

# Socialist Candidates

## For the Ontario Legislature.



JAMES SIMPSON,  
Socialist Candidate For East Toronto.

### Toronto Branches Ontario Socialist League.

To the Electors of Toronto :

**T**HE Socialists of Toronto have associated candidates to contest the constituencies of East, West, North and South Toronto, in recognition of the fact that so matter how many issues may be raised by capitalist politicians to confuse unthinking minds, there is but one real fundamental issue before the workers of Canada today—that of SOCIALISM vs. CAPITALISM.

Socialists recognize that two classes exist in society to-day, the class that produces the wealth and the class that appropriates it—the working class and the capitalist class. On the side of Capitalism are arrayed both Liberal and Conservative parties, representing all those whose interest it is to maintain and perpetuate the present system which enables them to live upon the labor of others; together with a lot of well-meaning people who vainly imagine that the present industrial system can be patched up a little and made to answer the purpose. On the side of Socialism stands the Socialist Party, representing the organized demand of the wage-working class for a socialist system of industry, in which the principle of co-operation shall take the place of the present competitive warfare.

The Liberal and Conservative parties are but the two wings of the Capitalist party, which stands for competition. The Socialist party stands for co-operation. The Liberal and Conservative party organizations receive large donations from wealthy corporations and individuals who desire special privileges from the Government. The Socialist party is supported by the wage-workers themselves. Scare honest and independent men may be nominated and elected by the old parties to give an air of respectability, but when the party whip cracks they must fall into line or be loaned to political death. R. L. Richardson's *Illustration* this fact.

So long as the workers continue to send their employers to Parliament to legislate for them, they need not be surprised if Factory Acts are unenforced, sweat-shops multiply, women and children are allowed to work long hours in unsanitary conditions, and if such acts as old age pensions, adopted in other countries, are refused of here. Nor is it surprising that laws are enacted requiring certain property qualifications in aldermen and mayors, which practically bar out working people from participating in the government of their municipalities.

The Socialist candidates are the only advocates of woman suffrage; and in order to emphasize their belief in the right of women to take part in the making of the laws under which they have to live, they have associated a woman as candidate for North Toronto. We trust that no advocate of woman suffrage in this district will fail to record his vote in favor of the first woman candidate for the legislature in Canada.

The Socialist Party is the only one which has a clearly-defined policy regarding the liquor traffic, viz., that so long as this traffic exists it should be under public ownership and control, and that at any time, the people can, through the system of direct legislation, which is also one of the planks of their platform, decide whether or not it shall continue.

The Socialist Party is fighting the political battle of organized labor. At the last meeting of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress the Canadian Socialist League was commended for its co-operation with the labor movement. It recognizes that trades unions can be made a power in the movement for the emancipation of labor if its members will strike at the ballot box.

Read our platform carefully, compare it with the Liberal or Conservative literature, and ask yourselves whether this is not the party which deserves your votes and your support.



S. A. CORNER,  
Socialist Candidate For South Toronto.



MARGARET HAILE,  
Socialist Candidate For North Toronto.



JOHN A. KELLY,  
Socialist Candidate For West Toronto.

# ONTARIO SOCIALIST PLATFORM.

(Adopted by the Ontario Socialist League by Referendum Vote, January, 1902.)

The Ontario Socialist League is organized with a view of bettering the condition of all the people by substituting laws and institutions based on justice, equity and brotherhood, for the existing system, founded on class distinction, under which the possession or control of the means of production, including land, capital, and machinery, enables the capitalist to practically enslave the worker.

We hold that no Government or society can, or ought to, endure unless the welfare of the whole people is the supreme concern; and that the teachings of all history and experience show that all communities in which the interests and privileges of a few have been held superior to the rights of the masses contain within themselves the elements of decay and dissolution.

The ever-increasing social unrest and economic disturbances noticeable in every civilized country, and the prevalence of crime, vice, pauperism and political corruption, side by side with a degree of luxury and ostentation hitherto unparalleled, are the legitimate and inevitable fruits of an unjust social system, which, if maintained, will destroy modern civilization. Only by giving effect to the principle of the unity of humanity and the rights of each in the common social heritage can the peril be averted and the existing class struggle terminated.

