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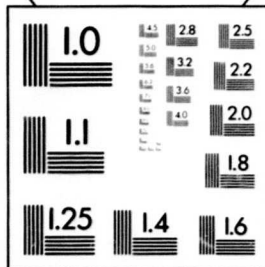
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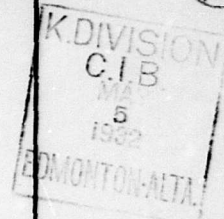
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**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

Division "K" Sub-District No. 6. Detachment Blairmore

District Alberta

Date May 2nd 1932.



**File References**

Re: Mine Workers Union of Canada - Crows Nest Pass.  
May Day Demonstration - Blairmore.

**Headquarters**

The annual May Day parades and celebrations in the Crows Nest Pass were held in Coleman and Blairmore in the am and pm of the 2nd inst. respectively. Acting on instructions received I proceeded from Bellevue to Blairmore in the am for duty and attended the demonstration there in the pm.

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2035-6

**Sub-District**

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**Detachment**

The demonstrators from Bellevue and Blairmore proceeded to Coleman in the am in trucks to attend the celebration at that point. In the pm all marched from Coleman to Blairmore, headed by a band, and assembled at the town bandstand. The paraders, numbering about 450, carried a score of banners inscribed with the well known demands and appeals of the 'workers'. The demonstration was carried out in an orderly manner and there were no disturbances.

**P. C. R.**

Secret

The meeting at Blairmore opened at about 2.30 pm with Archie Fraser of Coleman as chairman. The following spoke in the order named, their chief subjects being the world wide struggle of the proletariat, capitalism, unemployment, and the present strike in the Pass;

Andrew Dow	Coleman
John Price	Bellevue
Frank Leary	Blairmore
Mrs Mary North	"
Emil Ukrainitz	Coleman
James Gardner	"
Douglas Jones	"
Harvey Murphy	"

Nothing was said that could be made the subject of a prosecution. Attention should be drawn, however, to a statement made by Murphy. Dow had told his hearers that, in the event of another world war, they should not enlist but stay in Blairmore. Murphy commented on this and stated that 'they should all get guns and learn how to use them, not against their comrades, but against Capitalism. In the last war the Russians fought against the Germans for two years before they realized that they were fighting workers such as themselves. Then they turned their rifles on their bosses and cleaned up the Czar. There are Czars in this country but they do not wear crowns'. These are not his actual words but the gist of his statement in this regard.

He also stated, with reference

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to the picketing of the Bellevue mine, that they could, if necessary, get a thousand of the unemployed from Calgary to assist on the picket line, the C.P.R. providing 'free' transportation.

These statements were made between 4.15 and 4.45 pm, the last concluding his speech. Following this three cheers were given for the M.W.U.C. and the Communist Party and the meeting dispersed.

The Officer Commanding  
"K" Division, EDMONTON.

*F.B. Bailey*  
F.B. Bailey. Const.  
Reg.No.11497.

Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Lethbridge, (Sgd.) Corporal.  
May 4 1932. Reg.No.5967, J.J.Weaver, for Insp. A.O.D.  
Commanding Lethbridge West S/Divn.

The Commissioner,  
Sir:-

Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alta.  
May 5th, 1932.  
A.

*W.F.W. Hancock*  
W. F. W. Hancock, A/Supt.  
In Charge of C. I. B.



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# **ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

**Division** "K" **Sub-District** No. 6. **Detachment** Blairmore  
**District** Alberta **Date** May 1st 1932.

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**File References**

**Re:** Mine Workers Union of Canada.  
Mass Meeting - Bellevue.

**Headquarters**

A mass meeting of the miners of the Crows Nest Pass was held on the football field at Bellevue on the afternoon of the 30th ultimo. In company with Const. Simpson, R.C.M.P. Hillcrest (temporary) I attended.

**Division or Dist.**

2035-6.

About 150 members of the Bellevue local of the M.W.U.C. including a few women and children, gathered at the Union shack at 1.45 pm, formed a parade, and marched westward in an orderly manner to meet the members of the Coleman and Blairmore locals who were marching to Bellevue. Two red banners were carried, one bearing the words 'Repeal of Section 98. Free speech', and the other 'Right to organise. No wage cuts. No lay-offs'.

**Detachment**

About one hour later all the paraders returned to Bellevue and marched to the field. There were approximately 275 men and thirty women and children. A large crowd of onlookers from the Pass towns also gathered but there were no disturbances throughout.

**P. C. R.**

Secret.

Archie Fraser of Coleman acted as chairman and opened the meeting. The undermentioned then spoke in the following order, chiefly about the strike and conditions in the Pass. Nothing was said that could be made the subject of a prosecution. All the speakers were fairly well received.

John Price	Bellevue.
Andrew Dow	Coleman
Harvey Murphy	
Frank Leary	Blairmore
Emil Ukrainitz	Coleman
Mrs Mary North	Blairmore
William Peters	"
Rock Sudworth	Coleman
Douglas Jones	"

Following the last named, Harvey Murphy resumed the platform and advocated a policy of non-violence among the picketers in the Pass towns. He urged those in charge to see to it that drunkards and hoodlums were excluded from the picket line as violence on their part would strengthen the operator's position, and that their policy should be one of argument and appeal.



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Apparently the object of this meeting was to 'solidify' the miners in the Pass so that the Union Locals could maintain their present strike policy. The annual May Day demonstration will be held in Blairmore on Monday, May 2nd, 1932.

The Officer Commanding  
"K" Division, EDMONTON.

*F.B. Bailey*  
F.B. Bailey. Const.  
Reg.No. 11497.

Sir: Forwarded for your information. You will note the last paragraph on Page I. I believe, from enquiries, that this attitude is genuine.

Lethbridge,  
May 3 1932.

*K. Duncan*  
(K. Duncan)  
Inspector.  
Commanding Lethbridge West Sub-division.

The Commissioner,

Sir:-

Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alta.  
May 5th, 1932.  
A.

*W. F. W. Hancock*  
W. F. W. Hancock, A/Supt.  
In Charge of C. I. B

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4th February, 1932

Secret

Memorandum to:-

Officer Commanding,  
R.C.M. Police,  
"K" Division,  
Lethbridge, Alta.

Secret Agent for Crows' Nest Pass

With reference to Corporal Weaver's  
report of 27th January, and to your forwarding  
minute of 30th January.

is approved.

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(J. H. MacBrien)  
Commissioner

CFH.DD

*[Handwritten signature]*

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## Royal Canadian Mounted Police

"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.

Lethbridge Sub-District  
Blairmore Detachment  
January 27th, 1932

Ref. No. \_\_\_\_\_

The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. M. Police,  
Lethbridge Sub-District.

Sir:

SECRET.

re: \_\_\_\_\_ Crows' Nest Pass.

I have the honour to submit for consideration  
the advisability \_\_\_\_\_  
the Crows' Nest Pass district.

As recent reports from this detachment show,  
there is much activity going on at the present time in  
this area and from information received it appears  
likely that the agitators intend to concentrate their  
efforts towards getting the miners here one hundred  
per cent. behind the M.W.U. of C. with a view to having  
a show down next Spring when the present two year  
agreement between miners and operators will expire.

