



A CALL TO ARMS FROM AN ONTARIO COMRADE

Having been given the duty of attending to the organization of the province of Ontario by the Provincial Executive, I take this method of addressing comrades in unorganized places. A copy of the number of the Clarion in which this appears has been sent to all subscribers to the Appeal to Reason, the International Socialist Review, "Wishart" Magazine, the York Call in Ontario, and all recipients are urged to consider it as a personal appeal to them. Our funds are very limited and wishing to get the greatest return for our expenditures we decided to send no organizer to any place where arrangements cannot be made in advance, and any comrade reading this appeal who desires to further the movement is requested to promptly communicate with the undersigned. In this way we can ascertain what towns in the province contain real Socialists and we shall be able to send them an organizer who will waste no time in looking up Socialists, but to find them in name only.

Indications are that the consummation of the social revolution is drawing very near and it is for all earnest men and women who realize that the principles of Socialism are the only hope of the workers to bestir themselves, if only to save their own self-respect. Apathy, laziness and cowardice must be thrown aside, also petty objections to party methods and the party paper.

It is probably too much to expect that Party or paper will ever exactly suit everyone; such a thing has never happened yet, but that is not the point. The Socialist Party of Canada has the only working class party in Canada and its party-owned paper, the Western Clarion, is the only working class paper in Canada, and as you claim to be a class-conscious worker they both have a valid claim to your support.

If it appears to you no present chance of organizing in your locality, do not let that prevent you from writing, but, if after very careful consideration of the platform of the Party, which you will find in this paper, you find you thoroughly agree with it, forward your application to become a member at large, and keep steadily pegging away to the best of your ability until you get enough Socialists in your town to hold an organizing meeting and in an easy case subscribe to the Clarion without fail.

It seems to me this is no unreasonable proposition; give me a little "earnest" sometime. Are you going to wait till persecution is bitter and it is much harder to organize than now. When our economic condition is lower than at present, as it certainly seems that it is going to be, or are you going to prove yourselves men and women in advance of the time, by stationing our little outposts in every city, town, and village, consistently drilling ourselves in economic knowledge and teaching our fellow-workers to learn ourselves, so that when the great need comes and the workers are forced to rise, we will be ready to act as the guiding factor in the final battle of the last class war? Shall we have prepared a sufficient number of organized, educated, intelligent to reduce the shock incidental to the great change to a minimum, or are the revelling workers to be simply a maddened mass of ignorance, giving full rein to all their primal passions. Is it for you to hold up? Or fail to act. Which shall it be?

If every reader of Socialist papers in Ontario and Canada at large, were only to take part in the organized effort in the smallest degree, the aggregate result would be magnificent. Comrade, won't you do a little bit? What can you do?

1. You can subscribe to the Western Clarion; no great sacrifice that, surely.

2. If not seeing the way clear to

that all the time and backing up our words with deeds; we are drilling our comrades, both in the working class, getting ready for the day of working class triumph which we know is coming, and we hope is near.

Comrade, out of the ranks, fall in!

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Toronto.

CAPITALISTS NEAR ROCKS. Distressing Experience of Party of Sound Men During Storm—Rescued in Time.

Bellingham, Wash., January 7.—A drift and had frozen in the district near Edna, which was in imminent danger of foundering in the heavy seas on the Rocky Straits, or being dashed on the rocks and precipitous shores. A party of prominent capitalists of Seattle, Grays Harbor and Bellingham had a narrow escape from death today.

The Edna's engines gave out as the party was putting out from Waldron Island, where the capitalists had been inspecting the aqueduct. The Edna was rapidly drifting ashore, and in constant danger of capsizing, when the steamer Rosalie, in response to the Edna's signals of distress, steamed out from Obstruction Pass and took the passengers of the launch. "The party landed at Bellingham to-night. It included Messrs. W. A. S. and J. M. of the Independent Asphalt Company, Seattle; Whelster, Young, Bellingham; E. W. Welton, Captain Spencer, Grays Harbor; Rex Williams, Seattle; "Gipsy" Killcup of the tug Edna; and three members of the Edna's crew."

The above cutting from the News-Advertiser would have the uninformed to believe that had the progress of the tug Edna not been arrested in time, she would have experienced some great loss.

