

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE

With all it implies, Not a Proletarian but Purely a Bourgeois Movement.

At the moment of writing there appears to be something of a lull in the militant suffragist movement; and therefore, before our blood is once more made to creep by the harrowing stories of struggles and martyrdoms—so ably narrated by that institution of sweetness and light, the daily Press—perhaps neither time nor labor will be wasted in briefly studying the agitation for Woman's Suffrage from the standpoint of Socialist philosophy.

It may be taken for granted that the mere attainment of the power to register a vote is not in itself the end aimed at, although there would seem to be a few deluded individuals who have conceived the brilliant idea that, the vote, per se, is all that is necessary for the ushering in of the millennium, or some other equally vague Utopia. However, a glance through the columns of such periodicals as "The Vote" or "Votes for Women" will show that the ultimate object on which the efforts of the Suffragists are concentrated is, according to the writers in these literary productions, the total emancipation of women from the thralldom of the male sex. The Woman's Suffrage movement is, in effect, a struggle between the sexes, and is therefore more or less anarchical in character. Now while the writer has no objection to propertyed women (the Mrs. Peckham-Lawrence and the Lady Constance Lytton) squabbling with their male relatives and friends, or indulging in the intellectual pastime of mobbing Mr. Asquith or knocking off inoffensive policemen's helmets (any more than he objects to the Liberal and Tory parties playfully fighting with one another over the Budget or the Lord's Veto), yet it becomes altogether another story when it is seen that a section of the working class (and a very large and important section) is being beguiled into believing that the necessity of agitating for the vote is of the utmost importance—is that, that the working-class women, inside and outside the various suffrage societies, whose time, money and sympathy are asked for (and often obtained) by the leaders and organizers of these societies, should be in a position to understand the real facts of the case.

Thereby. Most women are at present able to accept a wage lower than their actual cost of subsistence, because they have a legal or sentimental claim on their male relatives—their husbands, or fathers, or brothers, as the case may be. But with the political and economic equality of men and women these claims would cease to operate, and this in itself would necessitate an increase in the wages paid to women, to enable them to exist as workers. With this increase, however, would come a corresponding fall in the wages paid to the male section of society, the extra amount previously paid to men and used by them to eke out the scanty wages of their wives, or daughters, or sisters, being no longer absolutely necessary. Thus the increase obtained by one section of the working class would be balanced by the decrease in the wages of the other section, and the working-class position as a whole would not be altered for the better.

We hear a great deal of what is known as "The State Endowment of Motherhood," which is considered by many Suffragists as an inevitable outcome of the economic independence of married women. Superficially it may be a fine conception, but examination of its meaning and results speedily shows its intolerable impertinence towards the class on which it is to be thrust. The State endowment of motherhood would bring with it the State maintenance of children. It is hardly conceivable that the father would be allowed to perform more than the masculine functions absolutely necessary for the propagation of the child.

After that his duties would be finished and the future rearing and training of the child—until he or she was ready for his or her onerous position as a wage-worker or child-bearer—would be in the hands of the State-endowed mother and other servants of the State. Of course, it is possible that the father (if he were an honest hard-working, God-fearing person) would be allowed the privilege of visiting his children so many times a year, although this might be—and quite logically might be—denied him and his child entirely withheld from him. Presumably the mother would be expected to care for the child during its early years, and would be paid by the State for so doing. It would follow that the wages of the male section of the working class would decrease upon the introduction of official maternity. The cost of reproducing the labor-power necessary for the upkeep of capitalism in the next generation would now be borne by the State, and the working-man's wages would not require to be so large as when he had a wife and family to provide for besides himself. The wages of the section of the working class immediately engaged in industry would still remain on the average at or about the amount necessary for reproducing the labor-power required by the capitalist class.

