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The Bank of BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

Capital £1,000,000.
Reserve £390,000.

Fenelon Falls Branch.

SAVINGS DEPARTMENT.

Deposits of \$1 and over Received.
Interest at 3 per cent.

Farmers' Notes Discounted.

R. A. ROBINSON,
Manager.

OFFICE HOURS: 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Saturdays, 9 to 12.30, and 4 to 6 p. m.

Professional Cards.

LEGAL.

F. A. McDIARMID.

BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, Etc., FENE-
lon Falls. Office, Colborne street,
opposite Post-office. Money to loan
on real estate at lowest current rates.

McLAUGHLIN & PEEL.

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, &c. Money
to loan on real estate at lowest current
rates. Office, Kent street, opposite Market,
Lindsay.
R. J. McLAUGHLIN. J. A. PEEL

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BARRISTER, &c. SOLICITOR FOR
the Ontario Bank. Money to loan at
lowest rates on terms to suit the borrower.
Offices: No. 6, William Street South, Lin-
say, Ont.

STEWART & O'CONNOR,

BARRISTERS, NOTARIES, &c. MONEY
to loan at lowest current rates. Terms
to suit borrowers. Office on corner of Kent
and York streets, Lindsay
T. STEWART. L. V. O'CONNOR, B. A.

MOORE & JACKSON,

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, &c. Of-
fice, William street, Lindsay.
F. D. MOORE. A. JACKSON

MEDICAL.

DR. H. H. GRAHAM.

—M. D., C. M., M. R. C. S. Eng., M. C. P. & S.,
ONT., F. T. M. S.—
PHYSICIAN, SURGEON & ACCOUCH-
eur. Office, Francis Street, Fenelon
Falls.

DR. A. WILSON.

—M. B., M. C. P. & S., Ontario.—
PHYSICIAN, SURGEON & ACCOUCH-
eur. Office, Colborne Street, Fenelon
Falls.

DENTAL.

Dr. S. J. SIMS, DENTIST,
Fenelon Falls.

Graduate of Toronto University and
Royal College of Dental Surgeons
ALL BRANCHES OF DENTISTRY
performed according to the latest improved
methods at moderate prices.
OFFICE—Over Burgoyne's store, Col-
borne street

DR. NEELANDS, DENTIST, LINDSAY.

Extracts teeth without pain by gas (vital-
ized air) administered by him for 27 years.
He studied the gas under Dr. Colton, of
New York, the originator of gas for extract-
ing teeth. Dr. Colton writes Dr. Neelands
that he has given the gas to 136,417 per-
sons without an accident from the gas.
Other pain obtenders used. A good set of
teeth inserted for \$15. Dr. Neelands
visits Fenelon Falls (McArthur House) the
third Tuesday of every month. Call early
and secure an appointment.

A Sunderland lady writes Dr. Neelands
that he had made her a successful fit after
having eight sets of teeth made in Toronto
and elsewhere.

JUST THE OTHER DAY

our new spring stock of Boots and
Shoes came. We want you to see it.

It explains its good points far bet-
ter than we could do.

You will notice first of all that it is
particularly large. We wanted it
that way so that every demand of
our customers could be met.

We have the product of the largest
and best shoe manufacturers in Can-
ada, and when you buy a pair of Em-
press or Slater Shoes you have the
satisfaction of knowing that the price
you pay for them in Fenelon Falls is
just the same as you would pay for
them in Toronto or any city or town
in Canada. We invite you to call.

J. L. ARNOLD.

BOOTS AND SHOES FOR THE CRITICAL BUYER.

Call and examine them. They
will meet your every requirement
regarding style, quality and prices.

W. L. ROBSON.

Who's Your Tailor?

If you ask any particularly well-dressed
man in Fenelon Falls or surrounding district,
"Who makes your clothes?" invariably he
will tell you

'TOWNLEY.'

Be one of the number, and call and see
what he is doing for the Spring and Summer.
His prices are right, consistent with first-class
style and workmanship. He makes no other.

ARE YOU
INTERESTED IN

RINGS?

Engagement Rings
Wedding Rings,
Diamond Rings.

WRITE

GEO. W. BEALL,
THE JEWELLER,
Lindsay.

For particulars. You will save
money. You can rely on what
you get.

Christianity and Socialism Identical.

"This country," said Lincoln, "can-
not remain half slave and half free."
He was not talking then of industrial
slavery as it exists to-day, but his
words are as applicable to the conditions
now as then, conditions which Lincoln
foresaw and warned us against. Para-
phrasing Lincoln's declaration, Dr. Ly-
man Abbott says: "We cannot have a
country part democratic and part auto-
cratic," and he declares himself in favor
of democracy. "We cannot do away
with combinations," he continues; "the
question is whether we shall be demo-
cratic or autocratic." In other words,
the question is whether the nation shall
own the trusts or the trusts shall own
the nation. Socialism we are bound to
have, or despotism and chaos. Dr. Ab-
bott does not hesitate to avow his faith.
"I believe," he says "the movement
towards Socialism in this country to be
irresistible, and I believe, too, that it
ought not to be resisted."

