

Canadian Socialist Notes.

A convention of Ontario Socialists, called by Toronto Local, Socialist Party, met in Toronto last Thanksgiving Day, Oct. 26th. As a result Hamilton Socialist League (Secretary, Alex. Boyd, 736 King Street East, Hamilton) affiliated with the S. P. of C. last month. Several other of the independent leagues are about to do likewise.

The S. P. of C. organized by the B. C. S. P. on January 1st, 1905, has now, besides a large number of locals in B. C., locals in Dawson City, Y. T., Edmonton and Claresholm, Alta., Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal, Fredericton and Winnipeg.

Besides the Socialist Leagues of Ontario, there are the Socialist Labor party sections of Vancouver, London, Toronto, Montreal, etc., and the strong Socialist Clubs of Glace Bay (secretary, Wilberforce McLeod), and Sydney Mines (secretary, John W. Taylor). F. N. Lighter, D. N. Brodie, Alex. McKinnon and others of Glace Bay were the pioneers of Socialism in Cape Breton, and now all the mining districts of Nova Scotia are honeycombed with that doctrine. In those districts will be the storm centre of the industrial and political battle in Eastern Canada.

P. F. Lawson, an enthusiastic young Socialist, resigned the editorship of the Provincial Workmen's Association's organ in Glace Bay on Oct. 31st, and on the 27th ult. left for Chicago, where he will enter upon organization work for the Industrial Workers of the World. On his way he is visiting all places along his route where prominent Socialists dwell and consulting with them on the present situation, which is everywhere becoming more encouraging.

The I. W. W., whose aim is to unite all workers into "Industrial" rather than "craft" union, was organized at Chicago last July by the leaders of the two U. S. socialist parties and representatives of the American Labor Union and smaller unions. It demands for the worker the full product of his toil. It organizes all classes of workers in any way connected with an industry into one union only; whereas the American Federation of Labor and other craft unions are merely autonomous federations of union consisting of men employed in branches of an industry. When one section of the A. F. of L. strike other workers of different parts of same industry remain at work, and the small bodies have been beaten one by one by the corporations. The industrialists are so socialistic that the Socialistic Trade and Labor Alliance helped to organize the I. W. W. and is now incorporated with it.

The New York "Workers" report that there was a Socialist Club in Grandmanan was incorrect, although there are many Socialists on that island and Campo Bello.

The failure of the Longshoremen's strike in St. John will direct their attention to the absolute necessity of political action. There is talk of a Labor party in St. John in the near future. An ordinary labor party will give little relief, and then Socialism will have a chance to demonstrate its value as a remedy for the ills of the body politic.

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POEMS BY THE EDITOR.

ACROSTIC.

To Osgood and Lina Butler, Danforth, Maine.

O, Thou who placed the wedded pair
So happy within Eden's bowers
Gave them of every blessing rare
O'erflowing joys compared with ours.
On mountain top, on hills divine
Down where the shimmering rivers
shine.

Love led the way and hand in hand
In hope and joy they trod the path
No happier pair in all the land*
And fearing not impending wrath
Drew from each flower and bird and
tree

An effulgence of ecstasy.
Now on this recent wedded pair
Freely may He His blessing pour
On sunny slope, through valleys green
acted—

The kindest are those who forgive
and forget.

Let bygones be bygones, O cherish no
longer

The thought that the sun of affection
has set;

Eclipsed for a moment, its rays will
be stronger

If you, like a Christian, forgive and
forget.

Let bygones be bygones; your heart
will be lighter

When kindness of yours with recep-
tion has met;

The flames of your love will be purer
and brighter.

If, God-like, you strive to forgive and
forget.

Let bygones be bygones; O, purge out
the leaven

Of malice, and try an example to set
To others, who, craving the mercy of
Heaven

Are sadly too slow to forgive and
forget.

Let bygones be bygones; remember
how deeply

To Heaven's forbearance we all are
in debt;

They value God's infinite goodness too
cheaply

To heed not the precept, 'Forgive
and Forget.'

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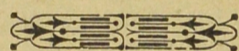
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