Had they been wave-lashed the description of them given in the sub-head might lead the "man in the street" to believe they were of considerable commercial value, but on inquiry he would have found that the word "sound" merely had reference to their place of

BRITISH SOCIALISM VS. BRITISH LABORISM

By William English Walling.

It is a great pity the energies of Keir Hardie and the British Labor party now appearing in the Call were not written a week sooner. Keir Hardie will be here to teach us how to combine Socialism and conservative unionism before we can get a reply to these articles from England, but perhaps his writer does not feel able to answer Justice from what he has read in Mr. Hardie's Labor Leader. For three out of four leading Socialists weeklies were written in English, stand the overwhelming majority of those who have organized and voted for Socialism. All agree that, however useful Keir Hardie has been in the past, he, J. R. MacDonald and their associates, are now working unconsistently and unscrupulously, to destroy Socialism in England. Among those who will not stand for any more subjection of Socialism to anti-Socialist trade unions are:

- (1) A large majority of Mr. Hardie's own Independent Labor party, led not by Londoners, but by men like Russell Smart and Sam Hobson and Victor Grayson. Since Hardie denounced Grayson, hundreds of groups of the I. L. P., including most of the younger members, have declared their sympathy with Grayson.
- (2) The Clarion Scouts and other organizations that have done as much as the I. L. P. to build up a genuine Socialism among the working class.
- (3) The Social Democratic Federation, which is now having great success. Without Hardie's help Purvess won 10,000 votes at the other day in a by-election and came within a few hundred of winning.
- (4) The intellectual proletariat represented by the new revolutionary element in the Fabian Society, equally opposed to the old opportunism of Webb and to the "old laborism."
- (5) Keir Hardie's defender in the Call had written sooner, any of these gentlemen, or Hyndman or Bernard Shaw, might have been secured to expose him. They would have done the

"WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE" FOR EMANCIPATION

Comrades:—Never has the need for working class solidarity been so great as now. Never in the history of the world has the proletariat faced such a menacing crisis as that which looms before us ahead. The day is coming and falling fast, for us to stand or fall together. The battles we have fought and won in the past are many, yet never have our enemies been so numerous, so powerful, nor more cunning, unscrupulous and daring than now. The fight for liberty is worldwide. The capitalists, the monarchs, the aristocracies and plutocrats of every nation and country have banded together against us in one last desperate effort to beat us down, to crush, to destroy, to break the spirit of revolt, and stay the revolution even by the drowning of it in the blood of the workers.

Look at the cases of Jan Popeno and Christian Anagnostis in America today. These men are comrades—soldiers of freedom—who fought in Russia till all hope was, for the time, gone. When the cause was temporarily lost they fled to America. They believed they could, by obeying the laws of the U. S. A., live without fear.

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job well, I imagine. In the meanwhile, I met Mr. Hyndman in England last summer. After months spent with Hardie's and all other factions, he decided that Hardie had strayed forever from the Socialist path and gave his opinion a few weeks ago in The Call. Whose such a different and mutually hostile Socialism as Blatchford, Hyndman, Smart, Hobson, Grayson, Quelch, Shaw and Herron agree there must be something pretty seriously wrong. We all know why labor is in politics in England and America. Not to advance Socialism, but simply to defend its old time rights of organization. In England this purely conservative and defensive movement was successful. Independent and conservative political action did it and independent and conservative the British Labor party will remain. That is why it refused to make Socialism a part of its constitution last year at Hull and that is why Mr. Hardie has agreed that his party, the I. L. P., will not put up any more Socialist candidates, like Grayson, unless first endorsed by the non-Socialist Labor party of which the I. L. P. is a part.

Is the present political action of the A. F. of L. Socialism? Would it be more socialistic if the A. F. of L. ran its own candidates independently and endorsed a few Socialists? Would Socialists vote for Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison running on a non-Socialist platform? Would our majority of agricultural proletarian and intellectual proletarian voters stand for it?

Mr. Hardie has absolutely nothing to teach us now, though we have learned something from him in the past. He has no more to give us as an object lesson as to how American Socialism might be wrecked. In 1904 American Socialism had already obtained 400,000 votes, while British Socialism added to British conservative unionism had only some 300,000. Britain's boasted "thirty labor members" were every single one obtained by compromise, except Victor Grayson, a straight out revolutionary American type of Socialist.