The Hillcrest camp, which of course is known,  
is at present outside of the M.W.U.C., also the U.M.W.A.,  
and during the past spring and summer both these  
organizations worked hard to gain that camp, but met  
with no success, a new agreement having been signed  
last October between a local committee of the miners  
and the management of the Hillcrest Collieries, Ltd.

There is a strong U.M.W. of A. following at  
that place; on the other hand there are M.W.U. of C.  
supporters, and if the latter organization under James  
Sloan's leadership succeeds in getting the men out on  
strike next April at Coleman, Blairmore and Bellevue,  
which are organized camps, it is problematical as to  
the position which would be taken by the men at  
Hillcrest.

Following the coming out of the men on  
strike at the organized camps they would undoubtedly  
turn their attention to Hillcrest, and trouble might  
easily ensue.

In his speech on Sunday last Harvey Murphy  
intimated that they would give their attention to  
Hillcrest.

I might say that immediately following the  
conviction of the eight Communist leaders at Toronto  
and the opinion given by Judge Guseley of Moose Jaw  
relative to the M.W.U.C. and the W.U.L. being illegal  
organizations, a decided change was noticeable here  
amongst the red element and they were very guarded in  
their public utterances.

However several meetings have been held  
since at which members of the Police have been  
present, both from this Force and the Provincial Force,  
and no action has been taken against them and now they  
are becoming as bold and defiant as ever.



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Murphy, during his remarks last Sunday, stated that such men as Livett, U.M.W.A. president, Chris Pattinson, Labour M.L.A., and other similar "labour fakers" had gone amongst the miners warning them that if they did not join the U.M.W. of A. and have nothing to do with the M.W.U. of C., etc., they would come under Section 98 of the Criminal Code; they would be jailed and deported, and so on.

Whether this is true or not, I have received reliable information that certain erstwhile M.W.U.C. leaders in Blairmore with red tendencies were worried and scared for a time following the outlawing of the C.P. of C. and the opinion expressed by Judge Ouseley previously referred to.

Murphy and Sloan have held Judge Ouseley up to ridicule and contempt at public meetings, and nothing has been done about it. The rank and file of the miners who listen to the agitators are becoming more confident and have less fear of being deported.

The miners here have been living on meagre wages for the past two years and more, and conditions have been steadily growing worse as time goes on, so that when negotiations for a new agreement are due next spring it will not be surprising if there is some trouble develop.

For these reasons I respectfully suggest

I myself attend all the public meetings, but the professional agitators do not say everything at public meetings. Murphy has been admitted to Union meetings, and no doubt private conferences are held with local Union officials, most of whom are in sympathy and in favour of drastic action.

Of course the operators might sense the temper of the men and make concessions, as they have done repeatedly in the past, thus avoiding trouble. In any event it would likely be merely a postponement this time.

As Murphy stated last Sunday the agreements expire at midnight of March 31st next, and on April 1st the Mounted Police will be in charge.

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I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*J. J. Weaver*

J. J. Weaver, Corpl.,  
Reg. No. 5967,  
In charge Blairmore Detachment.

The Officer Commanding  
"K" DIVISION  
Lethbridge

Sir:

Forwarded.

*F. Hornsby*  
Inspector  
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Dist.

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The Commissioner,  
Sir:-

Forwarded. The situation in the Crow's Nest Pass is briefly as follows:-

COLEMAN: There are two mines; the International Coal & Coke Company, employing about 250 men, and the McGillivray Creek Coal Company employing about 250 men. Both are affiliated with the M. W. U. of C., and their agreement expires on the 31st of March, 1932.

BLAIRMORE: West Canadian Collieries, employing about 350 men. Affiliated with the M.W.U. of C., Agreement expires on March 31st, 1932.

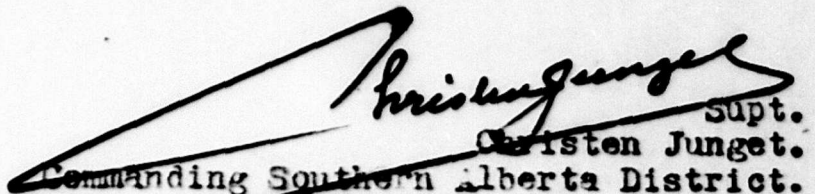
BELLVUE: West Canadian Collieries. Employing about 300 men Affiliated with the M. W. U. of C. Agreement expires March 31st, 1932. Mohawk Mine. Employing about 90 men, and is affiliated with the U. M. W. of A.

HILLCREST: Hillcrest Collieries. 350 men employed. They have a local agreement with the operators. This expires on October 31st, 1932.

It appears at the present time that the Mine Workers Union of Canada will call a strike of their following, and for this purpose James Sloan and Harvey Murphy are in the district. They are also anxious that the employees of the Hillcrest Collieries should come out on strike, but the men are opposed to this, and I fully expect that on April 1st I will receive a request from the owners of the Hillcrest mine for assistance in protecting their property against the strikers.

For this reason I would request

Lethbridge, Alta.  
January 30, 1932.

  
Supt.  
Christen Junget.  
Commanding Southern Alberta District.

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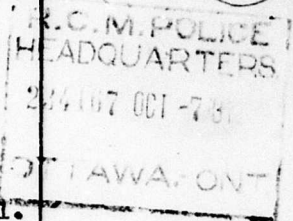
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R. C. M. CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-District C.I.B. Detachment Lethbridge

District Southern Alberta

Date Sept. 27th, 1931.



SECRET  
File References

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA -  
CROWS NEST PASS, ALTA.

175/7048

Headquarters

C. F. R.

Division or Dist.

31K 2015-5.

Sub-District

Detachment

P. C. R.

I learned that the C.P. is very active throughout these mining camps, especially the foreigners, members of the U.L.F.T.A. These are the people who are the trouble makers. They don't want to work and have the idea in their heads that in a short time they are going to have Canada under Soviet rule, in fact they all talk saying that capitalism is as good as dead.

I also learned that the strike at Hillcrest was caused by the local married people that have homes in Hillcrest and Blairmore. Apparently the single men were quite satisfied with the relief they were receiving.

Most of these foreigners are not educated, can't even read or write. They are very easily led by the Communist agitators as they are unable to read papers of any kind. The ones who are able to read read only the papers that are published by the C.P. When an agitator takes the platform the foreigners listen to every word and believe all that is said. When the speaker starts telling what a wonderful country Russia is for the working man the audience goes crazy with enthusiasm and applause.

Every conversation by this class on street corners is about the Communists and how much better off the workers will be when capitalism is overthrown. Should anyone say anything against Communism they are ready to take issue; they believe in highly defending the Soviet rule.

I find that these foreigners are led as easily as sheep by the C.P. agitators. They are ignorant and their imaginations are easily inflamed by the speakers.

The Commissioner,  
Sir:-

Forwarded.

*W. W. Watson*

Lethbridge, Alta.

W. W. Watson, Inspector.

October 3, 1931. For O.C. Southern Alberta District, A. O. D.

