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Vote Labor In The Federal Elections

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Working to Send Pritchard to Ottawa

Enthusiasm is the correct term to be used in connection with the election campaign in New Westminster. W. A. Pritchard's meetings are being well attended, in some cases there are overflow meetings. Quite a big band of workers have volunteered their services and are putting forth every effort to send Pritchard to Ottawa. If you reside in that community you still have time to take off your coat and work for Labor. Last year's election figures in New Westminster are going to be all upset this time, so don't vote for one of the old party candidates because you think Pritchard hasn't a chance. Among those who have addressed meetings on behalf of Pritchard are: Frank Browne, M.L.A., Harry Neelands, M.L.A., C. L. Gibbs, M.L.A., for Edmonton, Alta., Dick Burde, M.L.A., ex-Councillor Neville, Police Commissioner Bates, Councillor Gibbs, R. P. Pettipiece, D. McCormack and Ernest Burns. The campaign headquarters is at the New Market Building, Columbia Street, Telephone N.W. 2153.

Vote Away Poverty and All Its Evils

DON'T vote for an old party candidate because you think the LABOR candidate hasn't a chance to be elected. LABOR must win some time, why not help to make it NOW. Every vote given to the Labor candidate is a warning to the old parties that You are rebelling against the everyday uncertainty that faces you and your family while boasting plutocrats and politicians prate about Our Great National Wealth and OUR Country's Splendid Prosperity.

Even under the most favorable industrial conditions, YOU are ever faced with the fear of coming unemployment, or of some serious illness that will bring poverty to your midst. This suggestion immediately brings the idea of unemployment and health Insurance. Both the old parties are opposed to it. Labor applied to the natural resources produces all wealth and out of this wealth we ought to be secured from the cruel, ugly and deadly disaster of poverty.

Vote away poverty. Vote LABOR.

The regular business meeting of the South Vancouver Branch of the I. L. P. will be held in Campaign Headquarters, 45th and Fraser, on Monday, August 30th, at 8 p.m.

PRIVATE OWNERSHIP

Dealing with the natural resources question, Mr. Woodsworth says that behind the whole problem is the system of private ownership. The natural resources are the heritage of all the people, but the British Empire Steel Corporation and similar private institutions are only interested in profits; they are not interested in the welfare of the public or the miners who dig the coal. Industry is built up to such an extent, and the lives of the people are involved to such an extent that the natural resources of the country should not be developed by private interests for private gain.

All Ready for the Big Labor Day Celebration

One thousand dollars worth of prizes have been obtained by the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council for the big Labor Day Celebration at Hastings Park. A great many unions have entered teams for the sports, chief among these being the competition for the Tug-o-War Cup. The Musicians Union is supplying a big orchestra, the Theatrical Stage Employees are going to secure the services of artists from the local vaudeville theatres, the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union is supplying a big corps of men and women to feed the big crowd, and various other unions will participate in other features of the celebration. The big dance in the evening will provide another form of entertainment. Every ticket holder (50c) will not only get a free feed, but will get a chance in the drawing for the $60 suit of tailor-made clothes.

WOMEN WORKERS WANTED IN SOUTH VANCOUVER

Women members, supporters and sympathizers of the Independent Labor Party in South Vancouver are invited to attend a meeting at the home of Mrs. Alex. MacDonald, 132 47th Avenue West, at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, August 30th, for the purpose of arranging various activities in the campaign.

Campaign Information

For information regarding Labor Campaign, ring up the following:

Burrard — Central Headquarters, W. H. Cottrell, 801 Holden Building, Seymour 6182. Residence, Fair. 3578R.

Vancouver South—R. H. Neelands, Seymour 1546.

Vancouver North—H. C. Anderson, North 333.

New Westminster—Market Building, New West. 2153.

Sims, Labor Candidate, Active in King Riding

Cranbrook.—James Sims, Labor candidate in East Kootenay, is making an active campaign and is touring the constituency industriously. He has been in all parts of the riding in the last few days, accompanied by Tom Uphill, M.L.A., for Fernie, who spoke with him Thursday night at Moyie. Mr. Sims held a meeting in Cranbrook Thursday night. Next week R. M. Christophers, member for Rocky Mountain in the Alberta House, will address points in the eastern end of the constituency with Mr. Sims. His opponents are Hon. Dr. J. H. King, Liberal, and Dr. W. T. Rutledge, Conservative.

The propaganda of the tourist and sightseeing organizations inform all and sundry of the beauties of British Columbia. Your continuous toil does not permit you—a working resident of B. C.—to visit anything further away than some local beach. HOW much of life do you get for the TOIL you continuously perform?

Lefeaux Meetings

Tuesday, Aug. 31st — Capilano School House.

Tuesday, Aug. 31st—West Vancouver Municipal Hall.

Tuesday, Sept. 7th—Horticultural Hall, Lonsdale Ave.

Thursday, Sept. 9th — Empire Theatre, First St.

Labor Prospects Bright in Vancouver North

There isn't any doubt about the failure of the Conservative Party to capture the Vancouver North seat with millionaire McRae. He might have plenty of money to throw away but his Provincial Party efforts have lost him a great number of Conservative votes. But "good politicians" are a little scarce in the Conservative party and he was a "last chance." But the Liberal party is not in a much better position. McGeer has been foisted on Vancouver North to provide him with a seat for "services rendered." Donaghy did not want to go back to Ottawa so he is used as a straw man against Stevens, while the Liberal party machine tries to put McGeer over in Vancouver North. But the English Liberals—of whom there are a great many in Vancouver North—don't like those tactics and there may be a big enough sentiment towards Lefeaux, the Labor candidate, to elect him. The prospects are bright. Labor groups are working hard but there is room for more. What about YOU.

TIONAL BANKING

Canada should have a national system of banking. Banking is the lifeblood of modern commercial life, he said, and yet in the Dominion of Canada the money power of the country was in the hands of ten banks. Seventy per cent. is in the hands of four banks, centred in Eastern Canada. Those who control the banks control inflation and deflation which have such a great effect on the life of the country. Fundamentally, money should be in the hands of the people.—J. S. Woodsworth.

Why Should We Send Labor to Ottawa?

What's the use of sending a few Labor men to Parliament? That is a question often asked. It might be answered by another question: what is the use of not sending Labor men to Parliament? The latter is a harder question to answer.

If the wage-earners desire to have their voice heard on the floor of the House of Commons they must send their own representatives to Parliament. It is only by having their own representatives in the Commons that they can have any political power. They have no power at all if they send men to Parliament who are subject to the party caucus and steeped with party prejudice.

The workers of Canada with only two representatives in the past Commons had more political power than they have ever possessed before. In the independent position they were in the two Labor members were worth more to the workers of Canada than dozens of Liberal or Tory party puppets could have been. Only two men were able to force the Government and then Parliament to pass the old age pensions bill. If instead of the two Labor representatives there had been two more Liberals in Parliament, does any person seriously think that the old age pensions bill would have come before the House? Certainly not!