Mr. Hardie, your policy of compromise is being rejected by the people of England. Don't imagine for a moment that it will ever appeal either to the revolutionary Socialists or the practical unionists of the United States.—N. Y. Call.

RETRIBUTIVE LIGHTNING. Now comes the news that Col. Greene, the copper king has collapsed physically and financially and is on the verge of bankruptcy and insanity. According to the account he has fled to Europe in the hope of recuperating his shattered health and fortune.

Col. Greene is the gentleman who founded the town of Cananea in Mexico, where his mines are located and where he started to make a stupendous fortune out of peon labor. For a while all went swimmingly, Greene fairly dazzled the financial world. He was checked by Jowl with the red-handed Diaz. They were great cronies. Then came the strike at Cananea and "Colonel" Greene distinguished himself by standing in his automobile and mowing down the helpless and unarmed peons with rapid fire guns.

Green was the strike. At least he thought so. But that is what he has his fatal mistake. In that kind of strike God is always on the side of the strikers.

Pulman was that kind of a strike and the victory killed him.

Greene has won another and look at him! His palace is deserted and the lights are out. His once brilliant clubhouse is now strangely silent. His stockholders alone break the stillness and now that the spell is over, their maledictions are loaded upon their quivering lips.

Where now is the bold and conquering Colonel Greene, the conscienceless killer of defenseless workmen? The lightning of retributive justice has smitten him and in a twinkling he is a

glubbing paralytic and the fruit of his unholly victory falls in curses upon his own ill-fated head.

Capitalism will fall of its own iniquities when it has run its course and the day is drawing near. Appeal to Reason.

WHY SHOULD THE WORKERS CARE? While it is clearly shown in this issue of the World how the government is robbed by the railroads through the leasing system, the question might well be put, "Why should the wage-slave care who robs the government?" Having nothing to lose by it himself, he shouldn't. But the funny part of the whole thing is that he does care. He imagines that he is concerned in the matter of public utilities. It is the business of such papers as the World to show the average worker that he is in no way vitally interested in such things, and to show the wayfarer man the working class becomes the dominant class, enacting its own laws, abolishing those of the master class, and reorganizing society on an industrial basis.—The World.

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DID THEMSELVES PROUD.

The result of the bye-election in Nanaimo on January 12 was the reelection of Conrad J. H. Hawthorn, thence to the Provincial House by a vote of 655 against 49 for Barker, his opponent. The latter was supported by the Conservatives, who refrained from putting up a candidate in the vain hope of defeating Hawthorn, thence by means of such a combination with the Liberals. But such efforts go for naught in Nanaimo, where the workers are alive to their class interests and have the courage to stand by them.

The failure of such a combination to beat the revolutionary candidate in Nanaimo affords a striking illustration of the political helplessness of the ruling class once the workers are awakened to class consciousness and concerted action against their oppressors. What has been done in Nanaimo can be done in the nation as a whole, once the working class becomes conscious of itself and its power. Capitalist interests, driven to abandon the sham of warring political factions and unite upon one set of candidates, only to go down to defeat all along the line, just as easily as their defeat has been accomplished by the workmen of Nanaimo. Where there is a showdown between the beneficiaries of the present system and those who suffer under its baneful sway, there can be no doubt as to the result. The latter constitute the vast majority of the people of which will sweep accrued capitalism and its attendant horrors into oblivion.

The workmen of Nanaimo have done their duty in this bye-election. They will receive the congratulations of the Socialist comrades everywhere. All workmen that value their freedom and despise their slavery have the manliness and courage to unflinchingly battle for the freedom of themselves and their class.

The employees of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad at Hartford, Conn., were notified prior to the election to vote for the Socialist Party. Everything would be lovely and the prosperity goose hang high. No notices have now been posted that hours in the yards, round house and car shops will henceforth be thirty-two per cent. That is, they will receive 32 cents per hour (which is 32 cents better than wages) of a large number of men to about \$7.00 per week. The only thing that hangs high is the price of provisions. A 24-lb. sack of flour costs \$1.00, and the best of beef, mutton, etc., is 10 cents per lb. No further reference can be made to the goose without casting serious reflections upon wage-earners in general.

WHO WOULDN'T BE A HAYBACK?