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## Royal Canadian Mounted Police

"K" Division  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-District.  
Ferne, B.C.  
March 5th, 1924

Ref. No. ....

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H.C. Ref.

The Officer Commanding,  
R.C. Mounted Police,  
Southern Alberta District,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Sir.

Re:- Worker's Party of Canada.  
Crow's Nest Pass

"K" File.  
C/4263.

Ferne.  
EK/748.

I have the honour to quote hereunder, report  
[redacted] in this connection. This report is based  
on information obtained [redacted] while attending  
the U.M.W. of A. Scale Convention in Calgary,  
February 25th, to 28th, inclusive.

At Michel at present  
the only open sympathizer in this movement is  
Steve Iazaruk, he however is afraid to make any  
move. In the remainder of the "Pass" the Worker's  
Party is in a bad condition. While there are branches  
at Coleman, Blairmore and Hillcrest, they seem to be  
doing nothing; the members and Sympathizers that are  
there, in their Local Unions (U.M.W. of A.) and in  
Conventions, are upholding the constitution and  
policy of the U.M.W. of A. - Sometime ago, during  
the agitation for a General Strike over the  
McLachlan case in Nova Scotia, Christophers, M.L.A.  
got into a disagreement with some of the Worker's  
Party members at Coleman and dropped out of the  
Party.

In Nordegg the Worker's Party still show some  
life but they are dying down even there, as they  
were not able to send a man to the Miners Convention  
on February 25th, at Calgary. Drumheller is where  
the Worker's Party is strongest, and there is no  
doubt but what they have some hard workers there,  
but every time they have made a move in the last  
twelve months, they have been beaten to their knees  
and they are somewhat disheartened through it, but  
just the same they are always watching their chance,  
and if they see any hope of success at all they are  
liable to cause trouble.

Taking the Worker's Party  
throughout District 18 as a whole, it is in its last  
throes, and I doubt if it can survive much longer.  
The Officials of the U.M.W. of A. are fighting it  
pretty hard and I believe they have got them on the  
run. While I was in Calgary, Bartholomew was sent  
from Drumheller to try and get a caucus of the

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Worker's Party Delegates who were attending the Miners Convention; when he landed in Calgary he found it impossible to hold such a meeting, he was not even able to round up the Worker's Party men, and when asked how many Delegates were members of the Worker's Party stated about ten. It was quite a change from the last Conventions when the majority of the Delegates were Worker's Party members. So when he failed to do anything with the Delegates, a Propaganda Meeting was held and Bartholomew was so disgusted that he hesitated to speak for over an hour. The expression he came out with was, that he had addressed too many such meetings and they were no good anyhow.

Out of a total of 44 U.M.W. of A. Delegates attending the Scale Convention, not including the U.M.W. of A. Officials, the following only are Members or Sympathizers with the Workers Party.

E.F. Baxter	Alexo.
C.N. Olsen	Saunders Creek.
J. Stobbs.	Hillcrest.
A. Coult.	Midlandvale.
J. Deduct.	"
M. Burgo.	"
L. McDonald.	"
S. Iazaruk	Michel, B.C.
J. Johnston.	Coleman.
J.D. Gillis.	Rosedale.
H. Goebel.	Wayne.
D. Fraser.	"
A.F. Allen.	Drumheller.
J. Conroy.	"
J. Graham.	Cadomin.
M. Stegler.	Blairmore.
E. Brown.	Taber.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir.  
Your obedient servant,

*W.V. Bruce.*

Insp.

W.V. Bruce.

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-District.

The Commissioner  
Sir:

Forwarded, for your information. It has been quite evident for some time past, that the supporters of the Workers Party of Canada are losing their enthusiasm in this District.

Lethbridge  
6-3-24.

*Christian Junget*  
Supt.  
Christian Junget,  
Commanding Southern Alberta Dist.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

"K" Division  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-District  
Ferne B.C.  
January 28th, 1924.

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The Officer Commanding,  
R.C.Mounted Police,  
Southern Alberta District,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.



H.Q. Ref.

"K" File  
C/4263.

G. F. H.

Sir.

Re:- Workers Party of Canada.  
Crow's Nest Pass.

I have the honour to submit  
the following verbal report [redacted] under  
date of January 25th, 1924.

" Everything throughout the Crow's Nest  
Pass is quiet regards the Workers Party. This is  
the result of the failure of this Party to  
accomplish anything during the Strike in Nova  
Scotia and also at Drumheller; they are waiting  
their time for a more opportune moment.

John Sherman, President  
of District 18 U.M.W. of A. resigned from the  
Workers Party shortly after the U.M.W. of A.  
Convention held in Calgary during the month  
of October 1923, if he had not resigned the Party  
would have expelled him. This came about by Lewis,  
the International President of the U.M.W. of A.  
being informed by R. Livett, International Member  
that Sherman was being dominated by the  
Workers Party. Lewis has given him promise to  
Sherman that if he is defeated at the next  
election of District 18 U.M.W. of A, that he will  
be appointed an Organizer for the U.M.W. of A.  
Upon this becoming known to the Workers Party,  
it was decided to expel Sherman, he however  
resigned from the Party. "

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I have the honour to be,  
Sir.  
Your obedient servant

W.V. Bruce. Insp.

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-District

The Commissioner  
Sir:

Forwarded, for your information.

Supt.

Lethbridge  
60-1-24. Commanding Southern Alberta Dist.

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**Royal Canadian Mounted Police**

"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-district,  
Ferne, B.C., Decr. 31. 1923

Ref. No. \_\_\_\_\_

The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Southern Alberta District,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

H.C.Ref.

Sir:

Re: Workers' Party of Canada  
- Crow's Nest Pass

"K" File.  
C/4263.

I have the honour to report that I am  
in receipt of a letter [redacted] in which  
he states that no action was taken at the U.M.W.  
of A. local at Michel on the request from Norvegge  
that a Strike be instituted unless J. McLaughlan  
was released before Christmas, nor has any action  
been taken to my knowledge by any local through-  
out the Crow's Nest Pass.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*W. V. Bruce*  
W. V. Bruce

Insp.

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.

The Commissioner  
Sir:

Forwarded, for your information.

*Christen Junget* Supt.  
Lethbridge Christen Junget,  
2-1-24. Commanding Southern Alberta District.

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**Royal Canadian Mounted Police**



Ref. No.

"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.East Kootenay Sub-district,  
Fernie, B.C., Decr. 21, 1923.Secret & Confidential.

H.Q. Ref.

The Officer Commanding,  
Southern Alberta District,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta."K" File.  
C/4263

Sir:-

Re: Workers' Party of Canada -  
Crow's Nest Pass -I have the honour to report that I  
am in receipt of the following information fromMichel, B.C.  
December 21, 1923.

A letter has been received by Michel  
Local (U.M.W. of A.), from Nordegg Local,  
asking this Local to inform the District Board  
that if Jim McLaghlan is not released before  
Xmas. . steps are to be taken to call a  
general "Strike throughout District No. 18.

I will not know what action this Local  
is going to take, until the next meeting of  
the Local which is Friday. (28th.)