Labor men are foolish to get carried away with the idea that it is useless to send Labor men to Parliament. That is the only thing that is worth doing. That is the only way to have any power in the House of Commons. That should be apparent to any person who thinks.

Liberal Sentiment Swings to Labor Party

Sentiment against the Liberal Party for placing a candidate in the field in South Vancouver after the rank and file had made strenuous efforts to have its party leave the field to a fight between Labor and Conservative, is growing to such an extent, that Labor's chances of success are splendid. The quiet but very effective work that is being accomplished by the members and sympathizers of the Labor Party will put the finishing touches to the ousting of the Conservative candidate. A large number of workers who formerly voted the Liberal ticket, and who still have faith in the Liberal party, even though politicians instead of statesmen control its destiny, are lining themselves up and aiding in the Labor Party's campaign to send "Alf." Hurry to Ottawa. Efforts on the part of the Liberal party machine to stop this seems only to have added to the exodus to Labor. This condition of affairs, however, must not lead active Labor workers to imagine that they can quit their activities. Your efforts must go on till the ballots are counted.

Big Concert, Drawing and Bazaar, Sept. 8

The donations of goods published in this issue are for the Grand Concert and Bazaar to be held by the Canadian Labor Party in the I.O.O.F. Hall, 6th Avenue and Main Street, Vancouver, on Wednesday, September the 8th. The committee proposes to have 100 prizes, which includes a valuable radio set and many other useful prizes. Each ticket (50c) entiles the holder to participation in the drawing. If you want to help the campaign fund for Greater Vancouver, either send a gift for the Bazaar, buy some tickets, or send in a money donation. Note the date of the Concert and Bazaar, September the 8th.

The South Vancouver Male Choir will provide an entertainment at the C. L. P. Concert and Bazaar in the I.O.O.F. Hall on September 8th.

Enthuse a little, vote Labor.

Curry Meetings

Sunday, Aug. 29—Royal Theatre.
Friday, Sept. 3—Clinton Hall.
Sunday, Sept. 5—Royal Theatre.
Wednesday, Sept. 8—I. O. O. F. Hall, 6th and Main, concert and bazaar.
Thursday, Sept. 9—Gen. Gordon School.
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Canadian Labor Party

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DR. W. J. CURRY

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According to the board adjudicating the minimum wage for women, the average wage for adult female workers last year was $17.38 per week. If that is the average, the minimum must be small for some. With such a disgraceful wage being paid to women and girls is it any wonder that many girls go wrong.

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Premier John Oliver plans to go to Powell River to back up his freight-rate specialist, "Gerry," in the North Vancouver campaign. What we would like to know is, who is to foot the bill for his expenses in that connection? We do not object to the Premier or any of his coherts taking a holiday, especially for an indefinite period, but we do object to him spending his time electioneering when his services are required at Victoria. If any of the Chinamen digging ditches for Honest John, when he was farming in the Delta, were to take time off with pay, he would have been fired forthwith.

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We now learn that the Dominion Government is to become a partner with the U. S. Government in the task of enforcing prohibition in that country. At what time, we would like to know, was Canada consulted in the passing of the Volstead Act? Let the Canadian authorities mind its own business and leave the United States Government to wriggle itself out of its own mess.

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Chief among the standing jokes of the present Federal campaign is the announcement by the Conservative Party that it favors old age pensions. When we remember what the pensioned off Tory politicians in the Senate did to the Old Age Pension Bill of the last session, we are likely to believe them—provided we are first put to sleep. Apparently, their faith in the gullibility of the people is unbounded. If they can make the Canadian people believe that, they can make them believe anything.

Correspondence

Query re. Labor candidate in Alberni Riding

Labour Statesman:—

Editor,

Will you please inform the writer and others that might be interested, as to which candidate in the above riding that has the official labour endorsation and if such endorsation has the official sanction of the workers in that riding?

It might be noted here that it has been reported that two of the three candidates have the official endorsation of Labor. One from the C.L.P. at Victoria, and one, the Labor group at Alberni, Armishaw receives the Victoria endorsation, and Neill the Alberni.

Yours truly,
T. A. BARNARD,
Nanaimo, B. C., Aug. 21st, 1926.

Answer. Efforts made on the part of the Victoria Labor Party to have Mr. Armishaw endorsed by the B. C. Executive of the C.L.P., was turned down because the Victoria local has no standing, and is not affiliated with the C.L.P., although they use the name.

The Alberni District Branch of the Independent Labor Party has endorsed A. W. Neill. This organization is affiliated with the Canadian Labor Party and as this organization covers and has jurisdiction over the Comox-Alberni constituency, Mr. A. W. Neill has the only endorsation that can be recognized.

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Automobile Lodge 702, I. A. of M. — Meets every second and fourth Tuesday in Room 310 Holden Bldg. Pres. W. R. Walker; Sec., M. F. Beavis, 1222 Alberni.

Beverage Dispensers Union No. 676—meets second Sunday at 2 p.m. and the last Sunday in month at 8:00 p.m., at 441 Seymour St. President, W. H. Clancy; Secretary and Business Agent, T. J. Hanofin. Office: Room 5, Flack Block; Phones, Sey. 4783 and Bay. 1656-R. Hours, 9 to 12 a.m.

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Typographical Union, No. 226—President, C. S. Campbell; vice-president, R. Gouthro; Secretary-treasurer, R. H. Neelands, P.O. Box 66. Meets last Sunday of each month at 2 p.m., in Holden Building, 16 Hastings St. E.

The road to hell is thick with taxicabs.

Minimum Wage Board Hears Grievances

The principle items of interest during the hearing of evidence in relation to the wages and piece work pay received by employees engaged in the Fruit and Vegetable Canning Industry that met at the Court House on Friday, August 20th.

During the morning session—one of the representatives for the employees was disqualified on account of her being a shareholder in some canning company.

Mr. Watson, who represented the employers from the Abbotsford District, was emphatic in his commendation that the minimum wage act was an asset to the industry. Stating that some years, when he operated a plant in California, the introduction of a minimum wage act there proved a boon to the employers, and in fact stablized the industry. He also claimed that employees should receive the minimum wage in all cases, including piece workers, who were unable to earn the same by the piece work system. As a representative of the employers his remarks were very favorably received by the workers. Mr. Watson was heard in conversation with the manager or superintendent of the Western Packing Company, Mr. Waddy, during the noon recess and his remarks to this individual were more in line with the workers petition than in the interest of the concerns that had endeavored to extract the limit of energy from over-worked employees.

During the afternoon session—The Trades & Labor Council delegates held the floor at intervals, and submitted many charges laid by employees, chiefly against the Western Packing Company. They were also emphatic in their denunciation of the piece work system, and the over-time periods that employees were called upon to work. Here are a few of the charges laid against the Western Packing Company of Vancouver.

One employee worked 52 hours in five days and her cheque was $3.48, she also had $1.25 for meals making a total of $4.73. It was nothing to see two girls faint daily and sometimes as many as six. This, no doubt, would be due to the long hours of employment. It was very difficult to get a stool to sit on, and only by continued requests could the same be secured. In fact, when she had secured a box for that purpose, the floor lady sent a boy to get it stating that it was needed. It appeared that most companies provided a stool for each employee to be used at their own discretion, but it appeared that this was not the case with the Western Packing Company.