The U. S. Department of Agriculture, an institution which keeps caes on a main Rube to see he doesn't get too far, informs us that the farmers along the line have produced wheat in 1928 to the value of \$7,778,000,000. This is about two billion dollars more than all the gold in vault or circulation in the world, or about four times

the mineral products of all kinds, including oil, in the States. During the last ten years, the Department does on, to tell us, the farmers have produced over \$60,000,000,000 in worth.

Who would not be a hayback? At this time they ought to have made at least \$60,000,000 in the last ten years. Yet they keep leaving that "God's Country" and take up homesteads in the Canadian Northwest where they start their grub and feed, in a measly \$858.00 for the year for the labor of his wife and family and hired man besides his own and he pays his bills out of that, which does not look very much bigger than the wage-slave's pay. Begins to look as if he didn't belong in the capitalist class after all, nor even in the "middle class," whatever that is. And this in spite of the fact that he exploits a hired man, who he feeds and clothes and talks about labor being scarce and dear just like our plutocratic friend "Gwen" of the "News-Advertiser's" Woman's department when she is throwing a fit over the servant problem.

It does seem that cousin Rube is up against the same game as ourselves and he is. Of course he is no wage-slave wandering over the face of the earth and the waters looking for a master to pay him wages. Not he. He has a home, a wife and children, he absolutely need not eat and sleep without being in any danger of working himself out of a job. He owns his own machinery, when the implement agent has around. Very often he owns it on his own farm, not infrequently he owns it in co-partnership with a bank or other financial institution. He doesn't have to wait for pay day to come around. When he wants anything he goes and gets it. If his credit still doesn't get all of that \$7,778,000,000. At the end of the year after he has settled his bills (enough to make his face good) he has generally even less than his hired man, and his hired man has money.

The farmer works all the time on his own land (at any rate he calls it his own land) he gets on him what he moves he gets on him what he makes a serf's eyes stick out clear past his nose. Furthermore he doesn't need any looking after and mighty little supervision. He even better than the wage-slave. He not only works for the love of it and pays his own board but he works harder and longer and rubs along on cheaper fodder.

The World "New York Times" (ed. Van-der-Weide) says in his (Teddy the own) for his master's benefit. And the Terror, and thinks that the farmer needs, not "commissions on social uplift-but simple justice." But probably the "Big Six" would be about the best thing for him, that is the way he educates his mule.

The matter with the farmer is that the value of his farm products is not completed till the consumer gets them, and been him, his and his consumer. The farmer works all the time on his own land (at any rate he calls it his own land) he gets on him what he moves he gets on him what he makes a serf's eyes stick out clear past his nose. Furthermore he doesn't need any looking after and mighty little supervision. He even better than the wage-slave. He not only works for the love of it and pays his own board but he works harder and longer and rubs along on cheaper fodder.

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of the producers and so after the full product of his toil. And as to the owners of the means of production being the product, the only way for us to get the full product of our toil is to be the owners of it. As we cannot own them individually we must own them collectively, which will be some better than not owning them at all, and being owned ourselves into the bargain.

It should be good enough for Rube as, like us, he has nothing to lose but his chains and they are not negotiable.

THE DECADENCE OF CAPITALISM.

By Will R. Shier.

The deeper one gets into economics the more optimistic does he become. The old belief, held by so many Socialists inside as well as outside the Party, that Socialism was yet to come, gradually disappears as one gets better acquainted with the economic, social and political forces which today are undermining the whole structure of bourgeois society. An analysis of the economic conditions of the present day leads one to the conclusion that the emancipation of the workers from wage-slavery is not so distant as many of us are perhaps inclined to think. A critical enquiry into the following considerations will, no doubt, fill the heart of the most pessimistic comrade within our ranks with renewed energy and hope.

(1) The Concentration of Capital.

We already have Socialism in production, not in all industries; it is true, nor in all branches of the same industry, but we have it upon a sufficient, extensive scale to make it the most conspicuous feature of the present industrial system. The old individualistic mode of producing wealth, in which industry was carried on in hundreds of small, independent shops and cottages, has been superseded by a system in which production takes place on a colossal scale with machines instead of with tools, in factories instead of in homes, for a world market instead of for local consumption.