To come back to the State endowed mothers. Whether the endowment would apply to propertyed women does not affect the question. As Socialists and members of the working class we are only concerned with the working class conditions. The State officials specially engaged in dealing with this question of the endowment of maternity—it must be remembered that their main object would be, in common with the object of all State officialdom, the conservation of the existing capitalist regime—would not be likely to expend the money entrusted to their keeping without being pretty sure of an adequate return. No one with any intelligence expects the State suddenly to conceive an overwhelming desire for philanthropic enterprise. This being so, it would seem only logical to suppose that the State would take under its care the entire breeding and rearing of the children. The men and women among the working-class best suited from a capitalist standpoint for propagating the species would be chosen (what would happen to the remainder of the remaining

(they would not, of course, be allowed to mate indiscriminately) may be left to the imagination; the various processes of generation would be under the supervision of the State Department authorized to deal with this function; the child would in early youth be under the care of the State-endowed and State-supervised mother, and would indisputably then be entirely taken charge of by the State through its agents, who would rear and educate it in accordance with the best capitalist traditions to the efficiency necessary for its entry into wagedom.

Many questions might be asked in regard to this. For example, does the endowment of the mother (or rather, the potential mother) commence at the time of the union of the man and woman or are the wages of the mother to be paid by request? Suppose that by some unforeseen circumstances the result of the union is nil, what becomes of the woman? Would the production of a sickly child be paid for at the same rate as the production of a healthy one?

Strange as it may appear to some enthusiastic advocates for the Economic Emancipation (so-called) of Women and its concomitant, the State Endowment of Motherhood, the ideal put forward above is not one that appeals particularly to us. Possibly our point of view is somewhat different from that of such strenuous Eugenicists as Dr. Saleeby and Miss Murphy (to mention two of many). But really it is hardly thinkable that the proposed Eugenic method of breeding and rearing the children of the working class, very much in the same way that cattle are bred and reared on stock-farms, is one that will altogether commend itself to the more intelligent working-class man and woman, however beneficial its results might be from a capitalist standpoint.

The agitation for Woman's Suffrage as at present constituted is one that depends for its success upon the increasing antagonism between the sexes. Instead of the political and economic

separation of men and women we, as Socialists, want a closer political and economic union; we want the man's a socialist (there's no job for organization of men and women not in opposite camps, but in one world-wide body, out for the overthrow of Capitalism and the establishment of the Socialist Commonwealth, which alone can give economic emancipation to the workers of the world, male and female. The pitiful lines by Tennyson (who by some unaccountable means did occasionally say something that was worth saying):

"The woman's cause is man's: they rise or sink Together, dwarf'd or godlike, bond or free."

apply with irresistible force to the working class. The education of women in the principles of Socialism is equally important with that of men. The influence of women could be of inestimable service to the cause of Socialism. As mothers they have at their disposal many opportunities (many more than the fathers) of counteracting the pernicious doctrines and the formulas of so-called "respectability" and contentment inculcated into the susceptible minds of the children by the priests and the educational authorities.

There is little doubt that many women are now taking a much greater interest in political and economic questions than hitherto, and the number of them so doing is daily increasing. The development of capitalism, in throwing upon the labor market the labor-power of an ever-growing number of women, may bring in its train the political representation of, at least, some women of the working class. In the near future by political action, and now and at all times by Socialist propaganda in their homes, women could and should be of incalculable value in aiding and forwarding the work in which the Socialist Party is engaged. This must be the apology—if apology is needed—for the above article.

F. J. WEBB,
 In the Socialist Standard.

WHICH WONT WORK?

For Fear Socialism Wont Work, the Workers Uphold Capitalism Which Works Them.

Socialism wont work! But capitalism does, yes it works all right for the Capitalist. And so the workers, for whom it certainly does not work, vote the master class into power again and again.

The ballot farce is over, and the various successful candidates have been cheered to the echo, and carried shoulder high to the tune of the Maple Leaf. Then you working plugs go back to work in the same old way, thinking that you have settled some weighty questions, and borne a very important part in the political affairs. Some of you even think that you have laid in the dust, that very energetic organization, the Socialist Party, in Manitoba at least. But no! We do not come out at election time only; we are in the field all the time, fighting capitalism. Ours is a policy of education and agitation all the year round. You working lugs are heavily doped, but we will wake you yet. We do not know defeat and we never lose hope. If we did we would go out of business. The working

class, like a huge giant, is asleep; but there will be something doing when the said giant wakes up.

In the same edition of the paper which contained the news of the triumphant endorsement of the grating Robt. Government, was the information that one hundred and seventy soldiers, who were the mainstay, but then not as the original article in Nova Scotia, had made of late all turbulence between the strikers and the coal company's men. "If other workers to shoot down the workers or club them into submission, would they get their lowly position, and become too impetuous in their demands. And if workers, our Nova slaves can be shot down in Nova Scotia the same thing can be done in Manitoba or any other province of Canada; should our masters think it necessary to do so."