Another employee worked 37½ hours in four days and received $2.69 with meals at $1.40 making a total of $4.09.

Another worked 37¼ hours in three days and her total was $4.40.

Miss Hartley, who also was employed by the Western Packing Company, gave evidence substantiating the previous charges, also laying before the board her own case and the wages she received.

There was much discussion regarding the method of pinning the piece work cards on the back of the worker. And whereas it was in the opinion of the employers that it was the only method of keeping the cards free from fruit stains and readable, yet it was evident that some other system could be devised. As, for instance, exchange of metal discs. During this session, the Victoria manager was substituted for the Vancouver manager of the Western Packing Company, and the chairman, Mr. McNiven, remarked that the Victoria concern was in his opinion free from the accusation, as he was aware that the employees there were contented.

During the evening session. The forces supporting the employers were in evidence. The floor lady of the Dominion Packing Company referred to some dissatisfied employees as agitators. This remark drew the comment from the chairman that up to the present time personalities had not been in evidence, and he did not propose that they should now commence. The same remark was used later on by Mr. Waddy.

One girl gave evidence that she could earn the minimum wage while working piece work on any kind of fruit or vegetable, but the majority of evidence was over-whelming in support of the evidence submitted by those whose complaints have been recorded with the Trades & Labor Council.

In answer to a question, Mr. McNiven advised that it would not be necessary for an unanimous decision to be arrived at, although they have always had unanimous decisions rendered. Upon the question as to whether the over-time pay should commence at the expiration of ten hours or otherwise, the board was reminded by a delegate from the Trades and Labor Council that the eight-hour day act was effective for male employees, and in his opinion a recommendation along these lines could only be considered.

Child labor was condemned by the Trades & Labor Committee. The evidence pointing to girls from 10 years to 15 years working during the vacation period.

No doubt a great deal of good will result from the remedy to some of the defects of the Minimum Wage Act in the canning industry. And it behooves the employees to organize and protect the interest and the newly won conditions that the Trades & Labor Council were active in helping to secure.

At the close of the session, some employees were approached to form a union, and it is believed that by calling a mass meeting an organization can be started. May I reccommend that the committe who have been actively employed securing the evidence now turn their attention towards organization of these wage earners thereby completing the good work that they have undertaken.

HARRY WOOD.

An Ideal Situation--- for Party Politicians

Working people who are making a study of the political situation in Canada today will agree with the view of J. S. Woodsworth when he told an Edmonton audience that the two old party leaders are in the present campaign avoiding a discussion of the real problems that face the people of the Dominion at this time. Important as the constitutional question is, and as rotten as the customs scandal is, there are things that are infinitely more important to the mass of the people; things that are not being discussed at all by the leaders of the two old parties, one of whom will be the Premier of Canada after September 14.

Whether the status of Canada suffered by the action of the Governor-General or not, and regardless of who is to blame for the putrid conditions which existed in the customs department, the claims of Mr. Meighen or Mr. King with regard to those questions have very little to do with the social and economic welfare of the people of the Dominion. There are still families in want because of unemployment and low wages; there are still warehouses full of goods while children go without proper clothing or nourishing food; there are still the monopolies, the Bescos and the domination of the money kings. But those things do not interest Mr. Meighen or Mr. King.

It is an ideal political situation for them, for have not both a perfectly good smoke screen for their lack of policy? Do not the constitutional question and the customs scandal provide talking points which eliminate the necessity of dealing with things that really count to the farmers and wage-earners of the country? And if the minds of the people can be filled to overflowing with the sordid details of the customs probe, and incensed over the alleged constitutional blunder of the Governor-General, then they will not have time to ask embarrassing questions about more serious things. Truly it is an ideal political situation—for the old party politicians.—Alberta Labor News.

FORGING AHEAD

The agitation for the 44-hour week is now spreading to the State of Victoria. With the shorter working week widely established in all the other States, it should not be long before the unions in Victoria enforce it also, and thus make it universal throughout the Commonwealth of Australia.

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Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes, and which is not timberland, i.e., carrying over 8,000 board feet per acre west of the Coast Range and 5,000 feet per acre east of that Range.

Applications for pre-emptions are to be addressed to the Land Commissioner of the Land Recording Division, in which the land applied for is situated, and are made on printed forms, copies of which can be obtained from the Land Commissioner.

Pre-emptions must be occupied for five years and improvements made to value of $10 per acre, including clearing and cultivating at least five acres, before a Crown Grant can be received.

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CONTRASTING POLICIES

Two significant interviews appeared in the local press within a week. Mr. J. J. Davis, secretary of Labor in the Coolidge cabinet, speaking in Vancouver, after referring to the undesirable effects of Mexican low wage Labor, goes on to say: "At the time our immigration law (the quota law) went into effect there were 5,000,000 immigrants waiting to come to our country. There is no doubt but our law had also a stabilizing effect on Europe as it said to intending immigrants: 'Stay in your own country.'

"The basis of the prosperity of the United States is high wages, and had those 5,000,000 come to the United States they would have undermined our industrial life. Show me a low-wage paying country and I will show you a country torn by strife between Labor and capital, and a vast body of discontented people."

This comes very close to the position taken by Canadian Labor, as to the relationship of immigration to low wages and unemployment, and the relationship of these latter conditions to national well-being.

The following day Mr. W. D. Robb, a gentleman employed by the Canadian Government Railways, under a Montreal head-line, is quoted as follows:

"The prime purpose of my visit to Great Britain and the Continent has been to see what can be done to stimulate British emigration. I am happy to say that with plans now under way in Europe for our organization for the next year, we will see a marked stimulus of British as well as Scandinavian help.

"Started by Dr. Black a few months before my last visit to Great Britain two years ago, our Department now has offices established in London, Liverpool, Glasgow, Copenhagen, Oslo and Rotterdam, and under the Continental agreement with the Canadian Government we have certificate-issuing officers in the Central European countries. We will be helped greatly in maintaining that flow of British stock so essential to our welfare."

The American statement is clear cut and understandable and deals with native labor as a thing deserving of protection, and looks to building up a healthy prosperous patriotic nation by guarding the standard of living of the working class. The Canadian statement opens with a falsehood and closes with a defiance and a lie. A visit to the Continent of Europe is not for the purpose of stimulating "British emigration" and the "our" welfare that is promoted by keeping up the flow of immigration either from London or from "Central European countries" is that of the employing class, not the Canadian people. The Canadian policy is to drive down the standard of living of the wage worker to the level of that of Continental Europe. The American policy is to maintain the standard of living at the highest level possible. The results of the Canadian policy of spending three million dollars a year on immigration is that it drives out its own sons and daughters and those who have been here many years trying to make a home. The American policy results in retaining their own people, and compels them to spend millions per year to fight off the hoards of immigrants that would flood the country if permitted. By giving residence and citizenship a value, the United States becomes desirable to the restless of other lands. Canada offers, and begs, and promises, to lure the immigrant in, but cannot keep him when it gets him. The American Government has been compelled to put the quota law into operation at every gate on the Canadian border, to keep out the European immigrants that have found Canada "a land of broken promises."