Every local in District 18 has received  
a similar letter to the one referred to above.

I do not think that any action will be taken  
in this district at the present time.

This is all the news at present;  
everything is running along as usual.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant.

*W. V. Bruce*  
W. V. Bruce

Insp.

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.

The Commissioner

Sir:

Forwarded, for your information.

Lethbridge  
22-12-23

*Christen Junget*  
Christen Junget, Supt.  
Commanding Southern Alberta District.

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**Royal Canadian Mounted Police**

"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-district,  
Fernie, B.C., Decr. 13. 1923.

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H.Q. Ref.

"K" File.  
C/4263.

The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Southern Alberta District,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Sir:-

Re: Workers' Party of Canada.  
- Crow's Nest Pass -

I have the honour to report that I am  
in receipt of a communication from [REDACTED]  
in which he states:-

"There is no activity being shown by  
the Worker's Party throughout the Crow's Nest  
Pass; no meetings of the C. C. C. have been  
held, and there is no word of any Speakers  
or Lecturers coming to this District.

The Worker's Party of Canada is not  
mentioned at the U.M.W.O.F. A. Local at Michel,  
and only ordinary routine business of this  
Local is carried on."

From other sources of information,  
the above statements appear to be correct. There  
has been no Radical activity in this district for  
some time.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*W. V. Bruce* Insp.  
W. V. Bruce  
Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.

The Commissioner  
Sir:

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Forwarded, for your information.

*Christen Jungel* Supt.  
Lethbridge  
14-12-23. Commanding Southern Alberta District.

175/5145  
**Royal Canadian Mounted Police**



"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-District,  
Ferne, B.C., Novr. 28. 1923.

Ref. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Secret & Confidential.

The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

H.Q.Ref. *11/2/23*

Sir:-

Re: Workers' Party of Canada  
Crows' Nest Pass

"K" File.  
C/4263.

I have the honour to report that I am in receipt of a letter from [redacted] in which he states, that throughout the Crow's Nest Pass, no activity is taking place among the members of the Workers' Party or any other Radical Organisation.

In the U. M. W. of A. locals, nothing but ordinary local business is being carried on.

This report is confirmed by other information that I have received, and at the present time the Workers' Party of Canada in this district, is dormant.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. V. Bruce* Insp.  
W. V. Bruce

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.

The Commissioner

Sir:

Forwarded, for your information.

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*Christian Junget* Supt.  
Lethbridge  
30-11-23. Commanding Southern Alberta Dist.





# Royal Canadian Mounted Police

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"K" Division.

East Kootenay Sub-district,  
Fernie, B.C., October 27, 1923.

Ref. No.

Secret & Confidential.

The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Sir:-

Re: Workers' Party of Canada- Crows Nest Pass.

I have the honour to quote hereunder,  
a letter received from [redacted] from Michel, B.C.:-

"Everything is much the same here as  
when I last wrote. Just the ordinary business  
at the local union (U.M.W. of A.) and nothing  
doing as regards the "Workers Party" or its  
affiliations, although I expect something to  
be moving shortly.

There was a little trick pulled off  
by the Workers Party at the Miners Convention  
just held in Calgary - Ryan the Vice President  
of District 18 gave his report to the Convention  
and blamed the Workers Party for trying to  
disrupt the organization, also for the failure  
of the Edmonton Strike- The Workers Party  
Delegates held a caucus and decided that the  
report was not to be accepted, but that it was  
only to be defeated by one or two votes; they  
must have miscalculated their plans, for instead  
of the report being defeated, it was carried by  
one vote. The Workers Party are quite satisfied  
however, knowing they could have put anything  
through the Convention they wished.

The Workers Party figure that if they  
can make the Government and the Coal Operators  
believe that the W. P. is losing ground in this  
district, it will give them a better chance for  
putting through a lot of Organizing and Propaganda  
work this winter, so as to be ready in case of  
a Strike next Spring.

There is no question, but that in the  
Crows Nest Pass, the majority of the U.M.W. of A.  
Officials of District 18 and Delegates sent to the  
several Conventions, are members of the Workers  
Party.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

W. V. Bruce

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.

The Commissioner,  
Sir:

Information received, for his

Chris [signature]

(Chief of Mounts)

Comdr. C. C. Alta. District.

Lethbridge, 29-10-23.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

175/5145  
"Z" Division,  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-district,  
Fernie, B.C., October 11, 1923.

Secret & Confidential.

The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

"Z" File  
C/4263.

Sir:-

Re: Workers' Party of Canada.  
Crows Nest Pass -

C. W. B.

I have the honour to quote hereunder,  
a letter received from [redacted] under date  
of October 9th. 1923:-

"Michel, B.C.  
October 9th. 1923.

"In regards to industrial situation in  
this place, everything is very quiet. I have  
attended all union meetings and about the only  
thing or business transacted is the ordinary  
routine. The general membership seems to be  
looking for some one to take a lead and everyone  
seems afraid. Lazaruk would like to stir things  
up, but he is too scared; [redacted]

And what applies to this place applies to  
nearly all the camps in the Pass, everyone seems  
to be keeping quiet at present. Of course it  
may only be the calm before the storm.  
As far as the Workers Party is concerned every-  
thing is very quiet all along the Pass. In  
Blairmore, Coleman and the rest of the camps  
they seem to be keeping quiet for a while, but I  
expect to see them start some kind of action soon.  
At Michel the Workers Party is dead for the present  
no one is taking any action. I approached Lazaruk  
and asked him what he thought about re-organizing  
the Workers Party - while he was willing himself,  
he thought it would not be advisable at this  
time./

In regards to Edmonton and the 22nd. I  
have just received a full report of the proceed-  
ings which I am enclosing." [redacted]

Enclosed with this letter was the full report  
of the proceedings of the Trades Union Educational League  
meeting held at Edmonton, Alberta, on September 22nd.  
1923. This as soon as copied will be forwarded to  
Headquarters.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

W. V. Bruce

Insp.

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.




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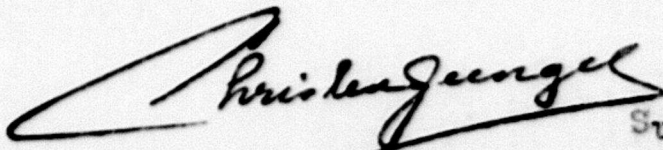
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The Commissioner  
Sir:

Forwarded, for your information. As soon as copies of report of the proceedings of the Trades Union Educational League meeting held at Edmonton, is received same will be forwarded.



Lethbridge  
12-10-23.

  
Supt.  
Christen Junget,  
Commanding Southern Alberta Dist.

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## Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

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"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-district,  
Ferne, B.C., August 23, 1923.

Secret & Confidential.

The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

H.Q. Ref.  
175/4795

Sir:-

Re:

Workers Party of Canada - Crows Nest Pass.

"K" File  
C/5834.

I have the honour to quote hereunder  
the following information received from [redacted]  
under date of August 21st, 1923:-

"H. M. Bartholomew speaks at  
Michel-Matal to-night (August 21.); at  
Ferne, B.C. August 22nd; at Blairmore  
August 24th, and at Hillcrest August  
25th. These meetings are under  
the auspices of the Workers' Party, and  
the subject is "War" and "War Trusts".

