





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 \$5:
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CLARION MAINTENANCE FUND.

In the last six months, owing to the cost of commercial in various parts of the country, the number of subscribers to the Clarion has steadily increased, until now the revenue almost equals the expenditure. At this rate, there is little reason to doubt that, at the end of the ensuing six months, the Party's paper will be on a paying basis. In the meantime the deficit has to be met. For this reason it has been decided to call for donations. Not a great deal is required, and in order to further increase the circulation, any comrades donating in this fund will, upon request, be supplied with subscription cards to the extent of their donations.
Donations to date are:
Previously acknowledged.....\$76.00
Mrs. L. Crosson......50
L. Tett.....1.00
Leeds.....5.00
Total.....\$82.50

CONSTITUTIONS.

The long-delayed constitutions are now at the printer. Arthur Lewis, who has been in charge of the work, will be able to obtain them at 25 cents each from their Provincial Executives (or, where no Provincial Executive exists, from the Dominion Executive).

SECRETARIAL.

The Dominion and B. C. Provincial Executive meets Monday, December 28th.

At the meeting of Local Vancouver, Tuesday, December 15th, Comrades Lambert, Morgan, Fitzhugh, Phillips, Stebbings and the secretary were connected to the committee, and Comrade Garvie was elected vice Comrade Myr Stechlin, removed to Manitoba.

In another column will be found a resolution from Arthur Lewis in regard to the recent election of that district. It is worthy of attention, for it is gratifying to find comrades with the courage to publicly acknowledge their mistakes and the self-restraint to do so without offending any one. The "Urry affair" would be a small worth while, had it done nothing else than serve as the occasion of such a resolution.

The constitutions are now ready. They are published in accordance with the arrangements made at the recent Fernie Convention and subsequently ratified by party vote, for the purpose of increasing the party revenue as well as for propaganda. They are to be sold by the Dominion Executive to the Provincial Executives at 15 cents each, and by the Provincial Executives to the Locals at 20 cents.

It has been attempted to set forth herein the general grounds upon which the Socialist Party of Canada stands its position. Its scope is necessarily limited by the price set for its cost of publication and also by the

THE FOLLY OF BEING GOOD.

Editor Western Clarion:—

Comrade, I forward herewith one yearly for the Clarion, and have not had the opportunity to do so for some time. I am not on my regular stamping ground here at North Hill, but having occasion to be here for a few days, am trying to improve the time by doing a little "evangelizing."

This settlement is made up chiefly of farmers, and considering there is no organization here, they put up a very fair showing at the recent election. I think there is no reason why North Hill should not have a strong Local in the near future.

BRANTFORD, ONT.

At the last weekly meeting of Brantford Local we listened to an address by Comrade J. Coles. Our comrade dealt with the history of the modern Socialist movement, showed the effect of the wonderful inventions of the early part of the last century had on the working class, more particularly was the cotton industry pointed out, the great labor-saving machines and the enormously increased capacity of the workers to produce. The lesson to be drawn from all this was plain. The machinery, to benefit the workers, must be owned by the workers, otherwise it would always act against their interests.

Comrade Coles reviewed the opinions of the early political economists as to the evils which beset society, and showed wherein they failed to find a remedy for what all declared to be a deplorable state of affairs. He told of the revolution in thought which was coming, when Marx presented his theories to the world, and how the development of capitalist society has proved the correctness of Marx's deductions, capitalism itself being of the line concentrating capital and organizing industry to the detriment of the masses at the same time the proletarian class, who will eventually use their political power to further their own material interests.

A discussion followed, and Comrade Coles answered questions pertaining to economics which were of great interest to younger members of the party. W. D.

MORE COCKROACHES.

Comrade, I was been discovered by the 144,000 Club of Bellevue that a large percentage of Socialists are sheists, one guessing it as high as 95 per cent. Now, will you be good in these words: "It is awful, Mabel! The Socialists' idea isn't according to evolutionary science either; they (the club) seem to believe in evolution from Adam to Edward, but don't like to go back of Adam very far, for the reasons I suppose, that it might appear as though we had evolved back to him. It does look that way when you come to think of it, from the time when one could stretch his tail on the first cocoonate tree he came across, without any interference by law and order, to the present, when one is compelled to buck cord wood for soup and salvation.