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Mr. H. H. Stevens charges a particularly heinous crime to his predecessor in the Customs Department. Among half a dozen other named varieties of undesirables engaged, he specifies one person whose crime was that he was seventy years old. This, taken together with Tory Senate's defeat of the Old Age Pensions Bill, would indicate that there won't be room for an old person in a Tory Canada. But, by the way, as Mr. Steven's colleague in the Cabinet, Mr. Black, the Minister of Railways, is eighty years old, we would like to know whether the Minister of Railway's job is easier than watchman on a wharf where customs goods are landed, or possibly Mr. Beattie of the C. P. R. will handle all the heavier portion of the Hon. Mr. Black's duties as Minister of Railways.

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General A. D. McRae tells us how undesirable third parties and 'group' government is, and how very necessary it is to have two political parties only. Up until a little over a year ago, Mr. McRae was the king pin of an attempt to start a third party and establish a group government in this Province. Assuming that General McRae really knows what he believes—which is not by any means sure—we must accept his last evidence as being his true opinion, and unless the man is a kind of political jumping jack, it now develops that his provincial party activity was merely a scheme to hi-jack a movement which in the hands of the farmer might become troublesome.

—M.

Unemployment, Sickness and Disability Insurance

(By Alfred Hurry)

"The plain-minded person accuses Dick Turpin of consuming the means of other people's livelihood; but, says Dick, 'observe how beneficial I am with that which I have.' 'Oh!' says the plain-minded person, 'but how did you get it?' 'The question,' says Dick, 'is insidious and irrevelant.' "—John Ruskin.

Now that the election campaign is in full swing it must be clear to the most casual observer that there is some reason for the existence of three parties in the field.

An explanation can only be found in the fact (at present) of three divisions in society—the upper, middle, and lower classes, so called.

The Conservative, with all the eloquence at his commond, will appeal to the workers on the assumption that he is the appointed Moses to lead them out of the wilderness of their social and industrial bondage.

Their desire for the continuance of our present industrial chaos is the negation of all progress. Their attitude demonstrates "the exception which proves the rule" that "there is nothing so constant as change."

"Conservatism," said Gladstone, "is the Mule of Politics which reproduces nothing."

The Liberal, with equal eloquence, will plead for your support on the grounds of past achievements, generally asserting there is little difference between the platforms of either Liberal or Labor.

They have adopted many of Labor's long-standing "planks" for the purpose of securing the worker's support, but their ultimate goal is the direct opposite to that of Labor—the one for free competition, the other for co-operation.

Liberalism found its highest expression in the 19th Century in the doctrine of "Laissez Faire" (free competition), and produced such conditions which made it necessary to pass "Factory Acts" for the protection of the workers.

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

Some of Labor's Aims

The program of the Canadian Labor Party seeks the passage of social legislation or any measure which will give to the workers a greater security in the means of social comfort, and more leisure to enjoy those things which tend toward a fuller measure of physical and mental development, and includes:

Federal Old Age Pensions based upon a recognition of the duty of the State to render to those workers who have given their energies during their best years;—a just compensation and suitable protection in their declining days.

A substantial reduction in the age limit and increase in amount awarded.

Insurance against unemployment, sickness and disability.

Criminal Code and Immigration Act Amendments.

Restoration of the rights of free speech and Press and trial by jury to British-born Canadian citizens.

The right of organization, and peaceful picketing during an industrial dispute.

Abolition of the Senate.

The abolition of the Senate as a non-elective body, or,

The curtailment of the Senate power of veto by the passage of legislation, making it possible to place on the Statutes any measure having passed the House of Commons three times.

Production For Use

We again reaffirm our attitude in favor of the abolition of competitive chaos and the establishment of the industrial commonwealth with production for use instead of for profit.

The substitution of the free use of the bounties of the earth for those who toil by hand or brain.

This can only be accomplished by a continual increase in Labor representation by members of the working class.

Vote the Labor Ticket and Canada for the Workers.

Collective Ownership of Things Collectively Used

By W. A. Pritchard

With the warming up of the campaign, battle-crys or slogans appear in increasing numbers, hurled about with gusto by the politicals of the old schools, until one might well consider the unfortunate electors as being likely to suffer death (politically) by suffocation.

It is peculiar, at this time, that amongst these slogans should be discovered some, issued by both old parties, to which the Labor Movement could not conscientously offer objection. Thus when we are informed that the Conservative Party is the party of the people and stands for "Canada for Canadians," and, on the other hand, that the Liberal Party is the party of progress and liberty, and stands for "Canada for All Canadians—not a few," we are almost tempted to suggest that the Labor Party sink its identity in one or other of these parties; or to be even more logical in the premises, suggest ways and means for doing away with all three groups since they are so obviously in agreement on such a fundamental question as to whom this Dominion of Canada should belong.

But, said to relate, these beautiful sentiments are intended by both Conservative and Liberal to remain sentiment only. Since the greater portion of the electorate in any constituency is made up of working people, some catchy appeal becomes a necessity to both old parties in the great game of dangling sucker bait at election time. Certain it is, that there is nothing in the records of either one that would suggest that they intended to translate the sentiments of their slogans into Fact.

It ought to be obvious to the dullest witted that the Conservative Party seeks the protection of big business and high finance, while, to take but one insigle instance, the Liberal Party, through the much-vaunted Australian Treaty, sacrificed the interests of Canadian citizens—small producers in the Fraser Valley—in order that protection could be granted to the American owners of Canadian wood-pulp and news-print mills.

"Canada for the Canadians" is a pretty sentiment. It is more: It is an objective worth striving for; an ideal which, when attained, would make this country fit for men and women to live and work in—fit for children to be born and raised in.

The only complaint of the Labor Party on this score against the other parties is that the slogans are intended to do duty only at election time. A sad awakening will be the portion of the deluded worker who listens to any such siren calls, for they are not intended to be taken seriously; neither Liberal or Conservative means what he says:

Only in the program of the party of the workers can there be found any indication that "Canada for Canadians" can be made a living reality. For beyond and above those measures that we are desirous of making effective here and now: Real Old Age Pensions, Health Insurance, Unemployment Relief, Measures for the Protection of Life and Limb of the Worker in Industry, etc., looms the only full and complete solution of our many ills that arise from the modern wasteful competitive system, known as Capitalism, not only for this country of Canada, but for all countries where modern commercialism holds its strangling grip upon the lives of the people: The Land and its Resources, Together with the Economic Equipment, shall be owned and Controlled by the People.

That is the Labor Party's ultimate goal. Only in and through that party lies any hope that "Canada for Canadians" shall ever be more than mere lip service.

Help to make its attainment easier; help to make it possible in the years to come to make the sentiment "Canada for Canadians" a Fact.

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Labor Has Real Solutions To Economic Problems

By W. W. Lefeaux.

