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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

Organizer Henry H. Stuart of New-
 castle gave a stirring address on the
 Labor and Socialist movement in the
 Templar Hall, Westmorland St. on
 the evening of May 22nd.

The audience though small was
 representative and enthusiastic and
 listened to his discourse, which lasted
 about an hour with rapt attention.
 The speaker reviewed the history of
 labor, which is really the history of
 mankind, all the way from chattel
 slavery down to feudalism to wage-
 slavery, the condition which largely
 obtains today as there is no free la-
 bor except for the small manufacturer
 and small farmer both of which are
 being swallowed up by the trusts. He
 showed how the man who owns the
 tools and land is the master of the
 man without property and can dictate
 terms to him and while the laborer
 is permitted a vote he has no share
 in making the laws, as only owners
 of property are eligible for aldermen,
 mayors, county councillors, legislators
 and senators, and as these men were
 composed of lawyers, who are the
 paid retainers of the rich and of
 manufacturers they always legislated
 in their own interests and against
 those of the workers. He went on to
 show that Unions had accomplished
 a great deal for the workingman in
 the raising of wages and the reduc-
 tion of the hours of labor, but that
 they could never be of permanent
 benefit or prove a panacea for the ills
 under which the laborer groaned, but
 the workmen always voted for their
 masters, who were never slow to take
 every advantage of them, and if they
 struck they (the manufacturers and
 railroad men) having the government
 at their back could bring on strike
 breakers to take their places and had
 the militia at their beck and call to
 awe the strikers into submission in
 case they resisted and if they proved
 refractory to shoot them down.

He proved very clearly to the minds
 of the audience that the only
 Union that would be of any
 lasting benefit would be Social-
 istic and when the Socialist
 party of Canada elected the repre-
 sentatives of the people from among
 the people themselves to legislate in
 the interests of the people themselves
 instead of that of the grafters and ex-
 ploiter of the people and when the
 interests of production and exchange
 —manufacturers, railways, telephones,
 telegraphs, etc., were owned and run
 by the people as a whole, every one
 receiving the full product of his la-
 bor and no one growing rich by profit
 from the labor of others, then and
 not till then would be inaugurated an
 era of prosperity, justice and equal-
 ity and that it is the duty of every citi-
 zen who has the welfare of his com-
 munity and country at heart to work
 toward that end. At the conclusion
 of the address he was tendered a vote
 of thanks and after that seven new
 members put their names to the
 platform of the Socialist party of
 Canada and on the roster of Frederic-
 ton Local No. 1 of N. B. This swells
 the membership to 19, ten of which
 are in Fredericton and the others
 though scattered who nevertheless
 remit their dues to the treasurer for
 transmission to the headquarters of
 the party at Vancouver, B. C.

The number is not large but is com-
 posed of thoughtful, energetic class-
 conscious Socialists, and when our
 principles are better known and un-
 derstood, it must increase rapidly.
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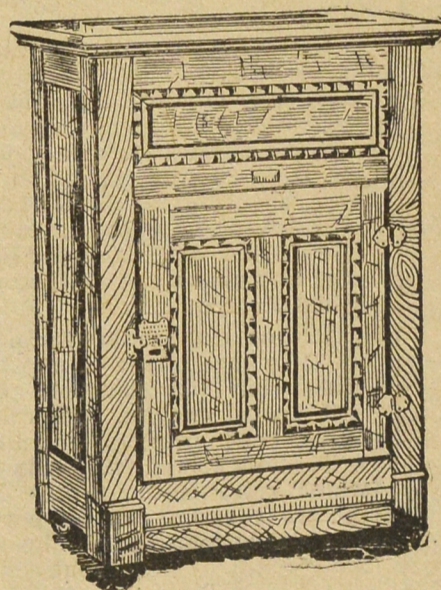
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