This development, which is proceeding at a faster pace today than at any time in the past, is rapidly nearing its completion and thereby creating the social forces for the overthrow of the present co-operative commonwealth. Collective ownership is only possible where collectivism in production already exists.

(2) The Oligarchy of Wealth.

Though the consolidation of industry does not necessarily imply the accumulation of wealth in the hands of a few, it does imply a disintegration of capital being compatible under certain circumstances with its progressive concentration, nevertheless this is what is really happening under our very eyes. The capitalist who under the old system was a petty, unimportant power, is becoming more restricted to a number of exceedingly influential families, such as the Astors, the Rockefellers, the Vanderbilts, the Harrimans, the Morgans, and the Rothschilds, into whose coffers steadily streaming stream of profits is constantly flowing, and whose control of industry is extending into every sphere of production.

Society is thus falling under the domination of an industrial autocracy, the rule of a few over the masses of the nation and its fingers in the pocket of every man, woman and child throughout the world. The pressure of such a monstrous growth within the body politic will no matter how benevolent the intentions of the government toward fostering the psychological conditions most favorable for a social revolution. Slavery will have become too palpable for even the least democratic people to tolerate.

(3) The Cleavage of Classes.

Now, as the capitalist class contracts, its enemy, the proletariat expands, its numbers being recruited from the moribund middle class, the members of which must necessarily join the ranks of the wage-workers as their shops and manufactories are closing, and as they are absorbed into all conquering trusts or put out of business by their competition. And what is of no less significance the ablest and most ambitious members of the working class have by this same process found of opportunity closed against them, so that instead of being self-respecting becoming misters they must rest content with being mere salaried employees all their lives or else seek the overthrow of the system which oppresses them in the most odious bondage. Thus the gulf between the classes daily widens and class antagonisms become less obscured as the hours roll by. In proportion as this alignment of forces takes place, the final conflict between capital and labor is hastened.

(4) The Intellectual Proletariat.

It is sometimes urged against the social democracy that the working class is incapable of carrying out its program. Passing by the remark that the worst case of the proletariat is the bourgeoisie has made of them, may it not

be pointed out that however true such an estimate may have been of the proletariat of yesterday, it no longer holds good for the proletariat of today? Fifty, twenty-five, even fifteen per cent of the upper strata of society recruited its members from the most intelligent elements of the proletariat, but as has already been said, this state of affairs has been reversed. The era of competition and industrial competition has ended. The small business men are being ruined by their big competitors, the chance of some day being able to exploit others is being denied the workers, the number of "respectable" jobs is being curbed, the "artistry of labor" consisting of the brain workers and skilled mechanics is being humbled by the progress of invention throwing them into the ranks of the unskilled laborers, all of these things conspire to crush the working class of its leaders are being closed up. And with what result? Simply this, that some of these ambitious sons of toil seek a field for their superlative abilities in the play of the lottery which in turn has once overcrowded and generate dissatisfaction with the existing social order, while others, recognizing that they can only better themselves by rising with instead of above their class, join for the removal of conditions which keep them in wage-slavery.

The universities and the business colleges, not to mention the libraries endowed by multimillionaires, are supplying the material necessary for the successful accomplishment of the social revolution.

(5) The Real Yellow Peril.

We said in the foregoing paragraph that capitalist expansion is nearing the end of its tether! In view of the fact that South America, Africa and the West Indies have already been disturbed by the invasion of the bourgeoisie into their quiet domains, such a statement will, no doubt, be challenged by many. But consider that these continents with all the stored-up wealth of the industrial nations of Europe at their disposal will pass from feudalism into capitalism at a rate such as will astonish even the most enterprising Yankee. Theirs will be the outcome of the influence of the experienced capitalist.

In introducing its civilization into the east the west is stitching its own shroud. Why? Well, because as soon as the east becomes a machine producing country, as Japan is now doing, it will dispense with its teacher, and, like the capitalist, will become rich by cheapness. As capitalism can only persist as long as there are foreign markets to absorb its surplus products and undeveloped territory in which to invest its surplus capital, when these avenues are closed up, capitalism must collapse.

But it may be asked, need we introduce its methods into the east? The answer is that it is doing so, but even if it should not, it is none the less doomed to self-destruction. It is the preparation of the soil for the harvest which the proletariat will deal bourgeois society when it once gets well seared in the saddle. In this way the political activity of the proletariat will aid the economic forces for the dissolution of capitalism.