The Canadian Labor Party is different—different in more than one sense from the old political parties. In the first place it is composed of delegates from various political and industrial organizations of the workers and has no individual members and secondly it does not pretend to represent the immediate political interest of everybody.

All political parties and movements of any size in history have been based upon some economic and material interest which can be plainly discerned if the social conditions at that particular time are carefully looked into. Likewise with the Canadian Labor Party. We differ from the other parties particularly in this that we admit that we represent the economic interests of the actual workers and producers and we go so far as to claim, that all capital has been produced and is being continually reproduced by labor only and that if to Caesar were rendered all the things that are Caesar's and to Labor all things that are Labor's, the problems of unemployment, starvation and economic uncertainty in the midst of plenty would be solved.

The Red Herrings

Conservatives and Liberals alike profess to be specially mindful at this time of the interests of the workers in all fields of industry; jobs are to be made plentiful; prices for fish, logs and farm produce are to go up, industrial commodities to be protected by higher tariffs and the cost of living to come down; and general prosperity is promised liberally with tremendous force and assertion if we will only return which ever party happens to be on the platform. The laws of hypnotism and suggestion are brought to bear upon the voters and we have the spectacle of numerous members of the working class fully persuaded and conscientously believing that either the Conservative or the Liberal Party holds the key to the relief from the almost unbearable economic strain under which the workers without exception are passing their short span. Reason and apparently experience do not count. Hypnotism and custom explain much.

Immigration

We are absolutely opposed to bonused and assisted immigration in any form. This amounts to a bonus upon the importation of the only commodity that the worker has to sell—his ability to work, sometimes coined into the form of fish, logs and farm products. If the industrial and economic conditions of this country for the worker are so good that his standard of living is noticeably higher than that of other countries then immigrants will apply for admission of their own volition. If it is necessary to bonus them and hold out artificial inducements for them to come here that is sufficient proof that the conditions of those already here in the market are not very good. No further demonstration of this should be necessary than the present condition of the labor market in Canada.

Tariffs

The pretended difference between the Conservative low-high tariff and the Liberal high-low tariff does not excite us. If we have more factories we know that more packets of labor will import themselves and be imported cycles of unemployment will be more marked. We can see no solution of the problems of industrialism by artificially creating more industrialism. We are not speaking from the point of view of real estate agents, manufacturers' associations and chambers of commerce. If more industries are what we want, then Chicago, Birmingham and Berlin should be Eldorados for workers. With the natural increase of population industries will develop upon a healthy basis and we have no desire to arrest their growth but we must again remind our fellow workers that large populations do not spell comfort for the workers.

Logging, Mining and Fishing

The natural resources of this country must be preserved for the benefit of the people. If the high-lead in logging and the purse-seine in fishing are uneconomically destructive then the high-lead and the purse-seine must go. We do not see any real solution to the problems of these industries until such time as the people as a whole take charge of them and exploit them for the benefit of the people, but in the meantime our task is to find the best means of advancing the interests of the workers in these various industries and to make the passing exploitation of capital as little destructive of our natural resources and the spirit of the workers as possible. Capitalism apparently must go through. Why not control it and dictate terms to it instead of having it control and destroy us?

Customs and Graft Scandals

Of most concern to us is the BIG GRAFT of wagedom and capital. Someday we hope to be able to give it surgical attention but in the meantime we have to face the smaller scandals and see what they mean to labor.

We do not doubt but that the two old political parties tell the truth about each other in these matters and without speaking too loudly, lest the successors of the Royal North West Mounted Police Secret Service Deparment should hear us, we have a kind of a lurking suspicion that our good old Constitution is sometimes somewhat endangered by our patriotic and faithful politicians, when necessary to save the country from the other fellow. Some of us remember the arrests at Winnipeg.

We have only one question to ask both parties and that is why are not those concerned arrested by the police and with all their associates, accomplices and correspondents, etc., charged with conspiracy to defraud the State and bring the country to a condition of anarchy? Should not all the forces of the State be invoked to root out such pilfering of the treasury? If we go on strike it takes no time to lodge a charge of seditious conspiracy or conspiracy to injure business. Of course we are all governed by the same law, but.

Public departments should be in charge of a properly organized civil service. The patronage system of this country is a disgrace even to capitalism and we insist upon its abolition.

Imperial Relations

We are strongly against being tied to the usual results of Imperialist Capitalism. If no alternative to our being carried into wars in which we have no interest can be found, then those ties must be altered. In common with the workers of all countries we are against militarism in any form and will not assist in the exploitation of subject peoples. We are convinced that World Peace will only be effected through the workers of the world, and to that end we favor active co-operation with the workers of all nations. In the meantime, should we again become involved in war, we advocate the immediate conscription of all wealth as a first step for it is the wealth of the country that has to be protected.

Legislation required immediately

1. Amendment of the Immigration Act, repealing the provision for the deportation of British subjects (other than Canadian born and naturalized) without proper trial.
2. Amendment of Criminal code repealing alterations made during the panicky session of 1919 dealing with the sections referring to sedition.
3. Amendment of Criminal Code so as to make it impossible for the Courts to interpret section 501 as making Peaceful Picketing a criminal offence.
4. Old Age Pensions now.
5. Abolition of the Senate.
6. Unemployment Insurance.
7. Reduction of Election deposit.

We have nothing to hope for from either a Liberal or Conservative administration except such concessions as we may be in a position to demand should labor again hold the balance of power. Conservatives and Liberals alike use the armed forces of the Crown to suppress strikes whenever they consider it necessary. Both parties are alike profuse with their promises and expressions of affection for labor before polling day and hasten to forget as soon as elected. The farmers and workers of the prairie provinces have shown their realization of this characteristic of the old parties and British Columbia—the Far West Radical province—has been left behind. We have a big stride to make to regain our lead. Let's make it. We can!

Old Age Pensions Issue

By Robert Skinner. (Spud Tamson.)

There seems to be some uncertainty in the minds of most people regarding what actually took place in both the House of Commons and the Senate in connection with Old Age Pensions Bill and few know where to place the blame. That the Conservative party was, and is, opposed to the Old Age Pensins Bill may be demonstrated by the actions and words of members who do not depend on working class districts for support. The following quotations are from Hansard and are official reports:

Thus, Sir Henry Drayton, acting Prime Minister at present. "I am not at all certain that it is a good thing. . . . This is certainly a Provincial matter. . . . The sole reason nothing was done was that none of the Provinces wanted it and today, with the exception of probably one (B. C.), none of the Provinces want it."

And listen to Arthur Meighen during the debate on Old Age Pensions, April 14th, 1926. Quoth he: "The man who when he arrives at old age is unable to earn a living may be blameless if he cannot support himself, but there is a presumption that in many cases this condition is due to his own fault, and very often it is, in fact. . . ." (This appears to be a poor excuse for the opposition).

Mr. Heaps, Labor member for Winnipeg, addressing Mr. H. H. Stevens, Vancouver Centre: "Will the Hon. Member recommend his own party in the Senate to pass the bill?" H. H. Stevens: "As far as I am concerned, I will recommend the Senate to pass an old age pensions bill that will be useful and effective." (Note the evasion).