Yet that is what you vote for; that is the system which you are so afraid to destroy, yet the one you want work! Do you think capitalism is working for those miners? Does it work for the great armies of the unemployed, in the old countries, the United States, and even in Canada, the last West I do not think so. I do not think it works for any man or woman who works perhaps 12, 16, ten or twelve hours per day, and yields up to a master class all that he or she produces, getting in return only just enough to provide food, clothing and shelter.

A TRIP TO THE COAL MINE.

To one who has usually seen the easy side of life, homesteaded, seeing like the limit of hard labor. Digging wells, ploughing the land, building fences and driving sixty miles for supplies are experiences that outclass all former experiences of a "sky pilot's" life. But probably his most strenuous experience of all is to take wages and teams and drive twenty miles, dig and load his coal and, with horses that scarcely ever knew any load heavier than a preacher's buggy, slowly meander back over those twenty miles, sometimes spending three hours getting up a steep hill.

Socialism wont work! Our masters tell us so, and the faith of a working man in the word of his master is truly beautiful to behold. It is the first thing one is up against when one argues with a non-Socialist. He has no use for Socialism, he is so sure it wont work. And he wants to know exactly what the Socialists are going to do under Socialism.

When digging coal I first said to myself "This is something like life. Digging my own coal, not sweating it out of some other poor fellow, this is the way it ought to be." Then the sweat began to roll down and the hands to get sore and the back lame and my selfish nature came to the fore and I thought, if other men are willing to sweat this way to get coal out for me, let them do it, I will hunt for easier job.

Don't be so anxious about the future, my friends, the only future that has before you, is your work! until you die, in harness perhaps, like a mule. That is, unless you get to work and study conditions now, be at least a class conscious slave. Then, when you understand just how you are being fooled, ruled and robbed; why you will be so busy helping us to overthrow this present rotten system of Capitalism that you will have very little time for figuring out any future era in his story.

Then a still "better" nature came to the top and I thought I will endeavor to emancipate the struggling mass from the hardships of their lot. I will propagate the revolutionary movement.

Let us get rid of Capitalism, and the way is clear for Socialism—The Co-operative Commonwealth.

Now, it seems to me that this is what we need today in our movement. A larger idea of the fact that it is my own salvation I am working for, a true conviction of selfishness. It is often said that the poorer people are the most unselfish; this is probably true to their own loss. Let them become more selfish. They are the mass. Let them take more of the good things of life for themselves.

WINNIPEG ELECTIONS.

Returns O.K. for us. Vote in North too large to count. West about right. Centre not enough reds registered.

Centre—
 Taylor, Con.....2010
 Dixon, Lab.....1935
 Cumming, Soc..... 89
 Dixon admitted we put him out of business.

North—
 Green, Lib.....2076
 Mitchell, Con.....1608
 Fulcher, Soc..... 887
 West—
 Johnston, Lib.....2288
 Andrews, Con.....2538
 Armstrong, Soc..... 255
 This is a genuine vote without frills except in North.

The miners and railroad men and bush men and others who do the world's rough and heavy labor must be unfit to administer the affairs of the country, as it is often said they are, else they would not continue to stand it to have these heavy burdens constantly placed upon their backs. "Whatever is, is right." A working class that is ever to be held in slavery is in its right place. The means by which they are held have nothing to do with it. The means by which they shall be liberated have nothing to do with it. While they are held they are in their right place, because they will be held. When they shall be free they will be in the right place because they will be free. Whatever is, is right, but when you make it something else, that is right then.

Enclosed herewith subscription for one year's worth of Weekly Western Clarion.

The wage plugs down here are graciously permitted to earn sustenance enough by working 7 days a week and think themselves in clover as don't you see "They earn an extra day's wage." Great intelligence these "Fred Born Americans" give forth.

The great people "who give us work" also give us spies to see whether we are willing, contented and placid whilst enjoying their generosity in allowing us to dig for ore. S. P. G.

When will the workers of the world make themselves masters of their own lot and see to it that the knaves who now profit by their labor learn to toil for themselves.

A. F. COBB.

WHY GO TO BRANTFORD?