Conclusion.

Those Marxians who are inclined to become mere fatalists should ponder well the last sentence. They should also remember that economic forces work through human agencies. Socialism is not coming of its own accord. It is only coming of the working class so will it. As long as the masses believe that poverty is inevitable or that it is ordained by god, so long will they continue to submit to exploitation. Or, having cast aside these superstitions, yet not being grounded in economics or the philosophy of history, they may arise in impotent rebellions only to be crushed more mercilessly than ever under the heel of a military despotism. Hence the cause for the increasing agitation, education and organization.

In parting let me warn those comrades who look forward to the inauguration of the co-operative commonwealth within a few short years not to be over-confident about the course they will take in the near future. As Kautsky has well said, we can only suggest the direction of social development, not its form or velocity.

There are contradictory forces at work in society, some making for revolution and some for reform, and the latter forces may be sufficient to postpone temporarily the conquest of the world by the working class. The bourgeoisie may continue in power by making compromises with the proletariat, if the latter will consent to be deluded with, or a great way may exist for the disintegration of capitalism in a less lease of life by consuming its surplus products, or any of a number of alternatives may be adopted in preference to that of proletarian revolution. Who can say? It is only under a genuine working class administration, the transition from capitalism to Socialism must proceed more or less slowly. It is a mis-

take to think that capitalism some day will collapse like a house of cards. This article does no more than indicate that decay has already set in and that the emancipation of the workers is not as far off as many ignorant and timid persons would have us believe. However, the thing for us to do is to gird our loins for the struggle, equip ourselves for propaganda and governmental responsibilities, and go among our fellow wage-slaves round us to revolt.

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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

B. C. PROVINCIAL REPORT.

Meeting January 11th, 1920. Minutes of previous meeting, approved. Correspondence dealt with from Locals Revelstoke, Ladysmith, Rossland, Sooke, Matsqui, Sandring and from Comrades Curry, Bunting and Parker Williams, M. P. P.

DOMINION EXECUTIVE.

Regular meeting January 11th, 1920. Present, Comrades Stebbing (chairman), Peterson, Lambert, Garvin, Karne (Finnish Local) and the secretary.

RECEIPTS.

Local Revelstoke, stamps, \$15.00 Local Sooke, stamps, 4.00 Local Ladysmith, stamps and supplies, 3.00 Local Rossland, Constitutions, 1.80

Since last writing we have been going on with the good work. A paper on Prohibition was read at the Social Club and Reading Rooms and a very good argument was put up.

A letter was sent by the local to one of the pastors of this city who criticised the remarks of one of our comrades at a ministerial meeting held here. The reply was as follows: "Dear Sir:—Your letter to hand regarding a report in the Daily News of remarks made by me at the Ministerial Assembly in criticism of statements made by the labor representatives."

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BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1919.

Table with columns for various financial items: J. F. Leheny's expenses, 10.00; Secretary's expenses, 7.25; Organizer's expenses, 15.75; E. T. Kingsley's expenses, 10.00; Rent of Hall (Trades Hall), 6.00; Western Clarion for Ad. space, 6.00; Rent of Jubilee Hall, 6.00; Secretary's expenses to Portage, 8.00; and Brandon, 6.00; J. D. Houston, expenses to Portage and Brandon, 16.00; Winnipeg Local No. 2, temporary loan, 5.00; Supplies bought, 9.50; Stamps bought, 45.00; Advertising, 7.15; Express charges, 5.00; Treasurer, cash account, 1909, balance, 23.35; Total, \$169.90.

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ON MANIFESTOS.

Toronto, Jan. 4th, 1920.

EDITOR CLARION:—

Though the manifesto issued by Local Toronto during the last municipal elections was an excellent piece of literature in itself, I am convinced that from the standpoint of propaganda it was of little value. My reasons for so thinking are as follows: 1. It was too long. Manifestos should be short. People are surfeited with literature at election times and unless it is short and snappy, throw it away.

2. It was written in gassy rather than in conversational style. In view of the fact that we are trying to reach the uneducated masses instead of the cultured classes, would it not be well to employ a style similar to that in John M. Wile's, "What's So and What isn't?" 3. It is a mistake to make the heading contain the word "Socialist" or even anything to indicate that the leaflet refers to the elections, for thousands are indifferent to matters political and many of those who are not are so prejudiced against Socialism that they would not begin reading a piece of literature if they knew beforehand that it was published by our Party.