Mr. Cahan, another good Conservative: Mr. Chairman I am altogether opposed to the scheme of old age pensions."

Let us take a peep behind the scenes at the Senate. The Senate consists of 96 seats. At the meeting where the Old Age Pensions Bill was turned down the standing of that body was as follows:

Conservative Senators	52
Liberal Senators	40
Vacancies	3
Chairman	1
	96

There were, therefore, 92 Senators eligible to vote. Nine Conservatives and ten Liberals were absent from the House, probably because they did not wish to be mixed up in the controversy which was sure to follow. Seven Liberal Senators were in the House but refused to vote, and that of course is considered as a vote against the measure by all who know Parliamentary procedure. The result of the vote was: 42 Conservatives against the bill and one for the bill; 20 Liberals for the bill and three against the bill.

Mr. A. W. Neill (Comox-Alberni), who has been endorsed by the Labor Party for the coming fight, said in the House of Commons, January 14, 1926: "When the bill came before the House I cannot say it was welcomed with acclamation by the Conservative Party. I took down some of the language used. One hon. member stated that the bill was utterly disappointing. Another alluded to it as absurd; another called it a washout, and another stated the bill was abortive. The Conservative Party claim to be in favor of old age pensions, their actions in the House of Commons belie that."

The Liberals claim that they were responsible for the legislation. The action of their old age pensioners in the Senate refute that. The real reason for the passage of the bill in the Commons was because LABOR and Progressive members who really wanted old age pensions to become law, and who held the balance of power in the house, pressed the matter, and the Senate, responsible to nobody, was the body called upon to kill the bill.

The Provinces are not opposed to the old age pension, but they are opposed to having to provide half the finances, as the Liberal Bill proposed. The Provinces are of the opinion that the Federal Government should finance the whole thing.

Mr. Workingman. The party who stands for the abolition of the Senate is THE LABOR PARTY. The party seeking to place Old Age Pensions, Unemployed Insurance, and Health Insurance, etc., on the Statute Books of this country is THE LABOR PARTY. Remember a vote against the Labor candidate is a vote against that very necessary legislation. If you earn your living by the sweat of your brow there is only one way for you to vote and that is LABOR.

The Labor Party and The Problems of Life

By W. J. Curry

"Let us speak plain: There is more force in names.
Than most men dream of; and a lie may keep
Its throne a whole age longer, if it skulk
Behind the shield of some fair-seeming name.
For men in earnest have no time to waste,
In patching fig-leaves for the naked truth."

I make no apology for quoting one of the real poets, for they are of the blood and spirit of the old rebel prophets, who fought and suffered in the cause of social justice.

When the institutions of education including the press, the schools, and the political arenas, are controlled by the class which lives on the back of the producers, how can we expect the masses to use the ballot intelligently, and how can we expect democracy today to be more than a mask, which hides the form, and face of capitalist dictatorship?

A few days ago, a worker, with a dog, said to me" that dog does his best to get rid of his parasites, but wage-slaves, especially those with white collars and bobbed hair, on election days, do their damnest to keep theirs on," for the dog had started to scratch.

Among other issues such as constitutionality, customs scandals, etc., we find the leading statesmen of this province once more using the old football of tariff reform in their sham battle for votes, and a position in Parliament.

Not so many years ago, the "full dinner pail," sometimes termed the fool dinner pail, brought success to one of the two political sections of corporation rule.

What has tariff reform to do with the workers, for those who, when they can, sell their life forces, their labor power for what on the average is but a slaves portion? Many puffed up electors object to the word 'slave' but President John Adams over a century ago understood, when he said: "In some lands, the poor workers are called slaves, in others they are called free men, but what difference is there is an employer say, with ence is there in an employer say, with which they buy the necessities of life, or whether he gives them these things at short hand."

Capitalism has fulfilled its historic mission, it has solved the problem of production, and made possible the unity of the world's workers, and a change from capitalism to industrial democracy.

With the ever increasing productivity of labor, due to the evolution of the machine, unemployment has, must ever increase, because the ever-increasing volume of wealth, which the masses have not the power to buy, or consume, brings over-production, and the closing down of industries. What has tariff reform, or bootleg scandals to do with this problem of life, or death of millions?

The fact is that business interests, and not politicians are behind the fluctuations of tariff adjustments. The U.S.A. stands for high protection and in spite of the liberal wages enjoyed by labor aristocrats, there is always on the average 5 million out of work in that country.

Britain stands for free trade. Before the Great Strike, the army of unemployed numbered nearly two million, today this miserable mass of humanity is nearly double that number.

Under the Dawes Plan, today in Germany, two and a half millions are now out of work, and yet for low wages and efficiency, these special victims of the Great War, and the shylocks of Wall Street have about reached the limit.

Capitalism reached the summit of its development in supplying the demands for the Great War, its "stabilization" has been that of steady decline, which can only result in revolutionary changes, through the power of labor, for the impulse to live is the first law of nature.

In Vancouver, our department stores are enlarging their premises, while the small business man goes bankrupt. The corporations which can produce, market at the lowest price get the trade, and today capitalism has invaded the Orient with its teeming millions representing the lowest living standards on earth. Millions of these people are now operating the most efficient machinery known, and the products of these millions or industrial slaves are being thrown into the world's markets, and displacing Western products.

In Britain, this new phase of capitalism is the force behind the closing down of the mines, and industries and only the nationalization and production for use instead of for dividends and royalties, can save the situation, and bring industrial peace and progress.

With our Federal politicians representing capital, "Asiatic Exclusion" is another football used in the sham battl efor votes. Will any of these gentlemen tell us how he can exclude Asiatic labor imported in the form of textiles, and other commodities?

The following shows Imperialistic capitalism rules so many backward nations. Last spring, Tom Johnson, M.P., and John Sims, the secretary of the Union of Jute and Flax Workers of Dundee, Scotland, and others formed a delegation, which was sent to India to investigate the textile industries of that country.

It was shown that millions of capital, partly in the form of looms, and spindles has been transferred from the manufacturing centres of Britain to Bombay, and other cities of India and of China.

In the Jute mills of Bombay the average worker has an annual wage of a little more than $60.00 per year, or $5.00 per month. Men, women, and children work long hours under horrible conditions, and yet the profits which go to the capitalist from each worker in these "mills of Mammon" is $500.00 per year, and dividends in three jute mills visited were known to be over 130 per cent. in 1924.

The Kinanson Mill paid profits of 400 per cent. on their stock, and these patriotic gentlemen reap the reward of 400 per cent. in dividends, as profiteers during the Great War for "Self determination, etc."

The report states that the "authorities have planted opium, and alcohol shops all over the mill area, and most of the workers live in plaster and mud huts, in unsanitary and revolting conditions. Among these there isno school, and organization attempted by members of the delegation was not allowed to proceed."

The upheaval in China, the frequent rebellions in India, the conflicts in Morocco, Syria, and Egypt, are the result of this invasion by the shylocks of capitalism, who put up a patriotic howl that the workers of Russia send sustenance to the locked out miners of Great Britain

Who can best represent labor, the cnadidates who base their activities on understanding, and on the fearless presentation of these facts, or those who camouflage the world's problems by false issues, or by mudslinging contests to secure votes?