For reasons that are varied, numerous and interesting. These have been condensed and pleasantly embodied in a pamphlet issued by the "Industrial Department" of that city and are truly worth perusal. That which strikes one the most forcibly in the work is the great prominence given to the word "cheap." Natural gas, electric power, etc., may be secured at "trifling cost," and there are other things whose cost is low. These, being the most important of all, get a whole page of consideration. Here is a paragraph which, by the way, is most appropriately printed in Red:

"Cost of living the lowest of any city in Canada. Results: cost of labor is the most reasonable in Canada."

In a struggle for better wages or conditions. Therefore they are to be had at "low cost."

Now, why go to Brantford? If you are a worker, because you can live, feel and be cheap. Evidently the appeal is not addressed to you. But if you are a capitalist, do not stay away, for there you can buy cheap. For the reason Brantford's citizens are prosperous. The citizens are those who own the manufacturing interests and the real estate.

Verily, the truth is revealed when the capitalists seek to attract each other. It is refreshing to hear the workingman treated of as he is regarded in those quarters. Business men know that they can appeal to each other on the basis of purchase and sale alone. When they do so, the worker may see his condition reflected with embellishment. He can see himself as a slave, a commodity, in favor only when his price is as low as his master realizes it can go and life remain.

How different at campaign meetings and in church! There, our laborer is a patriot of high and noble purpose. He is a creature favored of the "Master of all things." He is taught that the rich man is poor of spirit and pines for honest toil that he might enter the Kingdom of Heaven. With such fields of gauze is Labor stretched forth in his brawny hand and tear the painted fabric asunder.

SPES.

Who would dispute the correctness of this? Had they said labor-power, it might have come from the Clarion. It is not left to the reader alone to conclude that the cost of labor is "reasonable" because it is as low as the cost of living will permit. The pamphleteers go on to make this clear. For instance, it is stated that labor disputes are at a minimum. Why? Because there is a "choice of unexcelled class of labor, both skilled and unskilled." Now if there is a choice of labor, it is of course plain, that there must be lots of labor to choose from. This being the case, a "labor dispute" would not be a notable success. This is not all. Note the beautiful cohesion of arguments:

"Comfortable homes largely owned by artisans makes labor contented."

This of course, means that houses which are being paid for on the installment plan by artisans, keeps them quiet. It is also pointed out, as a fitting close that there are the "best of public schools, high schools and technical schools to encourage and equip highest standard of intelligent artisans."

Briefly, these advantages may be stated thus: There is a large supply of well trained workmen in sight. Therefore they may be easily defeated

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DOMINION EXECUTIVE.

Meeting July 18th, 1910.
Present: Comrades Peterson (chairman), Karme, Mengel, Stebbing and the Secretary.
Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Correspondence dealt with from Maritime, Manitoba and Alberta Executives, Locals Brantford, Berlin, Cobalt, Nepton, Port Arthur and Windsor, Ont., Organisers Fillmore, Gribble, O'Brien and Desmond.

Receipts:
Maritime Executive \$5.00
Alberta Executive 10.00
Local Nepton Stamps 3.00
Literature—Local Vancouver \$1.50
Weasley \$1.00, Fisher 50c, Edmonton 25c 3.25
\$31.25

B. C. PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE.

Meeting Held July 18th, 1910.
Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Correspondence dealt with from Locals Silverton, Vernon, Port Moody, Nanaimo, Ladysmith and Victoria.
Receipts:
Local Ladysmith (Finnish) \$10.00
Local Vernon, stamps 3.00
Local Nanaimo Finnish, stamps 10.00
Local Silverton, stamps 2.00
Local Victoria stamps and button 10.50
Local Port Moody Cards 25
Local Vancouver, Finnish 10.00
\$45.75

MARITIME EXECUTIVE.

Meeting Held July 10th.
Present: Comrades Sutherland (chairman), Brodie, Nicol, Chapman, Cechrane, Beaton from Sydney, Lavenne, Springhill and Organiser Fillmore.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved as read.
Correspondence dealt with from Local St. John, Dominion Executive, and Comrade McKay, New Glasgow.

Comrade Lavenne, Springhill, was heard regarding sending literature there, as the men are still on strike and can not buy any. The executive decided to send them 200 Proletarian in Politics, 25 Value, Price and Profit, 25 Socialist Movement by Vall, 40 Wage Labor and Capital, also 100 Cottons for three months.