The capitalists largely control the newspapers, colleges, churches and political parties, and use them to advance their own interests, which, under the competitive system, are necessarily opposed to those of the people. Through these agencies militarism is encouraged, and the people of one country are induced to shoot down their brothers of another country with whom they have no quarrel. We desire to educate the people to become conscious of their interests, and to refuse to fight the battle of capitalists, and also to vote to establish a co-operative system which will abolish war, introduce international arbitration, and secure the rights of the masses of the people against an exploiting class.

While we recommend all members of the Ontario Socialist League to join the union of their trade or profession where one exists, we realize that the workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective power of capitalism by united action at the polls in opposition to all parties formed and supported by those who would perpetuate the present system of private profit, rent, and interest, which is creating a condition of industrial slavery that makes political freedom impossible; we, therefore, insist upon independent political action as the most effective means to acquire industrial freedom.

In our industrial development, a great revolution has taken place. The individual tool of former years has become a social tool of the present. The individual tool was owned by the worker, who employed himself and was master of his product. The social tool, the machine, is steadily passing into the hands of trusts and monopolies; and the worker is dependent upon them for employment. The trusts and monopolies thus become the masters of the people, and are appropriating an increasingly larger share of the wealth produced by the community.

The increased burdens which these great trusts and monopolies are imposing upon the industrious and useful classes of the community, the poverty, destitution, and general moral and physical deterioration resulting from the system of wealth pro-

duction, which aims primarily at profit-making, and the corrupting influence upon Government which capitalists are able to exert on account of their great wealth, constitute a menace to society and threaten the independence and livelihood of the people.

The organization of industry which is being perfected by the trust is necessary. The benefits resulting from that organization should accrue not to a few, but to the whole people. This can only be brought about by public ownership. The Ontario Socialist League, therefore, stands squarely for the public ownership of all the means of production, distribution, and exchange, and has for its aim the establishment of a co-operative commonwealth, based upon community of interests, in which such of the means of production, distribution, and exchange as are necessary to secure the industrial freedom of the people shall be the collective property of the entire community.

For the attainment of these ends the Ontario Socialist League looks to the spread of Socialist opinions, and the social and political changes consequent thereon. It seeks to promote these by the general dissemination of knowledge concerning the relation between the individual and society in its economic, ethical, and political aspects, and by the nomination wherever practicable of candidates for elective offices pledged to support our principles independent of any other political party, and it invites the co-operation of all true citizens of Canada in this endeavor.

## WE THEREFORE DEMAND:

1. The Public Ownership of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts, and combines, and ultimately of all the means of production, distribution and exchange. No part of the revenue of such industries to be applied to the reduction of taxes on property, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employees, to the improvement of the service, and to distributing rates to the consumers.
2. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor and the increase of wages in order to decrease the share of the capitalist and increase the share of the worker in the product of labor.
3. The establishment of a national currency and Government banking system and fire and life insurance to be also operated by the Government in the interests of the whole people.
4. The inauguration of a system of public industries; public credit to be used for that purpose in order that the workers be secured the full product of their labor.
5. The education of all children up to the age of 16 years, with free school books. All school books to be printed in the Government printing bureau.
6. Abolition of the Senate, establishment of the initiative and referendum, proportional representation, and abolition of municipal wards, together with equal suffrage for men and women.
7. Local option in essential taxation and application of the progressive principle in levying taxation on incomes and capital.

But in advocating these measures as steps in the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth, we caution the workers against such public ownership movements as are an attempt of the capitalist class to secure governmental control of public utilities for the purpose of obtaining greater security in the exploitation of other industries and not for the association of the working class. It must be remembered that there is a vast difference between "Government" and "public" ownership. While the corporations own the Senate and Parliament we will have "Government ownership," and not will the people own and control the Legislatures can we have true "public" ownership.

It is better to vote for what you want and not get it than to vote for what you do not want and get it.—E. V. DICK.  
Some people call Socialism a dream and vote to confuse the present nightmare. [SEE OTHER SIDE]