to sustain the paper. As an active and successful publisher and as a canvasser, I know I know it is easier to secure subs. since the Clarion has added these two "special" departments, and I am sure that the Clarion books will bear me out. And my experience as a publisher and as a canvasser, I would like to believe that if a section of the Clarion, say all or part of the back page, is devoted to articles intended to inspire the spirit of revolt in the wives, sisters and daughters of the workers who read the Clarion, that the paper will be both easier to sell and will be performing its mission more truly than at present.

"Mac's" frank utterance in the Clarion of August 22nd had unwitting caused an up and down movement to result in much good to the Clarion and its readers. It has "jarred loose" some women writers who, once they have broken into print, ought to be heard from as the daughters of the Clarion and its readers. It has "jarred loose" some women writers who, once they have broken into print, ought to be heard from as the daughters of the Clarion and its readers. It has "jarred loose" some women writers who, once they have broken into print, ought to be heard from as the daughters of the Clarion and its readers.

Comrade Leheny, who has recently started a large circulation of the local branch from Vancouver and Montreal, said a week ago: "Why, there are only half a dozen revolutionary women in the Canadian movement." And the same comrade said in another critical time that "women are a nuisance in the movement." It is probably true that some women join the party to boost some man, but so do some men apparently being to the movement to boost some opportunist. "Women are a nuisance in the movement." It is probably true that some women join the party to boost some man, but so do some men apparently being to the movement to boost some opportunist.

It has been truly said that the Socialist movement ought to be sexless, but to be sexless it must contain both sexes. Too many saviors of the movement take the narrow view that because a man and his wife and his daughter have joined the party, they have voiced the voice of some critical time that "women are a nuisance in the movement." It is probably true that some women join the party to boost some man, but so do some men apparently being to the movement to boost some opportunist.

Political Meetings

- Rose Theatre
SUNDAY, OCT. 11th, 8 p.m.
W. A. McInnes of Winnipeg
E. T. Kingsley
TUESDAY, OCT. 13th, 8 p.m.
Collingwood School House
E. T. Kingsley
City Hall
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14th, 8 p.m.
E. T. Kingsley
North Vancouver
THURSDAY, OCT. 15th, 8 p.m.
Larson's Pavilion

Socialists that they will stay in the party and educate themselves or get out and join some labor party where they can be of some little use as propagandists.

Comrade Gribble has stated that because there are more women than men in the world and vastly more than men in the women in the Socialist movement, that it is apparent that women are capable than men of grasping the teachings of Socialism. To my mind this proves nothing of the kind. The presence of so few women in the movement is due more to the absence of any effort to put the propagandists amongst women. What effort has been made to show the women who cook our grub, darn our socks and mind our kids, that they are slaves of the wage system equally with us that they help us to produce an existence wage for ourselves and surplus value for the boss? And what effort has been made in our party literature to show women the economic reasons for her servitude through the ages?

We have neglected a valuable field for propagandists, and I for one intend to do what I can to interest women in our party work. I want to see more articles written by women in the Clarion. I want to see the responsibility altogether on their shoulders. If out of a party membership of about 2,000 in Canada there are only about twenty women (English speaking), it is not for the editor of the Clarion to reproduce articles and men contributors to help in the discussion of the position of the women workers in capitalist society so that the membership shall become a little better balanced.

And why be afraid of increasing the number of women in the party? Are women any less likely to become revolutionary than men? Is it not true that women have less to hope for from the present capitalist system? Does the eight-hour day appeal to the women workers—the majority of whom are in the home working long after the men throw down their tools, and even those who work in the shops or offices have to do, on account of their lower wages, do their laundry work and make their clothes after the hours. Does high tariff or free trade interest the women workers? Is when you can reach the Clarion with argument it is easy to show that she can become economically independent and man's political and industrial equal by abolishing wage slavery.

Women are said to be more conservative than men, and it is true. Developed in her religious environment any harder to break down than the conservative ideas of the average worker who is well fed and has a sturdy child to show for his efforts. How she has been galled by the "doctrine of contentment" and her "subservience to man" taught by the Christian preachers, and she is as ready a subject for Socialist propaganda as any man who has been wrapped in mystery will become plain, but the question will before us now and for some time is capitalism.

Under a class society the proper relation between the sexes is an impossibility. "Woman instead of being the equal of man, is dependent on him in most cases, or else forego the carrying out of her function of continuing the existence of the species. Not only is she his dependent economical, but she is dependent mentally, and as a rule merely echoes the opinions of her lord and master. In politics she takes as lively and intelligent an interest as the average man does in the bi-nomial theorem. And as for the bi-nomial theorem, she may desire a husband or husband or some other trifle, but it cannot truthfully be said that she is pining away for lack of a vote.

EQUALITY OF THE SEXES.