The greatest error of the manifesto, however, lay in not dealing with the issue uppermost in the minds of the people, in this case, license reduction. True, this question in our estimation is almost unworthy of notice, but in the estimation of the majority of people they are highly excited over the question, almost every person met with wanting your opinion about it. We should take pains to show that it is this question of the moment, be it license reduction, low taxation, clean government or municipal ownership of street railways, is not what the workers as a class should be interested in. In propaganda we must first get a hearing, and in order to get a hearing we must deal with the issues that are uppermost in the minds of the workers, presenting our side of the question and leading from it to a general exposition of the Socialist philosophy. The average person is not accustomed to thinking in the abstract, and we must give concrete examples, to looking at things from a universal standpoint, his method of thinking being concrete, particular, specific, whatever you choose to call it. This being the case, our propaganda literature should not be so abstract as the manifesto under consideration, but should attempt to bring the reader to an understanding of our platform through analyzing specific problems, especially those uppermost in the public mind.

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A laborer, 60 years of age, out of work and starving, is thrown out of a Chicago restaurant upon asking for a cup of coffee. He fires a rock through a plate glass window and is then taken to the police station and put in jail. This should be a tip off other waiters and strays among the slaves of capitalism.

Here and Now By "LEEDS"

The record kept of the number of subs. sent in by our regular readers shows that the following comrades sent in the highest for the provinces as stated below: Ontario—Wilfred Gribble, J. Weston Wrighty. Manitoba—W. H. Stebbings, James Thomson. Alberta—Wm. Symonds, Alex Sutherland. British Columbia—J. Bone, John Rivers.

Comrade Wilfred Gribble sent in a total of 87, the subscription price of which was \$1.50—the highest number sent in by any reader.

Another year of hard, earnest work before us. We must keep everlastingly at it, prepared at all times to cope with difficulties and disappointments. With the knowledge that the future belongs to the workers let us bend our energies to the task before us. To all readers and hustlers "Leeds" extends fraternal greetings.

One of the things which often makes a Socialist use strong language is to see a worker go to the polls and vote for poverty.

When you see the capitalists form a party with the word "Labor" tacked to it, it is a sign that the workers are awakening.

"The Clarion is without question the best brain jigger coming out of the press. Clear, concise, scientific. It may seem a little harsh to a 'business philosopher' and has had taste in its mouth at first, but the more you use it the sweeter it gets. It is life to me. Viva La Western Clarion." So writes Comrade J. F. Johnson, of Enderby, B. C. as he renews his sub. for another year.

A worker who "refuses" to read the Clarion may be likened to a drowning person who refuses to lay hold of a life-line that is thrown to him.

Comrade C. M. O'Brien deserves a place in the Clarion. He reports the country as being "full of Socialists" but that they need stirring up. Well, Charlie is the boy to do it.

To carefully study the platform of the Socialist Party of Canada is a good way for any comrade to class to start.

Reader, there will be another deficit in the Western Clarion account this month unless you send in that sub.

Comrade J. H. Dodd, of Toronto, orders two copies of the Clarion weekly to his address for a year.

Four Vancouver readers renew their subs., being unable to withstand the persuasive eloquence of Comrade Dan Ronald.

One new sub. each month from ex. office adds a support to the regular list of the Clarion hustlers in all that is needed to put your paper on its feet. It must be done. Can we depend on you?

One sub received from each of the following comrades this week: James Young, Nanaimo, B. C. John Woodriff, Victoria, B. C. Chas. Chaney, Vernon, B. C. George Howell, Calgary, Alta. P. S. Faulkner, Calgary, Alta. W. Pendleton, Toronto, Ont. Lewis Smith, Hamilton, Ont. Jas. Watson, Winnipeg, Man.

Would like to hear often from comrades in the Maritime Provinces. Quebec and Saskatchewan. A large and growing circulation of the Clarion in these provinces "the one thing needful." No sound organization can be built up without it.

As soon as the workings are ready to withdraw their support from the capitalist papers and give it to their own, the capitalist papers will go out of business and their own will flourish.

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