

ONTARIO ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

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THE SOCIALIST PARTY TO TORONTO WORKINGMEN:

Election Day is the day when you, Mr. Workingman, are enabled to announce whether or not you are satisfied with present conditions, and to declare what policies and principles of government you desire enforced. **YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**

If you prefer Capitalism—if you wish to continue strikes, boycotts, and the bitter suffering of the present class struggle; if you want poverty for the workers and all its concomitant evils, while piling up billions of wealth for a few money kings; if you want government continued as a plutocratic oligarchy and slavery for labor—vote for the Capitalist candidates.

On the other hand, if you want Socialism—if you want the class struggle ended, if you want the workers to enjoy the full fruits of their toil, with homes, happiness, education, culture and refinement for ALL, if you want labor to be free, a true civilization and a true manhood—then vote for the Socialist candidates.

Fellow-workers! The issues are clearly defined. It is for you to say what the verdict shall be.



The Style of a House the Workers Build

THE VOICE OF LINCOLN: Young Man, when you cast your first vote, cast it honestly, cast it conscientiously; it makes no difference whether You elect your people or not—An Honest Vote is Never Lost.

THE CLASS STRUGGLE.

The long flight of man down through the pages of history is marked with a crimson blood line of class struggles over the means of life, this struggle between a ruled and ruling class. This economic war has blackened the records of every state and nation and woven beneath the pictured brilliance of dynasties a social fabric mingling in its vast multitudes of human beings whose lives have held nothing but bitter toil and gnawing hunger.

The continents of the world are man-made molten with the corpses of men, women and children who have been enslaved, degraded and starved to death by a ruling class. So to-day the possessing class control the political power, and by means of capitalist law rich away from the workers the greater part of the wealth they produce.

The phases growing out of the modern struggle—the opium, the black list, the riot gun, the strike, the picket and the boycott—betoken its presence and its intensity, and over and around it all in this world of violence, with its fearful contrasts and barbaric splendor, grows the legitimate fruit of capitalism—the vagrants, tramps, outcasts, paupers, thieves, gamblers, pickpockets, suicides, confidence men, fallen women, convicts, idiots, deformed children, and disease, poverty, insanity and crime.

Out of the growing class consciousness of the workers to their position has sprung the Socialist movement, a movement that is changing the storm center from the economic to the political field, and destined to achieve economic liberty and obliterate wage slavery.

The Servitude of the Workers

Under capitalist class rule, the working class are dependent upon the class that owns the means of life. The class that controls the machine, tools, plants, etc., which the worker must use in order to live, controls his job. If one man owns the means by which another man lives, he controls his life. We cannot then be a truly free people, and have

lasting peace, so long as a part of the people are dependent upon the will of others to work. We cannot live without working; we cannot work without permission of the capitalists who own the means by which the workers produce wealth. Our class is dependent upon them for opportunity to use the means of wealth production that our class has created. We have to work at their terms and live only by their consent. We can never become free as a class until we own collectively the things necessary to our work.

Why Productive Property should be owned Collectively

Production is no longer individual. The day of homestead and individual production is forever gone. The individual laborer cannot any longer construct or operate singly the tools by which are produced the essentials to his existence. For instance, back of his garments is the textile industry, involving innumerable and co-operative processes. The tools to-day are socially or co-operatively built and used. If one man owns these tools, even though he be a laborer, it would necessarily preclude generally on the part of the others, who must use these tools or starve.

The machine is indivisible, and should therefore be owned collectively.

Where the Worker Loses the Wealth which he creates

An accurate analysis of the capitalist system reveals the exact spot where the worker loses the wealth which he creates. The laborer, in selling his labor power for wages, contributes labor for which he is not paid—works one hour for himself and three, four or five hours for the owner of the tools which he must use in order to live. Allowed to work only when a profit is in sight for the capitalist class, who control machine processes that add tremendously to the strength and rapidity of movement of

the working class, a reserve army is always in sight, the members of which compete with one another for the sale of their labor power, a commodity the perishable nature of which compels a price ranging at or below the subsistence level.

