





THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

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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 \$3.00. 25 copies "Socialism, Revolution and Internationalism," by Deville; each 10c. \$2.50 20 copies "Evolution," by Jack London; each 10c. 2.00 25 copies "Wage-Labor and Capital," by Karl Marx; each 5c. 1.25 25 copies "Philosophy of Socialism," by A. M. Simons; each 5c. 1.25 25 copies "Socialism and Farmers," by A. M. Simons; each 5c. 1.25 25 copies "Mission of the Working Class," by Chas. Vall; each 5c. 1.25 50 copies "Communist Manifesto," by Marx and Engels; each 10c. 5.00 10 copies "Socialism, Utopian and Scientific," by Engels; each 10c. 1.00 1 copy "Marxian Economics," by Utermann. 1.00 Six months' subscription card to the Western Clarion. .50

Total \$18.00

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SECRETARIAL.

The Dominion and B. C. provincial executive meets Monday, November 30th.

With this issue, Comrade Kingsley's attempt to meet the deficit on the Clarion expires. Henceforth it will have no guardian angel but the subscriber. Fortunately some few comrades, here and there, have put their shoulders to the wheel and the Clarion is not in a bad position as heretofore, and there is every reason to hope that in another six months it will have a balance on the right side of the ledger.

In the meantime this is not to be attained without some further effort. At its present circulation, the bare cost of printing and mailing comes close to \$45 weekly, and this sum must be made up every week, on the average. The revenue from subscriptions and advertisements does not yet reach this figure; it will therefore be necessary to have a fund from which this deficit can be met.

Furthermore, it is urgent that all the local copies get in and do a little bit. The least they could do is to appoint someone to watch the expiry column and see to it that expired subscriptions in their localities are renewed. This would be no inconsiderable item. Locals should also make it a point to have every member on the sub-list if he or she can possibly afford a quarter even. It is surely not asking very much of them to do at least this.

The party now owns its own paper; it has cost nothing to acquire; it costs nothing to edit. Surely they can do something towards meeting the printing bill. The continuance of the Clarion has been made possible by the voluntary effort of a number of comrades individually, and there is no excuse for even the smallest local not making some slight effort collectively.

DOMINION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Regular business meeting, November 16th.

Present: Comrades Morgan (Chairman), Pritchard, Peterson, Lambert and the Secretary. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Charter granted Lettich Local at Port Arthur, Ontario. Correspondence dealt with from Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta Executive Committees. From Locals Winnipeg, Man., Calgary, Clearholm and Lethbridge, Alta., Menzies, Sask. From Organizer O'Brien and from Comrades Hartley and Duperris.

Receipts.

- Manitoba Executive \$ 7.50 Ontario Executive 55.00 Local Winnipeg Manifesto 30.00 Local Clearholm, Manifestos 6.00 Local Menzies, Sask., stamps 6.00 Literature 5.00 Berlin, stamps 2.00 Tychanaka, stamps 1.00 Total \$109.50

- Toronto French, stamps 4.50 Toronto English 12.00 411.15

SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA, WINNIPEG LOCAL.

Jubilee Hall, Alexander Ave. Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 17th, '08. House of Commons, London, England.

Dear Comrade,—We, representing the Winnipeg English speaking local of the Socialist Party of Canada, desire to convey to you our heartfelt congratulations for the noble, manly, and heroic action you took in showing up the insincere methods of the governing class known as the capitalists of the House of Commons of Great Britain, in tackling the problem of unemployment which is now so rampant in the industrial world.

It is better to have erred a thousand times through sympathy and a love of justice to the millions of struggling in adversity—nay, in starvation—than to be right forever through selfishness and a kind of base prudence, born of fear. In thus declaring as you did, notwithstanding the fact that conventional forms of procedure known as the ancient traditions of the British House of Parliament that your sympathies were with the unemployed who were crying for work that those who were depending on them and urged, we think you are entitled to the sympathy and encouragement of all intelligent citizens which you are sure to receive from all the Socialists of the wide world.

While your voice may be stilled so as not to disturb the ears of the historians of St. Stephen during the present session is concerned, fortunately for Socialism there is a wider influence in the ranks of the working population. Your action has commended itself to us, not as a mere personal or party opportunistic action, but as one representing the true principles of Revolutionary Socialism that no palliatives are acceptable, but an honest effort of apportioning the magnitude of the calamity from a working class standpoint and facing it with a practical sense without the usual deceptions of vested charity.