These meetings will be covered and  
reported on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. V. Bruce

Insp.

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.

The Commissioner  
Ottawa.

Sir:

Forwarded, for your information. Further  
reports will follow on the activities of this man.

Lethbridge  
24-8-23.

Christen Junget, Supt.  
Commanding Southern Alberta District.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-district,  
Fernie, B. C., August 10, 1923.

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Secret & Confidential.

H.Q. Ref. 5145  
175/5254.

The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Sir,

Re; Workers' Party of Canada - Crows' Nest Pass -

"K" File  
C/4263.

I have the honour to submit the following  
information forwarded by [REDACTED]

"Steve Lazaruk, organizer for the Ukrainian Branch of the W.P. at Michel - Natal, informed me that W. Long, Secy. C.W.C. of the W. P. at Edmonton, visited him at Natal on July 23 & 27th. last. Long was making a tour of District No. 5. W.P. of C. examining the books of the Locals. He visited the following men while in the district:-

Steve Lazaruk	-	Michel - Natal.
Jack McDonald	-	Corbin, B.C.
Leonard Sherman	-	Fernie, B.C.
John Stakoluk	-	Coleman, Alta.
Angus Morrison	-	do
John Johnston	-	do
Joe Stubbs	-	Hillcrest, Alta.
James Bain	-	do
* Habian	-	do (Ukrainian)
Herschell Kay	-	Bellevue, Alta.
A. Caccihone	-	Blairmore, Alta.

Long gave Lazaruk very little news of the Party with the exception that he expressed disappointment that the Nova Scotia miners had received so little support from this district"

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. V. Bruce*

Insp.

W. V. Bruce

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.

The Commissioner

Sir:

Forwarded, for your information.

*Christen Junget*  
Christen Junget,  
Commanding Southern Alberta District.

Lethbridge  
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Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"K" Division  
Lethbridge

Calgary Sub-District.  
Drumheller Det;

REF.

Report.

July 20th 1923.

H.Q. Ref.

re.- Lewis McDonald-(Kid Burns)-Agitator.  
Nacmine, Drumheller Alts.

175/5259

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"K" File.

C/4263.

Calgary.

With reference to the above named and in compliance with instructions received, I beg to inform that this man is now settled down at the old Monarch mine, now called the Nacmine, (North American Collieries Ltd).

I remember seeing him when he returned here some weeks ago, prior to bringing his family and household effects along. This he did quite recently, and I overheard him remark when he first returned, that he figured he would bring his family back, and settle down here, as it was no good moving here and there, wasting money, as conditions were just about the same in the Crow and elsewhere, as they were in the Drumheller field.

This man is a pugilist, and gets his non-de-plume in this way. I have not heard much from him lately, and he appears to be quietened down considerably of late. Of course during the C.B.U. trouble and even later, he was quite an agitator, and being a bit of a "pug", was always going to clean up on somebody. However I think he has become a lot quieter of late, and so far as I can find out he is not at present very active.

E. O. Taylor.  
E. O. Taylor. Cpl. #6143.  
I/c..Drumheller Det;

The O. C. "K" Div. Lethbridge

Sir :- Forwarded.

This in reply to your minute of the 5th. Inst to copy of report from Insp. Bruce dated Fernie B. C. the 4th. Inst. headed, re. W. P. of Canada, Crows Nest Pass, " H. Q. Ref. 175-5259 "K" File C-4263

Calgary 23-7-23

J. W. Spalding Inspector  
Commanding Calgary Sub District

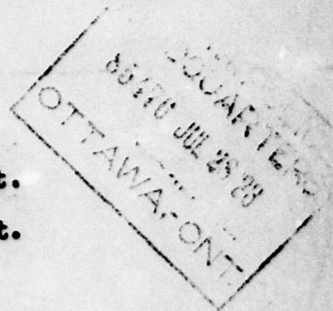
The Commissioner

Sir:

Forwarded, for his information.

Lethbridge  
24-7-23.

Christen Junget,  
Commanding Southern Alberta District.



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Royal Canadian Mounted Police.



"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-district,  
Fernie, B.C., July 4. 1923.

Secret.

The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

H.Q. Ref.  
175/2222-5145

Sir:-

Re: Workers' Party of Canada - Crow's  
Nest Pass.

"K" File  
C/4263.

I have the honour to report the  
following information submitted

"I attended a meeting of the  
C.C.C. at Blairmore on Sunday July 1st. -  
the Secretary Lewis McDonald (Kid Burns)  
resigned as Secretary of the C.C.C., he  
leaving for Drumheller by car the same day,  
having shipped his furniture by freight the  
day before. No one was appointed secretary  
in his place.

Lewis McDonald stated that he  
had had good audiences in the Crow's Nest  
Pass U.M.W. of A. Locals, when he was reading  
the resolutions of the Progressives to them.  
He did not have a big audience in Fernie,  
there only being about 12 - He has as yet  
received no literature from Buck."

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*W. V. Bruce*  
W. V. Bruce

Insp.

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.

The Commissioner.  
Sir:

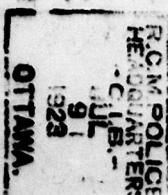
Forwarded for his information. I am  
instructing the O/C, Calgary Sub-District, to keep this  
man's activities under surveillance at Drumheller.

*Christen Lundet*  
Christen Lundet, Supt.

Commanding Southern Alberta District.

Lethbridge, 5-7-23.

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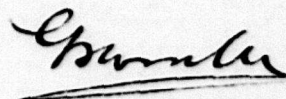
June 25th 1923.

Secret.

The Officer Commanding  
R.C.M. Police,  
Maritime Provinces  
Halifax N.S.

Workers' Party of Canada - Crow's Nest Pass  
(Progressive International Committee of  
the United Mine Workers of America.)

I append hereto, for your information,  
copy of a report received from Lethbridge, in  
connection with the above mentioned matter.

  
G.S. Worsley,  
Asst Commissioner.





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Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-district,  
Fernie, B. C., June 16, 1923.

Secret & Confidential.

The Officer Commanding,  
R.C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Sir,

Re: Workers' Party of Canada- Crow's Nest Pass.  
(Progressive International Committee of  
the United Mine Workers of America.)

I have the honour to submit herewith, information gained by [redacted] from one Lewis McDonald of Blairmore, Sec. C.C.W. Workers Party at that place and delegate representing Sub-districts 1 & 2, Dist. 18 U.M.W. of A. held at Pittsburg on June 2nd. and 3rd. last:-

"Lewis McDonald returned to Blairmore on Friday June 8th., having left Pittsburg as soon as the Convention closed, owing to the floods at his home town in Blairmore; he did not obtain copies of the resolutions passed at this meeting but they will be sent later for distribution through the district.

At the convention there were about 200 delegates, but only three from Canada, the following:-  
Lewis McDonald from Blairmore - delegate from Sub-districts 1 & 2, Dist. 18. U.M.W. of A.  
John Archie MacDonald, Phalin Local, U.M.W. of A., Glace Bay, Nova Scotia.  
W. MacKay, Calidonia Local, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia.