On motion Comrade Chapman was elected recording secretary in place of Comrade Minnie McKinnon who has resigned.

The secretary reported receiving the literature from C. H. Kerr and Dom. Exec.

Comrade Fillmore reported good meetings held since coming to Cape Breton.

Receipts:
Glance Bay Local, 50 stamps \$5.00
Newcastle Local, 18 stamps 1.80
St. John, 20 stamps 2.00
\$8.80

Authorized payment of \$10 to Comrade Fillmore.
DAN COCHRANE, Secy.
ST. JOHN, N. B.

Since receiving my last communication I have joined Local St. John No. 6 and am now organizer for the said local. The comrades in this part are few. They are not of the western type generally, consequently they seem to look upon this locality as a forlorn hope, and, not having yet discerned the fruits of past effort are hanging fire.

If there are any comrades who are weak-hearted in the cause, it is because they are too fond of leaving their share of the work and responsibility to the other fellow. Instead of despairing if each and every one would work harder for the cause, in a systematic manner, more results would be forthcoming.

Too many of these weak hearted members are not readers of the Western Clarion which perhaps accounts for their timidity. They should remember that this fight is one which every individual member has a place and no other can accomplish the work which is theirs to do, and to do right. The party has now secured a permanent meeting-place at 141 Mill St., St. John, N. B., so there is now no excuse for inactivity.

There is ample opportunity in this field of labor for each member, therefore it should be the aim of all to do all they can to enlighten the poor benighted, priest-ridden wage slaves as to their condition and the way to make it possible for improvement.

WINNIPEG.

Dear Comrades.—The Socialist Party of Canada has won another victory, this time in Manitoba. Just at the last minute we put a third candidate up and scraped and borrowed 200 dollars to fight the Labor Party; there is no necessity to tell you why as it is known that Liberal and Labor voted the same ticket; and although it cost us 600 dollars, we kept down the Labor Party and got a straight Socialist vote all over Winnipeg. The poor working plugs could not see through the Labor Party's scheme and got mad at the Socialists and voted for their masters again in all three constituencies. In Winnipeg North, where Ed. Fulcher ran, everything looked bright for us, but the churches stepped in on the Sunday before election and preached holiday politics, the Labor party in Center Winnipeg! The Voice and the Free Press, published the most damnable lies about it that they could and what with churches and so-called Labor men we lost all our deposits, but the fight starts in earnest right from now and the Labor Party and The Voice will not show itself at another election if we can help it, and as for the churches, well, we've got something up our sleeves for them. A tremendous amount of propaganda work has been done here since the spring nearly 14 thousand papers having been distributed and about 60 dollars worth of literature, and all our good work was pulled down by us having to fight the Labor Party. The poor working plugs could not see through the Labor Party's scheme and got mad at the Socialists and voted for their masters again in all three constituencies. In Winnipeg North, where Ed. Fulcher ran, everything looked bright for us, but the churches stepped in on the Sunday before election and preached holiday politics, the Labor party in Center Winnipeg! The Voice and the Free Press, published the most damnable lies about it that they could and what with churches and so-called Labor men we lost all our deposits, but the fight starts in earnest right from now and the Labor Party and The Voice will not show itself at another election if we can help it, and as for the churches, well, we've got something up our sleeves for them.

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Yours for the Revolt,
WM. WATTS.

RUBBING IT IN.

Dear Comrade—I enclose you \$4.00 for Card in Clarion. This includes the current month after which I think you had better discontinue unless otherwise instructed. Things have been getting worse all the time here, those who took an interest in the movement have gone away and I'm left alone. Any one who has minded any length of time, will not work in the big Granby Mines. (Hell Holes). The surface-workers are all faithful slaves and always attend their Union regularly to look after their Master's interests, and to oppose any move on the part of the "Socialist." A short time ago Phoenix Miners Union held Election of Officers and Yours Truly was the Socialist Candidate for Financial Secretary. The Granby Co. down to its petty bosses did all in their power to have me defeated, which I was by a small majority and the result scattered all over by the press. No doubt you saw the farling headlines, "Boundary Socialists turned down." The thing was done by Phoenix people and they had mention of Greenwood but it isn't a fact that Com. Heaterton ran there. The reason for the deep interest taken by the Granby Co. is the "Workmen's Compensation Act" which works a hardship on them and they don't have a Secretary to deal with their excesses. Flocked by the "rubbing in" by firing Comrades Powchuk, Bohanus and Lackie, the leading spirits of the Ukrainian Local. My time may come soon but I assure you I wish them success as the Granby looks, feels and sounds to me too much like a sepulcher.