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BY F. W. MOORE

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He can afford to be nice as long as his obedient children do what they are told. He is not a bad fellow at heart, since he is not responsible for the confidence system any more than the rest of us are for the existence of slavery. People call him, behind his back, of course, "Old Money-Bags." And if you don't uphold Mr. Money-bags as represented by one or other of the old parties, you may be possibly made aware of a furtive pressure of the iron hand which may crush the trifling and yet comparatively important favors that might have flowed your way—favours made possible by the huge store of wealth the class of workers lost in the confidence game—wealth that would be tremendously increased if there were no need of its curtailment in accordance with the limited purchasing power of the people in buying back what they themselves had produced (Henry Ford knows all about that), for our system of production is one that primarily functions for profits and only secondarily for use. And, of course, profits, meaning gain resulting from the employment of capital, but more especially "surplus values" retained by the employer at the point of production, imply a vice-like grip on the means of life. Hence the class to which they accrue have power that is virtually a dictatorship, not only in Canada but all over the civilized world.

It is to make a beginning in changing this system that the Labour Party is trying to send men to the Dominion Parliament. We are now in the midst of a political campaign. The cohorts of the dictator under different names are already in the field. The puny forces of Labour—the prototypes of the conquering hordes that will bring freedom to the human race, have also donned their political war-paint, but they are moving to the front without the metaphorical and all-powerful artillery manufactured in the confidence foundry, and called by the unsophisticated, a campaign fund. This is a deplorable defect and must be compensated by enthusiasm. Hundreds of good Labor men imagine they are throwing away their votes if there is not a reasonable certainty of returning a Labor candidate, and then as if to convert the imagination into a reality they immediately proceed to throw them away on one of the old parties. They forget that an increase in the number of Labor votes, apart from the winning of a seat in parliament, gives great encouragement to the adolescent Labor giant.

Then, again, is not every family man willing to make a sacrifice so that his children may be better off than himself? Yet, the one great means of benefitting the aggregate children of the country has been sadly neglected for generations. The Canadian Dictator probably does the best he can under adverse circumstances, for he dares not give children the education that might result in the overthrow of the system of profits, and for that very reason he must be eventually overthrown. Why not begin the process here and now by sending a Labor contingent to parliament? That party alone is capable of developing into a legislative body that will work in the interests of all people. It alone can permanently improve the lot of the rising generation. Vote for Labor, therefore, and help to overturn not only the Canadian but all other dictators.

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HOME-BREWED beer can be actually dangerous to those who drink it, for the home brewer works by rule of thumb, perforce, and usually has no acquaintance with or control over the complex physical and chemical reactions that take place in the brewing of beer. Pure beer can only be made in a modern brewery by scientifically trained brewmasters who have at their disposal the most modern equipment and who are bound by the most exacting standards.

THE same materials which, in a modern brewery, are made into pure, healthful beer, can become, in the hands of a home brewer, a raw, incompletely fermented, indigestible and harmful mixture unfit for consumption. But where an established brewery uses only the highest grade of material—malt and hops—tested for purity, the home brewer is forced to purchase in stores imported syrup concoctions of inferior malt and low-grade hop extracts frequently blended with synthetic essences. The product of such mixtures is always harmful to the stomach and digestive system and dangerous to drink for any length of time.

THE home brewer is hampered not only by lack of knowledge of the science of brewing, but home equipment does not include the elaborate plant necessary for prolonged sterilization and filtering to assure a pure, healthful beer free from bacterial infection. In beer that is the product of a perfectly equipped brewery all fermentation is complete; in home-brewed beer fermentation continues, and continues after it is consumed. It is really an explosive mixture, whether in your stomach or in the bottle, as shown by the way in which bottles explode and tops are blown off.

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Political Intrigue Holds Up Session

Robert Gardiner, M.P., of the U. F. A., in his annual address, went into detail with regard to the work of the members at Ottawa during the lifetime of the recent Parliament. He outlined the endeavors of the U. F. A. members to work out a system of legislative co-operation, on a basis of legislation alone, and showed the gains in good legislation that had accrued from that endeavor.

The best results have been baulked, however, through political maroeuvering on the part of both old line parties, and the waste of time in this regard, was a disgrace to the nation.

Must Retain Identity as a Group

The Progressive group had been almost split several times through this manoeuvring, and the need for some co-ordinating influence had been demonstrated. He showed clearly that if the best results are to be obtained, the U. F. A. members would have to retain their own identity as a group, and working together as a legislative unit, refuse to be drawn into any entangling alliances on purely political grounds. Legislation, and legislation alone must be the basis of any co-operation with other groups, and the spirit and letter of the U. F. A. principles, rigidly adhered to, provided the only safe course for elected U. F. A. members to follow.

Cleared Away Mist of Political Intrigue

Mr. Gardiner made no excusees, used no whitewash, dealt simply and frankly with the whole situation, and at the close of his address, those present felt that facts hitherto unreported in the daily press but now presented in lucid manner cleared up the mists of political intrigue in a way that convinvced delegates that the old party system, as a means of carrying on the business of the country, has become a disgraceful farce.

"I will say this," said Mr. Gardiner, "that had Parliament been permitted to carry out a legislative program alone, all that had been accomplished in the six months of the duration of the session could have easily been completed in one month, or apart from the time involved in the debate on the speech from the throne, the members working hard, could have finished it all in three weeks' time."

LAKEMAN NOMINATED TO CONTEST EDMONTON.

J. Lakeman, President of the Edmonton Central Council of the Canadian Labor Party, was chosen by convention to be the standard-bearer of the C.L.P. in the Federal election in East Edmonton constituency. Mr. Lakeman was successful in defeating E. E. Owen and A. Mogridge on the first ballot. Six hundred votes were cast, more than three hundred going to the successful candidate.

STRAIGHT FIGHT FOR LABOR IN EAST CALGARY

Alderman H. B. Adshead was chosen by the Canadian Labor Party Nominating Convention held in Calgary, to contest the constituency of East Calgary in the coming Federal election. He will have a straight fight with a Conservative. He is endorsed by the U. F. A. and the Liberals will not contest. This seat was formerly held by W. Irvine on the Labor ticket.

Unearned Royalties for British Church

(By Carl Haessler)

Chicago—(F.P.)—The Church of England sweats unearned income to the tune of over one and three-quarter million dollars a year from the underpaid miners of Great Britain. It is the largest royalty collector and the biggest drag on the coal industry.

This appears from the radio talk broadcast over the Chicago Federation of Labor station WCFL by Paul McKenna of the executive of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain and a member of the mission that recently landed in America to stimulate Labor's interest in this country in the life and death struggle of his union. The British miner has been on strike since May 1st against a wage cut and longer working day. American coal exports to England are a growing adverse factor in the struggle, McKenna admits.