One fault they find with the Socialists is that the Socialists are trying to hurry evolution, when everybody knows that evolution just evolves, it stands for it. For instance, "I'm hungry as a bear," says British, was slave, and you knew of a trick by which I could feed myself; don't you dare to explain the trick to me. Not that, that is the reason, but that you would, under the circumstances, but evolution would be positively outraged. It is evolution's own job and don't you monkey with it.

But, if you had been a member of the Socialists, you would have been an obscure little bug, and had been looked up to by nearly everyone as the correct thing in human form, if your social tangos were the Mecca of every aspirant to the local 400, if your eyes were open, and you were either knocked the victim property out of town, and then, when things were going swimmingly, a bunch of ignorant wage slaves whom you had always considered your inferiors, get the Ben Hur treatment, and talk economics as though they really knew something, and nearly run the whole show—wouldn't it jar you? Wouldn't it make you mad? Well, I guess some! (With apologies to P. Oppen.)

But really now, if you would run a department or two in the Clarion, and the latest styles in Princess corsets, Easter hats and what and how to eat it, if you can get it, at 4 o'clock tea, and the latest thing in girls' corsets and Ben Hur underwear, also the correct way of rolling a cigarette, I believe you would quickly notice a change in the subscription list; but, for heaven's sake, don't do it on my account!

SWAT.

A press dispatch from Prince Albert says that Mayor MacDonald has wired all over warning men not to go to that point, and this further startling as it is, and the fact that men applied to one company offering to work for their board.

5. Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to forward immediately a copy of this motion to the secretary of the Provincial Executive Committee, Toronto, the secretary of the Dominion Executive Committee, Montreal, and the B. C.; the editor of the Western Clarion, with a request for publication in that paper.

JOB HUNTING IN NEW YORK.

Dear Old Clarion,—Would you care to hear how things are in this fair city? "In case some of your readers think it worth while coming East, there are 1400 in the soup line every evening, and other 'cases' of out-of-work managed by the 'Society for the Better Condition of the Poor' number hundreds. The other 'ouais' are possibly living on others or their own poor savings. Crime of all descriptions is increasing, and the number of robberies and other offences are too numerous to mention.

I have been looking round myself, for a job with no success, so was advised to state my young to the employment agent of the Young Men's Christian League, and other agencies. I am past the age to be anything like a young man, in addition to which my feelings are something in the opposite direction of the pacific Christian.

However, as I was assured that "it isn't my market," I objected, as I am past the age to be anything like a young man, in addition to which my feelings are something in the opposite direction of the pacific Christian.

My replies to all of these questions were very poor, but the only job the agent thought "he might" find for me was loading express wagons at \$2 per day of twelve hours. I murmured, and he told me to call round again next week.

Socialism in this city seems a very jumbled up affair of bourgeois and trades unions. I must try and introduce a little of our clean-cut Western Socialism to the local community. I could but repeat some of the truisms of Clarion. I'd refresh them a bit by making them toe the line and keep to their first principles.

Yours for revolution, C. R.

A BUNCH OF DEFINITIONS.

It is instructive to note W. H. Mallock's distinction between "labor" and "wage-labor," says this critic of Socialism, "The most ordinary use of the latter, in the mind of the brain of one man affecting that man's own hands, and the single task to which his hands happen to be engaged. The directive faculty, the ability, are the mind or the brain of one man simultaneously, and feeling the hands of any number of other men, and through their hands the simultaneous tasks of all of them, no matter how various these tasks may be."

"Capital is not a thing, but a social relation between persons, established by the instrumentality of things. The means of production and subsistence, while they remain the property of the immediate producer, are not capital. They become capital, only under circumstances in which they serve at the same time as means of exploitation and subjection of the laborer."—Karl Marx.

"By handicraft is meant that method of industry in which the worker made the whole article in his own little home or shop. Example, the old-fashioned shoemaker, who made his own leather supplied him a complete shoe and all its parts. Under manufactures, however, the workers were congregated in shops and each did only one kind of work. Thus, in the shoe industry, a number of workers would be employed under one roof and each of them would have an allotted task to perform, one cutting out patterns, one sawing the pieces together, one making eyelets, one polishing the leather, and so on. Under the factory system, the third step in industrial evolution, there is also division of labor and association in large establishments, but articles are made by machinery instead of by hand. It is the use of machinery, however, that the factory system from the manufacturing system."—W. R. Shier.