In summing up the situation in Phoenix I find that fear of the Granby Co. keeps men from voicing their sentiments in public, but fear of the Granby Mine keeps the more intelligent away. Last night the Shift-Bosses came around asking all the men where they were boarding. Many of the single men, who, getting tired of the grub at the Granby boarding house had gone "batching" with the result there was a dropping off of Boarders. With the statistics before them the Granby Co. will know who to

lay off. The price of copper is low and big producing companies are curtailing the output, but there is still a further reason for laying off some men at the Granby. Last week a big "cave-in" occurred in the upper workings giving them a 100,000 tons of ore (their own estimate). They lost a big steel car but no working plugs although a Shift-Boss with a gang of men were trying to save the car to within a minute of the collapse.
Yours in Revolution,
MATT HALLIDAY,
Phoenix, B. C.

A BUSY WEEK.

Dear Mac.—On the evening of the "glorious fourth" I left Ambroset for Glace Bay, arriving here the next morning, was met by Comrades Lavenne, of Springhill, and Ross, of Glace Bay.

On Wednesday a number of us walked to Caledonia to hold an open-air meeting. Opened the meeting with the Red Flag. Comrade Brodie took the floor and opened up the wage-slaves who stood around. After Brodie finished the writer took the box and endeavored to enlighten the crowd as to their position as "things" in capitalist society. They seemed interested and stayed right with us until the close of the meeting.

On Thursday evening Glace Bay local held its regular meeting and Comrades Wm. McKinnon, Alex. McKinnon, Brodie, Lavenne, the writer and others held the audience entranced by their flow of oratory.

Friday, Walker, Lavenne, McKinnon and myself went to Dominion No. 6 where we were lucky enough to get the opportunity to speak before the U. M. W. regular meeting and quite a number of the miners became interested. Comrade Walker sold several dollars worth of literature. Another meeting will be held in the near future and the local resuscitated.

Saturday night we went to Sydney but as the hall resembled an oven we drew a small crowd. Some literature was sold and arrangements made for the re-organization of the local. The Sydney bunch lacks a good knowledge of economics and need more study. The masters are putting the screws on and before long they will begin to squirm and look for a way out of their misery. We are preparing to deluge the city with literature.

Sunday an effort was made by Lavenne to get the German and French speaking comrades organized but with results that were only partially successful. Several joined Glace Bay local.

Monday the 13th a number of us invaded the village of Bridgeport where Com. Nichol had advertised a meeting and we had one of the best meetings yet held. Lavenne and the writer spoke to about 60 miners and one company thing—who, by the way found the atmosphere so charged that he soon got out.

The Glace Bay Comrades are good bunch. Three members of the party who are blacklisted are peddling literature all over the country and results must come. The wage-slaves here have been on strike until recently for months and even now several hundred are still idle. Many of them reproach the union officials with treachery. Their relief orders from the union have been discontinued and many of them are practically starving. They are in just the proper frame of mind to receive the message of economic freedom gladly. And the comrades are doing their best to get the message to them. The old parties will get a rude jolt whenever the elections are sprung on. More later.

ROSCOE A. FILLMORE.

AFTER THE FIGHT.

Comrades—The fight is over in Winnipeg and the "intelligent" wage-slaves have elected their masters to power in Manitoba for another four years. The fight has been a hot one and the Socialist party have no reason to be dejected over the result of the election. In North Winnipeg we (Socialists) were confident of electing Ed. Fulcher and saving the 200 dollar deposit. The polling took place on Monday. On Sunday, however, the R. C. churches and priests of the foreign element got to work and, having such an influence over a certain number of those people, they were able to turn what seemed a sure thing for Fulcher, the Socialist candidate, into a win for the Liberals. In West Winnipeg, Armstrong put up a good fight, and though the deposit was lost, good propaganda work was done.

