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### Tools of Industry.

"Man is a tool-using animal," said Benjamin Franklin, and in these few words he stated an economic fact of the greatest significance, and at the same time pointed out what distinguished man from all other animals. Man uses tools; other animals do not and remain animals forever, while man goes on developing his faculties, changing his environment, and rising steadily to a higher and higher plane. If man ceased to use tools he would inevitably revert to the animal state. The history of human progress is written all around the tools with which man has worked in his struggle for existence, all the way from the club of the cave man to the modern steel mill.

The nature of the tool is closely allied with the nature of its user. The degree of a nation's civilization, or lack of civilization, may be readily determined by the kind of tools it uses in producing its wealth and satisfying its material necessities. The cave man owned his own club, and he went out in search of his own food on his own account. He was an individualist, he was; and if anyone had talked Socialism to him he would have objected to it as strenuously as the modern bourgeois, and upon substantially the same ground. The cave man would have protested against being stripped of his "incentive" and being reduced to the "dead level" of inferior cave men. Just here let it be noted that if this gentleman, the cave man, had relied entirely upon himself as an individualist, he and his descendants would never have been other than cave men, nor progressed an inch beyond their cave dwellings in a billion years.

Even the cave man had his social instinct, and this, and this alone, led him out of his cave habitation and his animal existence, and after countless centuries humanized him to the extent of his present development. The model tool of production was individual in character, and corresponded to his savage state and primitive environment. The modern tool of production is social in character, and corresponds to man's present civilized state and his highly-developed surroundings.

Tools individually used were of necessity individually owned, and it follows with inexorable logic that tools socially used must be socially owned. Here we have the genesis of modern Socialism, and the reason why Socialism, however it may be resisted, is inevitable.—Appeal to Reason.

Capitalists will do anything for labor as long as profits are not hurt.

They who pull the purse strings pull the political strings. The workers had better get hold of the purse.

### Socialism Not Needed Here.

How often we hear it said by smug, self-satisfied parasites, "Oh, Socialism is all right for England and Germany, where the people are fearfully oppressed, but really it is not necessary in Canada. Our broad spaces, our large unsettled lands, make it possible for all to live in comfort."

This is the cry of our daily papers. They point out the horrors of living in England. They say Canadian workers should be satisfied with their better position. But Canada has quite as much need of Socialism as England has. Mrs. Rose Henderson, Probation Officer, of Montreal, took Thos. Richardson, British M. P., through Griffintown. He was shocked at the sights he saw. He declared, "I never in all my life saw slums as terrible, as absolutely filthy as these you have shown me in Montreal. Why, in parts of England we tear down, by order of the Health Board, places that are palaces beside these."

Socialism is not needed in Canada; oh! no. Our workers are such low creatures that slums and filth are good enough for them. That is what the newspapers and labor skippers really mean when they say that Canada does not need Socialism. They mean you workers need only the accommodation which many farmers would be ashamed to give their pigs.—Cotton's Weekly.

### All Take Their Toll.

With the high cost of living on the one hand and the high cost of dying on the other, the man with nothing to sell but his labor power, which at best is but a perishable commodity, is, to use a slang phrase, "up against it good and plenty." Living, he is the legitimate prey of the baker, the grocer, the butcher, the ice man and the coal man; dying, he becomes a source of profit to the doctor, the undertaker and the cemetery association. They all take their toll. From the cradle to the grave he is a source of profit to some one every step of the way. Even though dead and buried he is still a possible trade prospect—his wife buys flowers to put on his grave, and perchance uses some of the insurance money to purchase a marble headstone. It is really wonderful, when one stops to consider it, that people generally are as decent as they are. Without the hope of Socialism, life for the worker and propertyless man is scarcely worth living.—Appeal to Reason.

The difference between labor and capital may be fought with the strike, but it can be settled only by the ballot.

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