The Vanguard believes in Socialism
because it believes in Christianity. By
Christianity we mean, not theological
speculation and ecclesiastical vestments,
but the religion of love and service
which Jesus lived and taught; not dog-
mas and forms, but plain ever-day right
doing, and the Christ spirit of justice
and brotherhood in all the relations of
men to each other. Creeds and church-
es we believe in only so far as they
stand for these things, and inspire men
to practise them. We further believe
in Socialism because we believe in the
soundness of its economics. It rests on
a thoroughly scientific basis. It offers
the only possible solution of the indus-
trial problem. But this is simply say-
ing that the Golden Rule ought to be
and can be made the working law of
life, that it is the only wise and safe
basis for society and government. Some
Socialists reach this conclusion by reason-
ing along the purely economic side of
the question. Others find in its ethical
aspect that which appeals to them most
strongly. There is no real difference
between the two. There is unanimity as
to the meaning and aim of Socialism.
Both recognize altruism and mutualism
as essential to human welfare and prog-
ress. This fundamental agreement is
an argument of tremendous force. All
straight roads lead to Socialism. Life
is one. The race is one. Life is moral.
The progress of the race is moral prog-
ress. It was Mazzini who said: "Every
political question is rapidly becoming
a social question, and every social ques-
tion a religious one." Only let us not
confound religion with "religiosity"
Here is a distinction which Jesus was
ever careful to draw and emphasize.
For fasts, fringes and the whole para-
phernalia of "religiosity" he cared noth-
ing. For truth and righteousness he
cared everything. This is pure religion,
and this is Socialism. Its ethics and
the ethics of Christianity are identical.
What, then, shall the attitude of the
Christian church and ministry be? I
is to be hoped that for the church's own
sake it has learned something from his-
tory. Yet how sadly true are the words
of John Ruskin:

"Reforms of the most imperative
character meet with hesitating and wa-
vering support from the church, and
sometimes encounter bitter opposition.
Most of the social questions of the last
hundred years have brought nearly as

much discredit as credit on the church."
Surely the time has come for the
church to change its attitude and to
boldly face the great social problem
that is pressing for settlement, and to
proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom,
which means "the righting of social
wrongs, the rigid squaring of insti-
tutions and laws by the Nazarene carpen-
ter's divine square of justice." Never
was there such an opportunity before
the organized religious forces of Amer-
ica as there is to-day. They can lead
in the struggle, can push forward to the
goal, can bear witness to the economic
soundness of Christ's teachings, to the
practicability of the Golden Rule in in-
dustrial life; or they can still content
themselves to lag away behind, fearful
of "consequences," careful of "bread
and butter," choosing ever the line of
least resistance, feeble, ineffective, busy
with "the puerilities of piety"—a para-
ody on the religion of Jesus.

We are glad to note the increasing
number of clergymen who are actively
identifying themselves with the Social-
istic movement. Every week we hear
of new accessions, and we look for re-
markable developments in this direction
within the year. There is a strong un-
dercurrent of Socialistic sentiment among
the ministers of the country, and how
could it be otherwise? What a field
for conscience is here! Says Professor
Albion W. Small, head of the depart-
ment of Sociology in the University of
Chicago:

"Capital has become the most un-
democratic, inhuman and atheistic of
all the heathen divinities. It would be
infinitely more for human weal if every
dollar of wealth should be cleaned from
the earth; if we could have, in place of
it, industry and honesty and justice,
and love and faith, than be led much
further into this devil's dance of capi-
talism."

Socialism is nothing else than the
protest of the growing social conscience
against this most godless, heartless tyr-
anny of the ages. What can the Chris-
tian minister do but cast in his lot with
the new movement? In a communica-
tion to the editor, a clergyman who has
just declared for Socialism, writes:

"Why should I be ashamed of my
views on social and economic questions,
when I am not ashamed of the truths
that cluster around the cross? It will
afford me more satisfaction to declare
my views now than to wait ten or twenty
years until the slanderous misrepresen-
tations of Socialism have been re-
moved, and the sublime philosophy of
the movement is better seen and more
fully appreciated. In this movement
for human welfare the church should
be in front."

This is surely the manly and reason-
able position to take. Any movement
for human betterment finds plenty of
friends when it has become popular and
respectable, and when one runs no risk
and makes no sacrifice in allying him-
self with it. But it is little to a man's
credit to wait until a good cause has
won its way through the heroic efforts
of others before he is willing to enroll
himself among its adherents. No man
should stand aloof from Socialism be-
cause there may be some things about
it that do not quite suit him, or because
he is not in accord with every detail of
the movement at the present time. We
have heard ministers say to those who
remained outside and criticized the
churches: "If you do not think the
churches are what they ought to be, go
in and make them better." The point
has been well made, and it points both
ways. It holds good with reference to
the attitude of those who rail at the
churches, yet do nothing to improve
those organizations. But let our church
friends remember that it holds good as
regards their attitude toward the Social-
ist movement. The movement for so-
cial justice and for the uplift of human-
ity deserves their aid now. As one who
has borne witness to the truth at no
small cost writes:

"I could not wait until Socialism
should be exactly pleasing to me in all
its aspects, or until I should be alto-
gether pleasing to Socialists in some of
my views of life; my place was with
my comrades, sharing with them their
struggles, the defeats and disgraces that
are always involved in the first creative
steps of an organized movement.—The
Vanguard.

A weapon that comes down as still
As snowflakes fall upon the sod,
But executes a freeman's will
As lightning does the will of God;
And from its force no doors nor locks
Can shield you—'tis the ballot box.