No, the Poor Scotchman isn't quite through with the woman yet. Not that he is looking for trouble with them, but that he is looking for a woman who has been used to them by emotional Socialist writers of the male sex gives him a pain.

For instance, he doesn't believe that women invented fire for domestic purposes any more than he believes that Prometheus stole it from the gods. There are no records to show how people first came to use fire, so nobody knows, and the woman who swallows the bait of bonanza capitalism is no less bereft more susceptible to flattery than to fact.

The trouble is that this kind of thing is the rule rather than the exception. Writers who are smart enough ordinarily, as soon as they strike the woman question, seem to fling reason to the winds and put up an exhibition of overflowing gush that would make any Yellowstone geyser retire ashamed into the shade. It is true that it appears to be quite unable to free themselves from their bourgeois heritage in this respect. With the bourgeois woman is, in the abstract, idealized as a goddess, however much, in the concrete, she may be found muddle enough to spill her own kindling and do other odd jobs. It is time for Socialist writers and speakers to shake off this habit of being eternally polite at the expense of being accurate. A woman is an ordinary person, generally a very ordinary person if we are careful to discount about fifty per cent. for pose and clothes. (Now, don't get on your star about that, the Poor Scotchman doesn't hold any brief for the men; we are equally inveterate poseurs, but are not now under discussion.)

But to get down to the equality of the sexes, it is advanced thought this belief seems to have become as firmly incorporated as the Thirty-nine Articles in the Anglican creed, and there is just about as much sense in it. The leading lights of "advanced thought" appear, on this point, to be quite agreed, at least tacitly, were not vociferously. Equally unanimous on the other hand, is conventional opinion to the effect that woman is man's inferior. Into this other side, it seems to have occurred that they are both talking through their hats. That she is neither man's equal, superior nor inferior, for the simple reason that there is no basis for comparison between them.

Kant, while not yet young and indiscreet, occasionally unearthed a truth, and he has put this proposition in a nutshell. Says Kant, "Man and woman together complete the organism; the one is the complement of the other." This terse phrase is frequently quoted by writers on the woman question and apparently absolutely without the slightest appreciation of its consequences. Complements, be it noted, are not female, but male. It is not the complement of an organism that must have that which the other lacks and lack that which the other has. The two must, so to speak, dovetail the one into the other. Not so Kant. It follows that they cannot be compared. So if man and woman are the complements of one another, to speak of one being the inferior, equal or superior of the other is as sensible as it would be to dilate on the inferiority, equality or superiority of the violin to the bow.

That Kant's dictum is true is easily seen by a slight excursion into the domain of biology where we find the primal organism of the sex. There it is either male or female, but not both. The next step is the bisexual organism, which continues to multiply. The next step is the bisexual organism where the one organism has both male and female organs, and is capable of self-fertilization. The majority of flowering plants, some of which are habitually self-fertilizing while others hold the power in reserve to be used should cross-fertilization fail to take place. In the latest stage of evolution the bisexual organism proper ceases. The two sexes are separate and independent of one another, to a degree.

It would therefore appear that the two sexes are not, in the final analysis, so separate organisms, but merely two sets of organs of the one organism. Together they complete the organism, as Kant has said. And they are not, duplicated halves, but complementary parts; between them there is no question of superiority. To those who care to follow the logical conclusion among the ramifications of human relations, a number of things ought to be wrapped in mystery will become plain, but the question will before us now and for some time is capitalism.

Under a class society the proper relation between the sexes is an impossibility. "Woman instead of being the equal of man, is dependent on him in most cases, or else forego the carrying out of her function of continuing the existence of the species. Not only is she his dependent economical, but she is dependent mentally, and as a rule merely echoes the opinions of her lord and master. In politics she takes as lively and intelligent an interest as the average man does in the bi-nomial theorem. And as for the bi-nomial theorem, she may desire a husband or husband or some other trifle, but it cannot truthfully be said that she is pining away for lack of a vote.

All this because the social organism, human society, has not yet shed its economic problem. Be it said that the colonies and other social organisms have solved that problem and their units fulfill their proper functions. The sustenance, wealth, created by the human units cooperatively, instead of going to feed these units equitably, is sucked up by a huge cancer parasite, capitalism. Consequently the social organism is deranged through and through, and the functions of the units are distorted through their proper use. When we get that cancer out we will be able to arrive somewhere.

Up to the present our development has been unsteady, such as it has been. While we have made it, we have made to ensure that for knowledge among men, woman is conventionally not expected to have much in her head that does not take an active part in promoting the growth of the race, and the child naturally suffers the consequences. With the establishment of a society wherein woman will be economically independent of man and will therefore not be compelled to devote so much of her time to the market for sale, she will be able to take her proper place as the complement of man and perfect the human organism. The most important thing for us, then, is to hurry up and get rid of this capitalism which sucks the juice out of our lives and leaves us dry husks. Me.