At this stage of a week from polling day, the Socialists put a candidate in the field, simply to oppose the sham "Labor candidate. Why they did not put one forth sooner was lack of funds; since then donations have been coming in from both East and West, with the result that Cummings stood as candidate. This "Labor" party was exposed, and is now down and out for good. Good propaganda work was done and thousands of Clarions given away. Quite a lot of Socialist literature was disposed of also.

Charlie O'Brien, M. P. P., Alberta, took part in the campaign and gave out the dope in great style to the displeasure of a few upholders of the present system, who tried to break up several of the meetings.

Though the deposits were lost, that in North Winnipeg only by a small majority, still this fight has finished leaving the Socialist movement here stronger, and when the next election comes round, the Socialist movement will be found stronger than ever.

THAT WING.

Dear Comrade,—Of late in different issues of the Clarion there has appeared articles by one signed "Gourock" on Industrial Unionism. Now for the life of me I can't see what he means by an economic wing to the Socialist Party. He comes out with the cry that an economic wing is what the Socialist Party should have grafted to it. I have never seen a union, craft or industrial that ever produced a single commodity. What is essential to the present system for the production of commodities but natural resources, mills, etc., and a bunch of wage-slaves with stomachs that refuse to stay filled; who runs the mines, the mills and farms of today but the working class? Where does that class get the knowledge required to operate the machinery of production? By Gourock one would expect to think the capitalist class operated them. Their capitalist class as far as I can make out is ownership backed up by the State. Where does the farmer learn to produce grain, hogs and vegetables but on the farm? Where does the bricklayer learn to lay bricks but on a building? You can take any old trade; where is the knowledge obtained for one to qualify in any one of them but on the job? Capitalism is organizing us slaves right now which is a demonstrable fact.

All that is necessary for the present is to get the workers to feel like owning the means of life. Gourock need not worry his little tank about an economic wing to the Party. The workers run industry today, and if given ownership they could do the same to-morrow if all the capitalists were in the Hotter Regions. For the present I can't see anything necessary for the production of wealth but the ability to run the industrial institutions and the way that is obtained is as I have said before, right on the job. The workers have got that today, all we want is the ownership.

I have no dread for the future. I think it would be doing a great service to the scheme he advocates if he would show the readers of the Clarion how the Western Federation of Miners or the I. W. O. produces coal or any other commodity. Up to date he has not presented anything in favor of his economic wing but that we need it. Before you can get intelligent men and women to accept anything you must give them the necessary grounds for to work on—something definite.

WM. McQUOID.

THE ABSURDITIES OF "INDUS TRIAL UNIONISM."

The never ending controversy about "Economic" and political organization of the working class is bringing to light what has ever been a fact, that the tendency for "Direct Action" is to convert men to Anarchism and its silly gospel. It was never made more clear than in the contribution by "A. F. B.," Rossland, B. C. in issue 584.

It was the political power that defeated the economic organization then, as it was the same power that smashed the recent strike on the Southern Pacific Railway of France. This latter private company refused certain demands of the economic organization. They went out on strike. Thereupon the French Government simply sent men to protect the property and supplied engineers and sappers, electricians and firemen to run their trains for them. They made their commissioned officers into stationmasters, and did other kinds of governmental tricks.

In this action The French Socialist party supported the government as they made no kick about it. So you see what it is, that holds down the working class. Economic organization cannot cope nor hope to control the system under capitalism. Socialism alone will organize the working class in the direction of Socialism.

The anarchists (such as "A. F. B.") is detrimental to the full and free development of the Socialist Party. Put them on the outside and quickly.
MOSES BARITZ.

He entirely repudiates political action. He holds it as being unnecessary. In plain language "A. F. B." is an anarchist dressed in "Socialist" clothes. He says:
"I claim that our only means or hope of freeing ourselves from wage-slavery lies in getting control of our labor power." Well, let us see how far successful this "economic" action pans out. First all labor power is a commodity and as such is subject to the same tendencies as other commodities in many ways. In addition as the capitalist system makes for unemployment, the number out of a job jeopardize the position of those who are sufficiently fortunate in holding their places. The price given to labor power, when there are a large number of unemployed, must be and is lower than when unemployment is not so rampant. So that the true fact is that the price of labor power is in exact ratio to the per centage of unemployed. But, "industrial organization cannot stop the increase of unemployed and as men must live then "economic" organization of the whole of these working to-day has no effect upon the price given to the whole of the working class."
"Try as "A. F. B." likes he cannot as a rule raise the wages of the working class if unemployment increases. Now as when a man becomes unemployed he is not in "good standing" as an "I. W. W." he becomes a scab upon the very organization that is so desirous to put an end to scabbery in the industrial field. Next as the industrial organization cannot make employment, so it cannot safeguard its interests when organized.