Lewis McDonald was appointed by the Convention to travel throughout the whole of district 18 U.M.W. of A. and organize the miners into "Progressives" opposed to the Lewis machine, and to expose the treachery of the present Officials of the U. M. W. of A... In this matter McDonald will have to depend on the different Locals to finance him, and was informed to this effect at Pittsburg. He has written to all branches of the Workers Party in the district to help organize the "Progressives" and to give him assistance when he visits their localities... McDonald returned via Toronto, where he saw T. Buck who promised to send him literature to help organize the "Progressives" Buck does not intend to come West at the present, but stated that Bartholomew would be stopping permanently in Alberta.

Lewis McDonald will not attempt to organize the "Progressives" until such time as he receives copies of the resolutions passed at the Convention"

[redacted] will obtain Copies of the Resolutions passed, at the first opportunity.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district

Insp.

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H.Q. Ref.  
175/5259.

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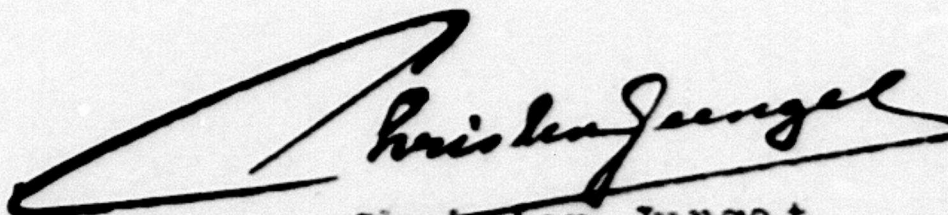
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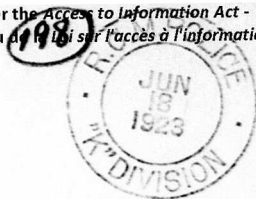
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The Commissioner  
Ottawa.

Sir:

Forwarded, for his information.

  
Christen Junget, Supt.  
Commanding Southern Alberta District.  
Lethbridge  
18-6-23.



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Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-district,  
Fernie, B. C., June 16. 1923.

Secret & Confidential.

The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

H.Q. Ref. 5145  
175/5239.

"K" File.  
C/4263.

Sir,

Re: Workers' Party of Canada - Crow's Nest Pass.

I have the honour to forward herewith,  
a copy of the minutes of the District Executive  
Committee meeting held at Edmonton, Alta. on  
May 5th. and 6th. 1923., received by [redacted]  
from Lewis McDonald, Secy. C.C.C. Blairmore, Alta.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. V. Bruce*

Insp.

W. V. Bruce

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.

The Commissioner  
Ottawa.

Sir:

Forwarded, for his information.

*Christen Jungel* Supt.

Christen Jungel,  
Commanding Southern Alberta District.  
Lethbridge  
18-6-23.



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District Executive meeting  
held May 5th. & 6th. 1923.

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Present: Comrade Lakeman in Chair, Long, Centazzo,  
and Mrs. Mellard.

Absent: Palmer, Klybanowsky and Christophers. - All  
unavoidably absent.

Minutes of previous meeting adopted as read.

Financial report shows total receipts since March 16.  
of \$145.50 - Expenditure of 83.15, leaving a balance  
of 59.33 dollars. Report accepted.

Under reports, Comrade Centazzo reported on his  
recent tour organizing the Italian Section. It was  
mov. & sec. that the report be accepted and the  
secretary requested to issue a copy of the report to  
all branches. - Carried.

Comrade Long reported on his trip to Nordegg and  
Canmore. It was mov & sec. that a copy of the report  
be forwarded to all branches. - Carried.

Movl & sec. that the surplus of \$75.00 left after  
expenses from Comrade Long's trip to Nordegg and Canmore  
be turned over to Comrade Long as expenses. - Carried.

May 6th. 1923.

Present: Comrade Lakeman in Chair, Long, Centazzo,  
Mrs. Mellard, McDonald and Bartholomew. Comrade  
McDonald with voice and vote representing Comrade  
Christophers, Bartholomew with voice and no vote.  
Absent: Palmer, Klybanowsky, and Christophers.

Mov. & Sec. that minutes of C. E. C. of April 26th.  
be accepted as read. - Carried.

Mov. & sec. that a night letter be sent to Comrade  
Moriarty requesting them to rush printing of Italian  
Constitution. - Carried.

Mov. & sec. that the amount of \$28.58 covering the  
deficit on the audit of the district books be paid to  
Comrade Mrs. Mellard. - Carried.

It was mov. & sec. that the secretary be instructed to  
send out communication to all branches asking them to live  
up to the resolution passed in the district convention  
relating to financial and and district organization -  
Carried.

Movl & sec. that the secy. write the C.E.C. requesting  
that in the future all speakers when touring the district  
be under the jurisdiction of the D.E.C., as there are  
complaints that speakers do not go into the smaller and  
out of the way camps causing a certain amount of  
antagonizing to arise. If speakers do not wish to speak  
in the smaller & less easily accessible camps, the  
dist. executive recommend to the C.E.C. that they be  
kept in the East. - Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Wm. Long Sec.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

175/5145  
"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-district,  
Fernie, B. C., May 26, 1923.

Secret & Confidential.

The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

H.Q. Ref.  
175/5269

Sir,

Re: Workers' Party of Canada - Crow's Nest Pass.  
C. C. C. meeting - Blairmore May 20th.

I have the honour to submit the following,  
being information ~~received~~ <sup>submitted</sup> by [REDACTED]

"A meeting of the C.C.C. was called for  
Sunday May 20th. at Blairmore by the Secretary  
Lewis McDonald. [REDACTED]"

"K" File  
C/5263.

C. I. D.

See also 175/4795.  
about this time ~~arrived~~  
fled from Saskatoon to  
Regina, thinking no  
might be averted.  
Report of 31<sup>st</sup>

I attach herewith copies of minutes of  
C.E.C. at Edmonton, dated March 24th. and April 7th.  
These are the latest minutes received by the C.C.C.  
at Blairmore

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*W. V. Bruce* Insp.  
W. V. Bruce

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.

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The Commissioner  
Sir,

Forwarded, for his information.

Lethbridge  
19-5-23.

*Christen Junget* Supt.  
Christen Junget,  
Commanding Southern Alberta Dist.

OTTAWA, ONT.

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**District Executive Committee Meeting  
held March 24th. 2 p.m.**

**Present** Lakeman in chair, Christophers and Centazzo.

**Absent** Palmer, Mrs. Mellard, Klybanowsky.

**Minutes** of previous meeting adopted as read.

**Moved** and seconded that bill amounting to \$13.80 be paid. Carried.

A long discussion ensued on the recommendation of the C.E.C. affecting the Industrial policy of the party. It was moved and seconded that Comrade Christophers communicate with the C.E.C. and outline the situation at the present time. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that comrade Long be instructed to issue a Circular letter outlining the financial condition of the party in this district, with the object of inviting suggestions as to the best method of financing the district office. Carried.