MR. WORKINGMAN.

Editor Clarion.—Judging by the silence of the two capitalist sheets in this city, no one would imagine there was any Socialist party here or Socialist candidate in the field. Nevertheless it is a fact that the party is active and there is nothing to be certain than the election of Comrade Hawthornthwaite and by a sweeping majority. It is true that Smith has the Liberal machine and a big sack behind him, while Sheppard has the Tory ticket and an equally big sack behind him; yet, with it all, Smith loses ground daily while Sheppard never did have the ghost of a chance to win, and now there are any number willing to bet he will lose his deposit. The reason is not difficult to find. The workers realize now as never before, that Smith is a double-dealer, a traitor to the cause of every corporation in the land, and he is equipped with all scruples of conscience and scarcely artful enough to cover his rascality. It is true that in the earlier stages of the campaign many of the farmers and petty business men were disposed to support him, and some few wage earners believed in him, but now branded as a traitor to labor, the veil of hypocrisy torn from him, shown in all his villainies as a soul-unprincipled schemer who has never hesitated to do the dirtiest of the dirty work demanded by the gang of grafters at Ottawa and his and his masters, the corporations and capitalists, he shrinks about like a whipped dog, realizing that his future is in sight and that, as a faction in the political life of this district, he is dead and damned. Hence nobody is anxious to champion his cause, and so his campaign drags along a spiritless, unexciting, without life or energy and only kept alive by a free use of the sack, a judicious bestowal of favors, and a liberal distribution of promises.

Sheppard is a game sort of a fellow who makes nice enemies and nice friends. Indeed, nobody, save a few hide-bound Tories, takes his candidature seriously and hence in all the constituency you could not find a soul willing to risk a dollar on his chances. As for the Socialist party there is the most unbounded enthusiasm. Every man and woman of them is ready to do any and everything; to go anywhere, to work overtime, no matter what the task or the labor required. It is true there is no money in the treasury, but this is more than made up by the unselfish devotion of the volunteer workers in every part of the district. Hence, with a handful of dollars we are able to accomplish results and do work that neither of the other parties can do with all their thousands. It is a personal affair with every Socialist. It is the triumph of a principle we aim at, not merely the election of a candidate. It is this puts life and soul and energy into the campaign and enables us to achieve results that are simply marvellous. Then we have a candidate to be proud of. By long odds the ablest man in political life in the province, he is entirely devoted to the cause and works unceasingly for the triumph of the Socialist party in every part of the province, convincing the most thoughtless, convincing the average worker, convincing the wavering, compelling the respect of avowed enemies and assuring that from now henceforth Socialism will be the one subject of discussion, no matter what our opponents may desire or seek to do.

Never fear, Comrades. Nanaimo will do its duty as of yore and lead the way into the Federal Legislature as it did into the Provincial, making certain that whatever may be the outcome, the workers will have an able, fearless champion, and the voice of labor will be heard with power and effect in the House at Ottawa, where grafters, corruption and robbery as so long reigned supreme.

The Trades Congress at Halifax spent much time in trying to devise ways and means of so having the Lennox Act amended as to make it a virtue to labor instead of a curse. It half as much time had been spent in devising ways and means for the working class to secure a position whereby it could make and enforce its own "Acts," it would have been more to the purpose.

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PLATFORM Socialist Party of Canada

We, the Socialist Party of Canada, in convention assembled, affirm our allegiance to, and support of the principles and programme of the revolutionary working class.

Labor produces all wealth, and to the producers it should belong. The present economic system is based upon capitalist ownership of the means of production, consequently all the products of labor belong to the capitalist class. The capitalist is therefore master of the worker's class.

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

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

The interest of the working class lies in the direction of setting itself free from capitalist exploitation by the abolition of the wage system, under which is cloaked the robbery of the working-class at the point of production. To accomplish this necessitates the transformation of capitalist property in the means of wealth production into collective or working-class property.

The irreplaceable conflict of interest between the capitalist and the worker is rapidly culminating in a struggle for possession of the power of government—the capitalist to hold, the worker to secure it by political action. This is the class struggle.

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

- 1. The transformation, as rapidly as possible, of capitalist property in the means of wealth production (factories, mills, railroads, etc.) into the collective property of the working class.
2. The democratic organization and management of industry by the workers.
3. The establishment, as speedily as possible, of production for use instead of production for profit.
The Socialist Party, when in office, shall always and everywhere until the present system is abolished, make the answer to this question its guiding rule of conduct: Will this legislation advance the interests of the working class and aid the workers in their class struggle against capitalism? If it will the Socialist Party is for it; if it will not, the Socialist Party is absolutely opposed to it.
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