The capitalist class—taking England just for illustration—forces their position on the workers because they have the legislative and administrative marching behind to back them up. The "Economic" organization threatening the Liberal party caused them to pass a Trades Disputes Bill, which made picketing legal. Since its passing dozens of strikers have been arrested for "assaulting" the police, obstruction and other causes (?). In other words the possession of political power enabled them to upset the position of affairs granted by political power. By the control of the political power the capitalist can do as he likes to "economic" organization. I intend giving a lengthy illustration to show my point.

It must be well within the memory of all Socialists and anarchists that the early part of last year there was some trouble between the French Government Postal employees and their bosses the French Capitalist Government. The employees "strikes." They were given the privilege of combination, though previously it had been denied them. They in addition demanded the dismissal of Mon. Symlan, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs. Their strike was in every sense successful. They had paralyzed all the machinery of communication, they played hell with all the press and commercial interests; and the French government gave in. Note too, that the Postal Employees Union was not a trades union, but was a Benefit Society, or what trades unions are to-day, social and coffin clubs. For a few days the Postal clerks were riding the high horse. Soon a change came over the scene and the men who had acted in our prominent capacity prior and during the strike were dismissed from work. Clemenceau did not dismiss Symlan. The "victorious" Postal clerks were extremely anxious to show that they were not prepared to be bossed by the Government and again they stepped out in the economic field to defy the master class. All the government did was to replace them by soldiers and sailors who had been specially trained to deal with such a situation should it occur. In fact the French Government actually forced the second strike. The fact was that little or no inconvenience was occasioned by the action of the postal employees. The latter went back to work wiser and better men. They then understood that it was simply a dodge that Clemenceau had played on them when he caved in at the first strike. He was in defeat, preparing his way for final and ultimate victory.

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Nevertheless the Stuttgart congress did discuss some matters of real import and interest to the working class. There was, for instance, the subject of the relation of the political to the industrial organizations.

But this year a sickish feeling creeps over one long before delegates put out to sea on their way to the International Congress. One feels very much as the dog must have felt when "Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard," and returned with empty hands.

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I shall take up these subjects in reverse order.

The seventh and sixth are too vague for our understanding as to what might be done about them.
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NOTE AND COMMENT.

The man who denies that labor power is a commodity subject to the same laws that govern all commodities is not a Socialist.

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Theoretically some of us thought this question was answered by the Communist Manifesto.

1. Relation between co-operative organizations and political parties.
With this the Bureau begins the agenda, and so it will probably be taken up first.

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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.

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 irrepressible conflict of interests between the capitalist and the worker is rapidly culminating in a struggle for possession of the reins 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 (natural resources, 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 add 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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Yours in revolt,
GEORGE S. YOUNG.

Men have outgrown the worthless creed
Which bade them deem it God's good will
That labour, sweat and starve, to fill
And glut the purse of idle greed.
They have outgrown the poor content
That breeds oppression. Forged by pain,
Mind links to mind in one great chain
Of protest and of argument.

And by the hand of progress hurried,
This mighty chain of human thought,
In silence and in anguish wrought,
Emcompasses the pulsing world.
And he who will not form a link
Of new conditions, soon to be,
Ere long must stand aghast, and see
Old systems tottering down the brink.

They cannot, and they shall not last.
The broader impulse of the day
Will gain and grow and sweep away
The rank injustice of the Past.
Let no man think he can despoil
And rob his kind by trick and fraud,
And at the last make peace with God
By tossing alms to honest toil.

The purport of the hour is vast.
The world wants justice. It demands
United hearts, united hands—
The day of charity is past.

More leisure for the selfish few,
More leisure for the burdened mass;
These things shall surely come to pass
As old conditions change to new.
They change through strain, and
Strike, and strife;
The worst but speeds the best best.
Work for all men—for all men rest;
And time to taste the joys of life.