The owners are usually a separate class from the operators in England, McKenna points out. The operators make their profit if they can but the owners collect fixed sums in royalty on every ton of coal brought to the surface and in addition they often charge extra sums known as way leaves for the privilege of carting the coal over their land.

The most swollen royalty collectors listed by McKenna in his radio talk are:

Annual Way Leaves and Coal Royalties

Ecclesiastical Commissioners (Church of England)	$1,850,000
Marquis of Bute	593,960
Duke of Hamilton	568,965
Lord Tredegar	419,135
Duke of Northumberland	412,250

McKenna and his companions on the American mission have divided the country and are rushing through their work, as they plan to be back in England for the opening of the momentous British Trades Union Congress at Bournemouth, September 6th. At that time the entire policy of the suddenly called off strike in support of the miners will be reviewed and the miners' struggle, which will then have been on for over four months, will be an absorbing topic.

Attempt to Block Relief for Miners

Washington, D.C.—The long arm of Great Britain's Tory government was stretched across the Atlantic last week in an effort to stifle the British coal miners' plea for help from America, says Labor.

As the miners' delegation, headed by Ben Tillett, veteran leader of the Dockers' Union, and "Wee Ellen" Wilkinson, Labor member of parliament, was lading in New York, Premier Baldwin gave out a statement in London declaring that tales of suffering among British miners were greatly exaggerated and insisting that the miners' children were being cared for.

"It is a frigid falsehood," said Tillett when his attention was called to Baldwin's statement. The old Labor leader's eyes blazed with wrath.

Amazed at Baldwin's Act

"It is difficult for me to believe that Baldwin, much as he desires to crush the British Labor movement, could bring himself to utter such a lie.

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Mistress and maid were engaged in a battle of tongues.

"How dare you talk to me that way?" the mistress demanded. "I never heard such impudence. You have a lot of nerve to call yourself a lady's maid."

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Augu. 30—G.W.V.A. Hall, Joyce and Kingsway.
Aug. 31.—Norquay School, Slocan St.
Sept. 1.—Selkirk School, Cedar Cottage.
Sept. 2.—Tecumseh School, Forty-third Avenue.
Sept. 7.—McBride School, Twenty-seventh Avenue.
Sept. 8.—Bazaar, I.O.O.F. Hall, Mount Pleasant.
Sept. 9.—Vocational Building, University, Pt. Grey.
Sept. 10.—Sexsmith Scool, Foot Ontario Street.
Sept. 13.—Municipal Hall, South Vancouver.
Other metings will be announced from time to time.

Campaign Meetings in New Westminster

To be addressed by W. A. Pritchard, the Labor candidate for that constituency.

Friday, Aug. 27th.—Edmonds, Public Hall.
Saturday, Aug. 28th.—South Westminster School.
Sunday, Aug. 29th.—New Westminster, Edison Theatre.
Monday Aug. 30th.—Capitol Hill, Community Hall; Douglas Road, School.
Tuesday, Aug. 31st.—Broadview, Community Hall.
Wednesday, Sept. 1st.—Aldergrove & at Oter.
Thursday, Sept. 2nd.—New Westr. St. Barnabus Hall.
Friday, Sept. 3rd.—Riverway, School: Quensborough, Community Hall.
Saturday, Sept. 4th.—Barnston Island.
Sunday, Sept. 5th.—New Westr. Edison Theatre, 8:$$ p. m.
Monday, Sept. 6th.—Langley Prairie, Theatre.
Tuesday, Sept. 7th.—Glen Valley and Langley Fort.
Wednesday, Sept. 8th.—Strawberry Hill, Community Hall.
Thursday, Sept. 9th.—Brighouse, Municipal Hall and Mitchell School.
Friday, Sept. 10th.—McKay, I.O.O.F. Hall.
Saturday, Sept. 11th.—West Langley and Port Kells, Community Hall.
Sunday, Sept. 12th.—New Westr. Edison Theatre.
Monday, Sept. 13th.—Vaner. Heights, Theatre.
Tuesday, Sept. 14th.—Pritchard gets ticket for Ottawa.

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Politics, You and I

By H. C. E. Anderson

On September 14th, you and I will again have an opportunity to go to the polls and cast our ballot. We will after more or less serious consideration, solemnly place our cross opposite the name of one or other of the candidates eligible to the parliament of this country. We will exercise our franchise and demonstrate once again that we live in a democratic country, and enjoy the greatest privilege of our civilization, the right to choose our rulers. We will have an opportunity to demonstrate that we are free citizens of the land, eligible and qualified to elect our parliament, and are far superior to the humble serf or the shackled slave of by gone days who writhed beneath a tyrant's heel.

We will doubtless meditate upon the advisability of voting for one or other of the old parties. I can visualize your hand, holding the pencil poised for action, ready to make that fated cross which means success or failure to the candidate, but for ourselves may mean less than nothing.

Worker and Shopkeeper

Pause gentle voter, ere you make that cross, for in the making of it we do more than merely elect a member to parliament. By it we either endorse or condemn the system under which we live. Conservatives in power. Liberals with a sweeping majority in the House! Parliaments so evenly balanced that neither side could make a move. We have seen our governments in all the possible combinations, in power and out, with majorities and without, and through it all we have had to face the same inevitable struggle to keep our heads above the financial waters which constantly threatened to engulf us. We have had work, hard work, work which at the end of each long day found us exhausted and ready to refresh our weary frames with much needed rest. Work which at the end of each long week found us faced by the same old problem of making two impossible ends meet. In spite of majorities and minorities. We have our periods of industrial depression, when in spite of weary searching we just couldn't find a job, and day after day we answered the unspoken question in our anxious wife's eyes, with the simple but all too expressive phrase "nothing yet." We have seen our little hard earned savings' account tapped and tapped until it reached the vanishing point, and the proverbial wolf came perilously close to getting in through the figurative door. Or perhaps we are one of those who struggle to wrest a living from a retail busines on a small scale. working long hours, absorbing bad debts, fixing up attractive displays, and marking goods down in the window to such a price that it didn't matter very much whether we sold them or not, so far as the credit column in the ledger was concerned. Perhaps in spite of political prosperity on the part of the Conservative or Liberal governments, we have been squeezed out, forced like hundreds of others to give up the little store, from which we hoped for so much, and compelled to seek employment from the very department store or mail order house which put us out of business.

The Old Losing Battle

Voters, if you place your cross against the name of either Conservative or Liberal, it makes no difference so far as our personal existence is concerned, we struggle just the same, and fight the same old losing battle with the domestic budget every Saturday. Let us not endorse the old parties unless we also endorse the old struggle for existence. Let us not send a Conservative or a Liberal back into power, unless we believe that this old hand to mouth existence is the only way in which we have a right to live, for in voting for them we vote for the old struggle. A vote for the old parties is a vote for poverty and proves that You and I are no better than the slave of bygone days. We still want to live under the lash of poverty, we are still shackled by chains of debt. We still live lives which are hampered and denied expression and expansion in exact proportion to the money we possess, and we have only exchanged shackles of iron for fetters of gold. So you see if we still believe in the old struggle You and I are bound and helpless like the slaves of long ago.

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