The Profit System

Back of the continuous stream of education involving suffering and loss of life; behind the Queen street railway tragedy, the Marine band disaster, the Chicago theatre holocaust, the assembly General Slocum fire, by which 1,000 women and children lost their lives, looms up the profit system. The General Slocum, with cotton bolls, and life preservers stuffed with sawdust, was not run by the people for their own use, but by a capitalist corporation whose sole endowment as such was for profit.

This, Then, is the Lesson.

Let—since the cause of the workers' poverty is the private ownership of the means of life of the working class, it follows that the cure for this evil is to be found in the public ownership of the

means of production, and their control by the whole people for the benefit of the whole people.

And—since the capitalists profit by the existing system, getting an income for doing nothing but persisting other people to work and piling up wealth out of the excessive labor of the workers, it follows that the working class must depend upon itself to change the system. No ruling class ever gave up its power willingly. While some individuals from humane motives will come from the ranks of the ruling class to help the oppressed, they are exceptions. No class, except the working class, ever acts against its own material interests.

The right method, then, to use to make this necessary change is the powerful method of democratically-organized, self-reliant, absolutely uncompromising political action—the method followed by the Socialist Party in every country where popular suffrage exists.

LABOR DAY and CAPITAL DAY.

Labor Day comes on the first Monday in September.

On Labor Day the workers march in a parade, put themselves on the back, and think they are the people.

On Labor Day the workers are true to their class interests—they are union men.

The workers are not class conscious. They prove it by their votes.

The workers have millions of votes, and could end wage slavery and capitalist exploitation if they wished by voting as a class for industrial freedom.

The Workers Get What They Vote For

The Socialist Party gets its campaign funds from the working class, and it is conducted by and in the interests of those who spend their hard-earned wages in an endeavor to emancipate their class from political ignorance and wage slavery.

It does not make any difference to the worker whether the boss-til who vote him carries a rifle or a pistol.

When the workers awake, Election Day will become a true Labor Day.

Capital Day occurs on Election Day.

On Capital Day the workers ride in a hack, and get pulled on the back by the political candidates.

On Capital Day the workers are traitors to their class interests—they are political snobs.

The capitalists are conscious of their class interests. They prove it by their votes.

The capitalists have only a few thousand votes, but through the ignorant use of the ballot by the workers, are allowed to continue as masters.

The Capitalists Get What they Pay For

The Liberal and Conservative parties get their campaign funds from the capitalist corporations, and the two old parties are run in the interests of the class which supplies the "grease" for the wheels of the "machines."

It does not matter to the capitalist which of the old parties win. Both will keep the workers in subjection.

As long as the workers will it, Election Day will continue to be Capital Day.

Ontario Socialist Party Platform.

We, the Socialist Party of Ontario, in convention assembled, affirm our allegiance to and support of the principles and programme of the international revolutionary working class.

Labor produces all wealth, and to labor it should justly belong. To the owner of the means of wealth production belongs the product of labor. The present economic system is based upon capitalist ownership of the means of wealth production; therefore all the products of labor belong to the capitalist. The capitalist is master; the worker is slave.

So long as the capitalists remain 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 overwhelming dominion of profits, and to the worker an overwhelming 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. 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 power of government

—the capitalist to hold; the worker to secure it by political action. This is the class struggle.

Therefore, we call upon all workers to organize under the banner of the Socialist Party of Ontario 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, railways, etc.), into the collective property of the working class.

2. Thorough and democratic organization and management of industry by the workers.

3. The establishment, as quickly as possible, of production for use in lieu of production for profit.

Representatives of 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 interest of the working class and aid 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.

In accordance with this principle the Socialist Party pledges itself to conduct all the public affairs placed in its hands in such a manner as to promote the interest of the working class alone.

Fellow workingmen: Be true to your class interests and vote for the candidate of the Socialist party in your district:

East Toronto—W. G. Gribble, Carpenter

West Toronto—F. J. Peel, Patternmaker

North Toronto—James Simpson, Reporter

South Toronto—Phillips Thompson, Journalist