Arising out of the minutes of the Edmonton C.C.C. was a request that the district executive appoint a Committee of two from the D.E.C. to act with the committee of nine to carry out the May Day celebration. Comrades Lakeman and Palmer appointed.

Comrade Walter Lakeman was instructed to make out a complete report covering the amount of literature on hand,, bills owing, and amount of credit outstanding with a view of laying down a policy in regard to this part of party work.

**Meeting adjourned.**

Wm Long,  
Secretary.

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District Executive Committee Meeting  
Held April 7th. at a p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read.

Financial report showed that there was a balance on hand amounting to \$9.70. It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Carried.

The minutes of the C.C.C. meeting of March 24th. approved as read and the secretary instructed to communicate with comrade Moriarty accepting their financial assistance in regard to organizing an Italian section.

In response to the request of the Ukrainian Labor Temple Association that we appoint a comrade to attend their convention on the 13th. 14th. and 15th. of April. Comrade Mrs. Mellard was unanimously chosen to represent the party as a fraternal delegate.

Comrade Lakeman reported that an active committee had the May Day celebration in hand and it was intended to try and get the Trades and Labor Council, C.P.L. and all affiliated unions in the city to take an official part in this years' demonstration. Comrade Long reported that Blairmore C.C.C. were actively engaged in organizing the May Day celebration. The sec. was instructed to issue a Circular letter calling upon the C.C.C's. and branches to make this celebration a success and that this celebration take the form of helping the district financially.

The question of the Womens Labor Leagues was taken up and it was moved and seconded that comrade Mellard report to the next meeting as to the best methods to be adopted so that a policy can be adopted on this question. Carried.

Comrade Walter Long, the literature agent, reports that ~~for~~ during the past three months a total business of six hundred and eighty-four dollars and twelve cents had been transacted. The amount of stock on hand amounts to \$459; bills owing amounted to \$230 but pointed out that in this connection about \$70 were from old bills outstanding making the real amount of bills owing \$160.80. Credit out amounted to \$198.40, a more detailed report would be forthcoming when he was settled in the new store. The report was accepted and it was moved and seconded that the literature agent be allowed all the profits from the sale of literature until June 1st. By this time it was felt that the D. E. C. would be in a position to decide on what remuneration the D.E.C. would give to the one in charge of this work. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the D.E.C. hold a special meeting on Sunday April 15th. for the purpose of meeting comrade Spector as a committee and taking up some of the important problems confronting the party at the present time. Carried.



Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

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"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-district,  
Fernie, B. C., May 17. 1923.

Secret & Confidential.

The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Sir,

Re: Worker's Party of Canada - Crow's Nest Pass -  
(Progressive International Committee of the  
United Mine Workers of America)

I have the honour to attach herewith a  
Program in the above connection, and quote hereunder  
an extract from a letter received by [redacted] from  
one Lewis McDonald, Secretary, City Central Committee,  
Workers' Party of Canada, Crow's Nest Pass.:-

\*\*\*\*\* "Things are the same down here, and  
not much chance of getting any better; we will be  
expecting a Delegate to the Convention of Progressive  
Miners to be held here on May 21. for the purpose  
of sending a Delegate to the Convention of Progressive  
Miners to be held in Pittsburg on June 2nd 23rd.  
I will send you some Policies in this letter; out-  
lining policies is no good unless we put them into  
action, and to do that we must build a machine that  
will be big enough and that will carry the Policy  
into action now. Send your Delegate to attend the  
Convention of Sub-districts' 1 and 2, to be held in  
Blairmore on May 21st.

With Communist Greetings  
Yours Lewis McDonald  
Blairmore, Alberta."

It is becoming more and more evident that  
the Radical Element of the U.M.W. of A. in the Crow's  
Nest Pass, are dissatisfied with the manner in which  
the higher Officials of the U.M.W. of A. are managing  
the affairs of the Union. The Officials of the  
Local Unions of the U.M.W. of A. in this district are  
practically all members of the Workers' Party of  
Canada, and will carry out any plan which is suggested  
by that organization.

I have instructed [redacted] to attend this  
meeting at Blairmore on May 21. and report the result  
thereof.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

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*W. V. Bruce*  
W. V. Bruce

Insp.

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.

The Commissioner  
Sir:

Forwarded, for his information. Program  
above mentioned, enclosed herewith.

Lethbridge  
18-5-23.

*Christen Luquet*  
Christen Luquet.  
COMMANDING SOUTHERN ALBERTA DISTRICT

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## Progressive International Committee of the United Mine Workers of America

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*The Progressive International Committee of the U. M. W. of A. was formed by delegates of various districts of the U. M. W. of A. during a National Conference of Progressive Miners held in Pittsburgh, Pa., February 10, 1923.*

### GENERAL SITUATION

AS an aftermath of the war, coal mining is an overdeveloped industry, capable of producing 800,000,000 tons annually, while only 500,000,000 tons are actually needed. Gigantic subsidiaries of railroad and steel corporations, operating as great coal syndicates, are found side by side with hordes of petty operators equipped with only insignificant capital. This situation has produced an orgy of political corruption, judicial usurpation, strikes, riots, bloodshed and general disorder, which has become the scandal of industrial America. Such an insane condition in the most basic industry of the country must not continue.

Under the guise of reorganizing the industry, the large-scale operators see an opportunity to crush their weaker competitors on the one hand, and to wipe out the last vestige of unionism on the other, and thus, by trustification, create a great Feudalism of Coal. By this means they hope to render absolutely helpless both producers and consumers of coal.

Those who have lived in the shadow of the Feudalism of the U. S. Steel Corporation know what a nightmare such a system would mean for the miners. The crushing of the United Mine Workers of America, the only large industrial union in the United States, would be the greatest possible disaster to the workers of this country.

### NATIONALIZATION OF COAL MINES

To meet this situation of demoralization a radical change must be made in the coal industry. There is only one solution at this moment that is possible, and that is NATIONALIZATION OF COAL MINES.

Against this plan will be marshalled all the forces and resources of plutocratic America. The capitalist press and its journalistic hirelings, together with an army of retainers composed of the intellectual and political prostitutes of Wall Street, are flooding the

country with an avalanche of lies, slander and misrepresentation against NATIONALIZATION. Corrupt and reactionary labor leaders are also opposing this plan, and every honest trades unionist who espouses the cause is marked for persecution.

In advocating NATIONALIZATION OF COAL MINES, the Progressive Coal Miners mean the operation of the coal mines under the direction of competent union miners, and not under a commission composed of the usual lawyers, bankers and politicians. A political bureaucracy sitting at Washington as directors of the coal industry would be a monstrosity worse even than the abortion known as the "Railroad Labor Board" and would never be tolerated by the rank and file of the United Mine Workers of America.

NATIONALIZATION OF COAL MINES, as a political program, will be a failure unless it includes genuine democratic management of the mines. Since the efficient operation of the coal mines is only possible by those who have had experience in digging coal, we demand that the program of NATIONALIZATION OF COAL MINES shall provide for the operation of the mines entirely under the direction of union miners, who alone are possessed of the technical, mechanical and manual skill necessary for the successful operation of the mines.