Local Vancouver's new headquarters are over the Rose Theatre, 724 Hastings St. E.

WHOA, EMMA!

Last week, or a little before, Emma Goldman blazed forth comestively on the somewhat restricted horizon of the Vancouver press. It was "EMMA GOLDMAN RE-STATEMENT OF 'EMMA DENIED ADMISSION TO CANADA,' and so forth, which leaves no doubt on the mind but what Emma's manager, besides being an abled-bodied book seller, is an expert press agent.

"The mountains labored and brought forth a mouse." Emma turned out to be no inspired jorb-cher of red reed, but just a stoutish woman, with no little ability as a speaker and no great ability as a writer.

A sworn and sincere foe to the existing order, she undeniably is, but no danger to it. Why, then, all this pothee about "dangerous anarchist" that is intermittently thrust upon our notice? For several reasons, one of which is their shrewd appreciation of the possibilities of free advertising. Another, the fact that the henchmen of King Capital, in their efforts to picture the anarchists in so gerritting an address, have not only painted them as joining them, have outdone them, and have pictured so vividly as to have terrified themselves. And another reason is that, while to class rule anarchists are not a danger, they are to the dominant class, members of that class having fallen by the hand of individuals who professed themselves to be anarchists. Hence "Anarchist" has come to be the pet epithet to be hurled bomb-like at any class enemy. Name, Age, Address, Height, Weight, Address. Phone No. Place of birth. Lineage. How long in city? Do you reside with parents? Married or single? How educated, religious, academic, public or private school or seminary? What is your religious denomination? Do you belong to a church or a synagogue? Pastor's name and address. Does he know you? Do you use liquor as a beverage? Do you smoke cigarettes? Are you a member of this association? What traits do you long for in your life? What are your physical defects? What is the highest salary you have ever received? What is the lowest you will accept? The registration fee is \$1.00 and two-thirds of first full week's membership.

Wherein they are the very antithesis of Socialism. To the Anarchist, the creator of his environment; to the Socialist he is its creature. And the latter is the evolution of the former of his contentions. History to the Anarchist is a black record of individuals and governments oppressing, maiming and killing other individuals, wittingly and unwittingly.

Local Lethbridge renews its bundle order. Local West Port William renews sub. for weekly bundle of Clarion and Secretary W. E. Durrant forwards a dollar from a friend for the Clarion Maintenance Fund. Local Toronto (English) renews its bundle order. Local Galt, Ont., orders in advance 25 copies weekly of the Clarion for twelve weeks. Next!

The following comrades each added a new name to the Clarion list this week: J. G. Morgan, Vancouver, B. C. P. Garvie, Vancouver, B. C. J. Fitzgibbon, Esquimalt, B. C. John Ingham, Esquimalt, B. C. Tom Briggs, Nanaimo, B. C. F. Hyatt, Lethbridge, Alta. L. E. Drake, Bellevue, Alta. W. Symonds, Lethbridge, Alta. M. F. Richter, Goldfield, Nevada.

The capitalists have many kinds of red herrings which they drag across the trail for the purpose of keeping the working class longer under the rule of capital. Here are some of them: By having two parties of their own in the field, viz. Liberal and Conservative. By tacking the word "Labor" onto one of their candidates. By getting up some fake "issue," such as a "White Canada," just before an election. By endeavoring to minimize the power of the ballot. By getting the workers to agitate against some "issue" of Socialism, such as the church or injunctions. By libeling the working class movement, etc., etc.

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TORONTO TOPICS.

The Toronto Socialist Manifesto—Complaint from the Globe—What a Preacher Doesn't Know About Socialism—The Toronto Socialist Party—The Toronto Globe has an unintentional word of praise for the manifesto...

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THE TORONTO GLOBE.

No, the manifesto in question has no reference to "the issues before the electors of Toronto." That is, the issues which the capitalist press and party leaders put before them to keep the people confused and divert their attention from questions of real importance...

REV. ALBERT MARGRETT.