We trust you will make the most of your absence from Parliament in doing good work as a propagandist throughout the working class of Great Britain where the wise counsels of such as you may enlighten the mind of the worker in spreading a gospel which is of more material benefit to mankind than the preparing for a future existence they know not of. There is a great fight for freedom as well as political emancipation, no one who reads the signs of the times can get away from, and this condition befores all Socialists to endeavor to the utmost of his fellow workers to the voluntary process can alone be furthered by an intelligent preparation for the only possible solution, and this preparation will avoid a contingency which may be the means of saving untold atrocities.

In joining at this time in sending you our congratulations and sympathy, we earnestly trust that the organizing of your powers as a British representative will only act as an incentive to your renewed efforts in furthering the claims of the workers, strengthened with the assurance you have justice on your side and that we have, quite all Socialists are watching your actions with pride.

With those personal assurances we beg to subscribe ourselves, YOURS TRULY, JOHN B. HOUSTON, JAMES W. AMER, LAURENCE PICKUP.

VERNON, B. C.

Enclosed find \$1.00 for Clarion card and \$2.00 for dues stamps. The vote polled at Vernon for Charles Bunting was 40, which we are pleased to present to the Party, as we consider it a very tidy clean-up for our efforts. And it is a clear-cut vote, we assure you, and is the result of a better, decent campaign that has done more than anything to impress the people than any noise or flourish could have done. We have been borned to our straightforward and earnest conduct and have gained a point which we have every reason to believe that we shall improve. Fourteen votes were polled last election here.

The campaign of '98 is over and the new one started while the ballots were being counted. Our membership increased by three and we have, quite naturally, started in to build up a stronger Local. The recent trouble has shown us many weak points in our organization, but as we are a healthy youngster we will strengthen our arms and we will saw wood till further orders.

Yours for Socialism, TAQUE.

AN APPEAL TO THE SOCIALISTS OF ALBERTA.

Comrade,—Your provincial executive have considered it advisable in the interests of our cause that we should keep an organizer in this province to propagate the principles of Socialism and to assist us in this direction. We would like to see you in the field to keep an organizer in the field we must have financial as well as moral assistance, we therefore appeal to all locals and individuals who are able to subscribe for this purpose and remit their contributions to the secretary.

We are pleased to state that Hillcrest and Bellevue locals have decided to pay ten cents per member per month for this purpose and trust that other locals will emulate their example. Alberta locals desirous of the services of the organizer, Comrade O'Brien, are requested to communicate with the secretary as to fixing of dates, etc. Any comrade knowing of a possibility of forming a local in his vicinity would be glad to hear from him as to prospects.

Yours in revolt, A. J. BROWNING, Prov. Secy., Box 270, Calgary.

THE MACLEOD ELECTION.

Editor Western Clarion. Dear Sir:—The fight is over and the Socialists of the riding have no particular reason to be ashamed of their showing in the contest. The readiness with which contributions came forth is worthy of special mention. The comrades in this vicinity, on the average, gave five dollars each, and at other places the locals forwarded from \$25 to \$50 each.

No more encouraging indication that the wage-earner is awakening to a full realization of his present position than that which characterized the granting of the sum of \$250 to the election fund by Local 1054, U. M. W. A., Hillcrest. When the Local took up the matter of election expenses, a member, after an eloquent plea for emancipation from wage-slavery suggested a contribution of \$50, another member immediately arose, expressing surprise at the smallness of the sum, and urged that the amount should be \$100; whereupon a third man sprang to his feet and declared that when an opportunity presented itself whereby freedom may be gained, every effort of our most faithful workers, that \$250 should be given and not a cent less.

The vote in Hillcrest bespeaks both the intelligence and earnestness of the men in that place. May they live to reap the reward, "Freedom from wage-slavery." The campaign in this riding was short but vigorous, and much credit is due to Comrades J. Robertson, J. W. Wooster and C. F. Lowrie, who served on the executive committee and contributed very largely to the successes attained.

C. J. BRADLEY.

SOUTH SALT SPRING.

