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SOCIAL PROGRESS.**SOCIALISM IN CANADA.**

Though political interest still centres in the Liberal and Liberal-Conservative parties and their doings, there is a young and vigorous party in our midst that is beginning to make itself heard with no uncertain sound. We believe that its ultimate triumph is assured. Its principles of Co-operation versus Competition, of intelligent union of the workers of the land, of the cessation of national, sectional, religious and industrial strife, are the principles of Christ and His apostles, and therefore bound to succeed.

Socialism in Canada long existed but in the minds of a few advanced thinkers, who, here and there, organized short-lived clubs for political discussion. In 1894, sections of the International Socialist Labor party were established in Toronto and London, Ont. Later, three S. L. P. sections were formed in Montreal, and one each in Halifax, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Hamilton, Brantford and Ottawa. The S. L. P. organ is the "Cause of Labor," a monthly, published in Halifax. The S. L. P. National Secretary is F. J. Darch, London, Ont.

In the last two or three years, the Canadian Socialist League has established seventeen branches as follows:—

- No. 1, Montreal, Que.
- No. 2, Toronto, Ont.
- No. 3, West Toronto, Ont.

- No. 4, London, Ont.
- No. 5, Malton, Ont.
- No. 6, Port Moody, B. C.
- No. 7, Tantallon, Assiniboia.
- No. 8, Ferguson, B. C.
- No. 9, Poplar, Ont.
- No. 10, Mt. Forest, Ont.
- No. 11, Galt, Ont.
- No. 12, Sapparto, B. C.
- No. 13, Banff, Alberta.
- No. 14, St. Thomas, Ont.
- No. 15, Victoria, B. C.
- No. 16, Hamilton, Ont.
- No. 17, Paris, Ont.

The C. S. L. are about to put a paid lecturer and organizer in the field. The organizing secretary is G. Weston Wrigley, 293 King Street West, Toronto.

Besides the S. L. P. and C. S. L. there are the following Socialistic organizations in Canada:

United Socialist party, in Vancouver Island; Socialist Education Club Nelson, B. C.; People's Union, Brantford, Ont., and Social Science Club, Ottawa. Besides these there are Labor parties in B. C. and Manitoba.

S. L. P. candidates have run for civic offices in London, Toronto, Brantford, and other places, every year since 1897. In 1897 two Socialists were nominated for the Ontario Assembly for London, H. B. Ashplant getting 126 votes and C. H. Gould, 57 votes. Ashplant was the S. L. P. standard-bearer; Gould of the Co-operative Commonwealth. In 1890 the S. L. P. nominated R. Roadhouse for Dominion Parliament in London. He got 214 votes. In Vancouver, last year, Wm. McClain, United Socialist, polled 685 votes.

In the same year A. W. Puttee, Labor candidate, was elected for Winnipeg, and Dr. H. G. Hargrave, Socialist, contested Toronto for Dominion Commons, receiving 179 votes.

In Toronto in 1899 S. L. P. candidates received 706 votes; in 1900 five candidates received 1453 votes, and in 1901 the S. L. P. nominee for Mayor got 221 votes. The S. L. P. also polled large votes in Hamilton and London. C. S. L. men have been elected Aldermen in St. Thomas and Brantford. The C. S. L. organ is Citizen and Country of Toronto.

A "Fabian Society" for the discussion of Sociological questions was founded last month (May) in St. John, N. B. The S. L. P. section still exists in Halifax, where it publishes the "Cause of Labor." A prominent Socialist speaker and worker of Nova Scotia is A. F. Landry of Amherst, a very near

relative of Hon. Judge Landry of New Brunswick.

An article on "The Spread of Socialism," which must have been an eye-opener to many of our citizens, appeared in the St. John Daily Telegraph of April 10th last. Socialism has come to stay and must henceforth be reckoned with as the greatest political question of the day,

The S. L. P. organ for the United States is "The People," 2 to 6 Reade Street, New York. Other very valuable Socialistic papers are "The Appeal to Reason," Girard, Kansas, U. S.; and "The Challenge," Los Angeles, California, U. S. Each of the three is fifty cents a year, and is issued weekly. "The International Socialist Review" of Chicago, is a monthly and costs \$1 a year.

PROGRESSIVE DENMARK.

The Socialists in Denmark ran their first election in 1872, getting 268 votes. In 1887 the Socialist vote was 8408; in 1890, 17,232, in 10 districts; in 1892, 20,094, in 15 districts; in 1895, 24,508, in 17 districts; in 1898, 31,872, in 23 districts; and in 1901 the party polled 42,972 votes in 30 districts. Denmark has about the same population as Ontario; and the Danes are one of the best educated and most industrious nations on earth.

OUR AUSTRALIAN BRETHERN.

In New Zealand the Labor party have ruled continuously since 1890. In N. Z. the public, represented by the government of the day, own and operate all railways, telegraph and telephone lines, give insurance, and are about to establish state coal mines. No man can own more than 320 acres of land, but every man can receive a grant of that much free, if he have none already. Women vote, eight hours is a working day, and education is compulsory.

In 1899, the more progressive Laborites in Australia formed the Socialist Labor Party. The latter ran its first election this year. The returns are not yet in. The Australian S. L. P. has, among others, the following principles:—Universal suffrage for both men and women; direct legislation by initiation and referendum; abolition of standing army and the substitution of a national militia therefor; refusal to pass the marine budget until the navy is Australian instead of British; an eight hour day; and direct employment of laborers by the municipalities.

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