Rev. Albert Margrett, a member of the Toronto Ministerial Association, has been letting his clerical colleagues know about Socialism, towards which, judging from the very meager outlines of his remarks furnished by the press, he is disposed to adopt the patronizing attitude...

OF COURSE, THE PEOPLE ARE NOT READY FOR SOCIALISM.

Of course, the people are not ready for Socialism. No intelligent Socialist would ever say that. The only evidence that they are not ready for it is that they haven't got it. When they are really ready for it, when they want it more than they want to vote for the party their fathers voted for...

PHILLIPS THOMPSON.

The Victoria times says: "There are few Socialists in the profession of farming. It might be added that there are also few among those proprietors who practice their profession in the 'tenderloin' district."

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The condition of the cotton-mill workers of Fall River, Mass. is dealt with in this article. At the inception of factory work there, the women worked 13 1/2 hours per day, which has now been reduced to 10 1/2, and 5 1/2 on Saturdays...

Yes gods and little fishes! What sublime logic is this? Because women are entering the world's markets in competition with men and because they are only working 10 1/2 hours per day...

And these things are done and boasted of by a nation which pretends to be in the forefront of civilization in an unbroken dominion over the prisoners of the liberty and constitutional rights enjoyed by its subjects...

Under the capitalist system it is, of course, highly necessary that the poor should hold India down at any cost, and steal just as much more territory as she can manage without offending Germany...

It is further stated that where there is only one wage-earner, the family is in straits; from which it is shown that once the mill-girl gets married, and discovers this fact, she naturally gravitates back again to the mill to swell the ranks of wretched women...

In Fall River in 1905, there were 2,700 married women working, and in the census of 1900, out of every 1,000 babies born, 305 died. From which you are possibly capable of drawing a proper conclusion...

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THE WOMAN'S INVASION.

Whether or not they are capable of entering into direct competition with man, as his equal in all things, and without forfeiting the respect and veneration with which mankind regards a true womanly woman, is another matter which deserves their earnest consideration. Time alone will tell.

ONTARIO COMRADES' ADDRESS TO WORKERS.

(Continued from page one) wide as an inspiration to our comrades in distant lands and a stimulus to the great anti-capitalism here and elsewhere. If you fall in your duty to yourself and your class now...

Property, Not Man, Rules. Owing to the unjust requirement of a property qualification imposed by a capitalist government for the purpose of keeping wage-earners out of municipal councils, we have not been able to nominate a full ticket...

For School Board—Full ticket of six candidates. The United States treasury deficit for the year ending December 31st will total fully \$125,000,000. This is excellent evidence of the brand of Socialism that has prevailed during the year...

It is claimed that several churches, recently burned in the city of Chicago, were fired by bands of night-riders, all same Kentucky style. Just what actuated them to cut such capers is not clear. As long as such pranks are confined merely to putting the torch to track that of no more use to humanity than these gospel shops...

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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 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...

The irrepressible conflict of interests 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 by 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 (natural resources, factories, mills, roads, 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.

Tyolaiset Canadassa "Tyokansa" Box 197, Port Arthur, Ont. Se on Canadassa ainoa Suomen kielinen ainealoite, joka taltelee sinun kin puolesta. Edustat tyovasen luketta ilmiannella Tyokansan. Makaa ainoastaan \$1.50 vuosittain.

SMOKE KURTZ'S OWN KURTZ'S PIONEERS OR SPANISH BLOSSOMS BEST IN B.C. CIGARS

PATENTS PROMPTLY SECURED A Study Course in Socialism The International Socialist Review starts with its November number a Study Course in Socialism, prepared by Joe E. Cohen, every enough for a workman to enjoy his leisure through enough to give him an insight into capitalist society that will make him doubly effective as a fighter for the Revolution.

UNION MEN when in Victoria don't fail to eat at the EMPIRE RESTAURANT The best 25 cent meal in the City. G. W. BRUCE, Mgr. 345 Johnston St. Victoria, B. C.

TO HOUSEKEEPERS If you would like to spend less time in your kitchen and woodshed, and have much more time for outdoor life, recreation and pleasure, look into the question of doing your cooking with a Gas Range. Telephone your address to our office and we will send a man to measure your premises and give you an estimate of cost of installing the gas pipes.