Dear Comrade:—Looking over the results of the late election here in Nanaimo riding, along the line of pushing our propaganda and organization. Our little Local here has been able to break down capitalist argument and win over the most intelligent of the farmers here for our cause. From 30 votes four years ago, to 16 this election, is quite a reduction for South Salt Spring in Beroit. At the same time we raised the Socialist vote from 7 to 23, and only for a liberal use of the "sack" by some of Smith's henchmen, he would have been off the slate altogether. One who voted for here was not even on the list, but was appointed agent so as to enable him to vote.

Now all you need to do is to keep overland at it, and the results obtained here can be had at nearly every poll in the district.

Yours in Beroit, E. JOHNSON.

THE MACLEOD CAMPAIGN FUND.

- Expenditures. Deposit \$200.00 Hill rents 69.50 Printing 35.45 Board and lodging for Smith at 35.45 and speakers 39.60 Postage 2.99 Telephone and telegraph 3.20 Incidentals 14.86 Salaries 92.00 Total expenditures \$492.05 Receipts. Collections 49.10 Private contributions 75.00 U. M. W. A. and Socialist Locals 280.00 Totals \$1044.10 Balance on hand \$112.05 C. J. BRADLEY, Corresponding Secy-Treas.

AMHERST, N. S.

Dear Comrade,—I like the liberty of sending these few lines to you to ask you for all the information that is necessary for the opening of a Local here. A few of us are anxious to open and set our sails with the glorious Red Flag of Socialism flying from our masthead. I may mention we are against having anything in the shape of independent labor parties or Canadian labor parties tacked to us at all. We want to open a Socialist Local of nothing of the sort. We are confident of success that we will have a Local with over 100 members before next summer. Kindly inform me of every particular as to dues payable by members and to headquarters. I beg to remain, Yours for the Revolution, A. COLLINS.

NANAIMO CAMPAIGN.

- Dear Comrade: Please find enclosed account of expenditure in late election Nanaimo District, and please publish same in Western Clarion. Printing account \$ 68.05 Hawthornthwaite-Smith debate 76.50 Stenographer, H.S. debate 20.00 Stationery, stamps, telegrams 8.50 Rent of hall 49.00 Riggs, coats, etc. 83.50 Claripa, cost of advertising, etc. 58.00 Travelling expenses 65.00 Total \$458.65

Please acknowledge the following amounts subscribed to Nanaimo Campaign Fund:

- Amount previously acknowledged \$410.25 Northfield Local 2.00 Pamphlets 35 Local No. 3, Nanaimo 16.05 Total \$428.85

Yours for the Revolution, JACK PLACE, Local No. 3, Nanaimo.

ALBERT, N. B.

Dear Comrade,—Enclosed find \$2.50 for dues stamps. Probably you have almost concluded that we are dead in the parts. However, although we have for some time been almost dead, we are still "digging in" to the evident discomfiture of sundry preachers, "eminent" respectable citizens, etc. Their latest efforts have resulted in the discharge of Comrade C. V. Hoar, one of our most faithful workers, who has been clearing out a precarious existence on \$18 per month as a clerk in the local branch of the Bank of New Brunswick. A few days ago the ultimatum, "You must either resign from our Socialist Club or our services are terminated," and the comrade instantly posted his resignation to the manager. As he has never worked at anything else, it will be a difficult matter for him to secure employment here, more especially as we are all practically blacklisted.

Another comrade received a similar notice from the local organization of the L. O. L., and he, lacking the pluck and fortitude of Comrade Hoar, dropped out of our ranks. We have had occasion to suspend Comrades Rupert S. Opp of Harvey and J. Clifford Stevens of Hopewell Hill for voting for capitalist candidates in the recent federal election. To offset the disfavor of these, we have taken in one member, leaving us with a membership of five. However, these are almost pure Socialists, and there is no possibility of their going back on the cause.

Some outsiders profess sympathy with our aims and work, but fear that to affiliate with us would make it much harder for them to obtain a living on account of the open hostility of several employers of labor in the vicinity. If you could hear the number of times that we are compelled to fight the old chestnut that we advocate "dividing up," "free love," etc. you could understand just how hard it is to spread the propaganda in this conservative section.

We have opened a public reading room with all the leading periodicals on file and hope to awaken an interest in this way. Many of the people pass on the opposite side of the street as they fear contamination.

The Daily Times of Moncton N. B. has been running a labor department for several weeks and a large number of labor and Socialist articles have been published. As this paper has a large circulation in this and the neighboring counties, it should do much good work for our movement, and it will reach people who wouldn't touch a Socialist paper for worlds. The Telegraph of St. John came out Thursday, November 5th, with the announcement that Socialism received a black eye. "Debs received just half the number of votes which he polled in 1904." But what can be expected of the odorous organ of "Sweet William" Pugsley, the man who boasts the political motto, "A COLLIER, BROCKVILLE, ONT. W. F. FEANT, REVOLVISTE, B. C.; F. HAYT, CRANBROOK, B. C.; GEO. F. STERLING, KELLOWAN, B. C.; H. NORMAN, VANCOUVER, B. C.; J. A. LEIT, SPENCE'S BRIDGE, B. C.; W. PENDLETON, ONT. and 'Leds'.

HERE AND NOW

By "Leds" The following sales expire with the next issue. RENEW NOW! Cape Scott, B. C.—C. B. Christensen, Grand Forks, B. C.—Martin Costello, Gibsons Landing, B. C.—J. N. Hunt.

Ladymith, B. C.—W. Skidmore, Michel, B. C.—J. Douglas, Nanaimo, B. C.—Sam York, Vancouver, B. C.—J. Hartling, B. C. McGraw's Cove, B. C.—McMullan, Central Park, B. C.—C. McFarland, Saanichton, B. C.—Prairie Hotel, Strawberry Hill, B. C.—J. Gallagher, Silvertown, B. C.—W. Bogart, Washburne, B. C.—F. Finson, Calgary, Alta.—J. Harrison, J. R. Lawson, Toronto, Ont.—F. Short, J. G. Shearer, C. Wheat, Palmerston, Ont.—W. Cowan.

Now is the time to sow the seed for the harvest of 1913. Which means, increase the circulation of the Clarion.

A comrade who does not wish name to be mentioned, begins the next campaign by forwarding 10 new readers from Kamloops.

Six yearlies are added to Vancouver list by Comrade T. J. Harrison.

Local West Fort William puts a card in the Socialist Directory and renews its weekly bundle of Clarions. That means business.

"We polled almost three times as many votes as four years ago, and had a good propaganda meeting the night after election," writes Comrade I. A. Austin, secretary of Local Nelson, as he forwards a bunch of six subs.

Comrade Miss F. Somers of Hillcrest, B. C., orders a bundle of five Clarions weekly.

Judging from the election returns, every new Clarion reader means at least three Socialist votes.

Four subs. from Com. Charley O'Brien shows that he is still in the ring.

Reader "don't" forget that the Clarion needs your help. The way to help is by rustling new readers. Are you on?

Comrade Dan Ronald calls this week and leaves two readers.

Comrade Wilfred Gribble forwards two new subs. from London, Ont.

Com. Archibald Hogg of Halls Prairie, B. C., orders bundle of four Clarions weekly to his address for twenty weeks.

Wanted.—New readers for the Clarion.

The following Comrades each added a new reader to the Clarion list this week:—C. J. Collins, Brockville, Ont. W. F. Feant, Revolviste, B. C.; F. Hyatt, Cranbrook, B. C.; Geo. F. Sterling, Kellowan, B. C.; H. Norman, Vancouver, B. C.; J. A. Leit, Spence's Bridge, B. C.; W. Pendleton, Ont. and 'Leds'.

There is a good field for Clarion hustlers among the 8000 voters who voted the Socialist ticket.

Present readers would help matters considerably if they would note when their sub. expires and renew in time.

I wish to impress this fact upon every Socialist, the life of the Clarion depends on the sub. sent in for new readers. You can help by sending in every day—more or less each week, or one yearly each month. The rustlers can be depended upon to send in their lists as usual. What is wanted is your help. We are going in to win, and in the next provincial and federal elections we will be right there with the goods. Congratulations to the workers of Vancouver and Nanaimo who put up so good a fight. Yours in the revolution, I. A. AUSTIN, Secy. and Organizer Local Albert, Albert, Ont. N. B.