### NEED OF LABOR PARTY

NATIONALIZATION OF COAL MINES can only be accomplished through political action. To suppose that such a change can be brought about by "friends of Labor" among the politicians of the Democratic and Republican parties is only possible to the mind of a Lewis. Such a possibility is too absurd for those who seriously consider the recent great events in the industrial and political life of the country.

Nor is it possible for the miners, as a group, to accomplish this great political change alone. The 000768

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ing class of America as a whole is the only group with sufficient interest, solidarity and numbers to make NATIONALIZATION a reality. Therefore the miners, in order to inaugurate NATIONALIZATION and to protect their political interests generally, will be compelled to join with the rest of the working class and launch a great Labor Party based upon the trades unions. Composed exclusively of workers and working farmers, and all working class parties without regard to political differences, such a party would be able to fight the battles of Labor effectively on the political field. The conduct of the Government in the recent strikes of the mine and railroad workers proves conclusively that the Government is under the complete domination of the plutocrats of Wall Street. A Labor Party worthy of the name will fight to put the Government in the hands of the workers, and thus end the exploitation of the producers by the parasites and profiteers.

### **AGGRESSIVE ORGANIZATION CAMPAIGN**

Plans must be laid immediately to bring into the organization the great army of non-union miners. Over one-third of the miners in the United States are outside of the union.

A comparison of the ratio of the producing capacity of non-union mines to the total consumption of coal in the United States reveals a startling and dangerous situation. In 1921 the total non-union mine capacity was 295,000,000 tons yearly, while the total consumption of coal in the United States in the same year was only 407,000,000 tons. The situation is now worse. Due to the disastrous Cleveland agreement, much territory, formerly union, has been lost to the organization. It can be conservatively stated that in case of a general strike of the union miners of the country the non-union mines can now produce over three-fourths of the coal needed in the United States.

This situation threatens the U. M. W. of A. with disaster unless remedied immediately. During the war every miner in the country could have been organized had the administration of the international put forth the proper efforts. But the international officials found it profitable to keep many districts in a demoralized condition. The representatives of such districts at the National Conventions seek to curry favor and support by voting as they are told without regard to the issues or principles involved. The Progressive Miners demand that an aggressive organization campaign be launched, to the end that this condition be remedied and that an honest and sincere effort be put forth to enroll all non-union miners, under the banner of the U. M. W. of A.

### **ALLIANCE BETWEEN MINERS AND RAILROAD WORKERS**

There must be created a real fighting alliance between the men who dig the coal and those who haul it. This must not be a weak affiliation such as exists at present, which produces merely an exchange of friendly telegrams of sympathy when either group are on strike. The miners and railroad workers must actually join forces for united action and fight side by side in times of strikes.

### **REINSTATEMENT OF HOWAT AND OTHER KANSAS MINERS**

Of all the crimes of the Lewis administration, none has been more flagrant and cowardly than the brutal expulsion of Alexander Howat and the fighting Kansas miners. While lying in jail battling against the Industrial Court slave law of Kansas, Howat and his fellow officers of District 14 were stabbed in the back by Lewis, who arbitrarily removed them from their official positions and expelled them from the organization for life. He neither preferred charges against them nor gave them a trial. The whole thing was in open violation of the International Constitution. Capitalism, at its worst, grants trials even to robbers and murderers. But Lewis, to the eternal shame of the labor movement, refuses to do as much for a man with the fighting record of Howat. We demand the immediate reinstatement of Howat and his fellow officers to their official positions with all the rights and privileges they enjoyed prior to their expulsion. Every local union in the U. M. W. of A. should elect good, strong delegates to the next International Convention, with instructions to fight first, last and all the time for Howat and his co-workers who have been crucified by International President John L. Lewis.

### **NATIONAL AGREEMENTS ONLY**

The Progressive Miners demand that the policy of National Agreements be established and adhered to. In the early days of the industry agreements were made between small individual operators and local unions, then by sub-districts, next by districts, later on by several districts together, and finally, as a result of the development of the industry and the appearance of great coal corporations operating in several states, national agreements were arrived at. This was accomplished only through years of suffering, privation and strikes, and is the priceless heritage of every union miner, bought with the blood and self-sacrifice of a great army of martyrs to Labor's Cause. It was a steady progress onward and upward. Yet in the 1922 strike, with victory in our grasp, Lewis, by signing the Bituminous and Anthracite agreements, reversed this tendency, and by splitting the ranks of the miners, pushed the organization back to where it was years ago.

### **DIRECT ELECTION OF ORGANIZERS**

A most necessary reform in the U. M. W. of A. is to bring about the election of organizers by the rank and file. At present the big staff of international organizers are appointed by the Administration, with the result that they are largely an electioneering machine to keep the present officialdom in power. They spend most of their time running around the organized districts playing politics and seeking to develop sentiment in support of the Administration. When the conventions assemble, they flock in and literally swamp them. The unorganized are entirely neglected. The only remedy for this state of affairs, which is extremely demoralizing to the union, is to amend the International Constitution to provide for the election, by the rank and file, of all organizers and traveling auditor. "pay-roll" vote must be abolished in the United Workers of America.



## AMALGAMATION

The Progressive Miners heartily endorse the movement to amalgamate all the craft unions of the country into a series of industrial unions. In its early days the coal mining industry was afflicted with craft unionism, but the miners saw fit to combine all their union into one organization to cover the whole industry. In the great fights that have since occurred the industrial form of our union has stood us in good stead. Had we been so organized that one part of the working force remained at work while the rest were striking, we would have been defeated and our organization broken up long ago. Speaking from experience, we heartily recommend industrial unionism to the labor movement as a whole, and we pledge ourselves to do whatever we can to bring it about.

## SIX HOUR DAY AND FIVE DAY WEEK

The Progressive Miners demand the 6-hour day and the 5-day week. The sacrifice and devotion of the miners to their industry for the benefit of society has resulted in such rapid mechanical and organizational improvements that the average American miner produces  $3\frac{3}{4}$  times as much coal in an equal space of time as his English brother. Of the total possible 300 eight-hour working days in a year, or 2400 hours, the average miner spends only one-third, or 800 hours, at remunerative labor and loses 1600 hours. The operators and their henchmen would make the miners pay for their great efficiency in production by closing down hundreds of mines and throwing many thousands of miners entirely into the army of unemployed, there to engage in a desperate struggle for work against the employed miners, and to serve as a reserve force for the employers in time of strike. Meanwhile these same operators, in many parts of the country, are fighting to aggravate the situation by establishing a longer work day and by increasing the task of their men. As against this brutal alleged solution, the Progressive Miners urge and demand the application of the practical common-sense remedy, a substantial shortening of the working time. We demand unequivocally the 6-hour day and the 5-day week.

## SECESSION AND DUAL UNIONISM

The Progressive Miners heartily condemn all secession and dual union movements. As a result of the "rule or ruin" policy of the Lewis Administration, carrying with it all sorts of fraudulent elections and general betrayal of the miners' interests, intense bitterness and disillusionment has been caused among the rank and file of the organization. Under no circumstances should this discontent be allowed to break into secession movements. We must stay within the ranks of the United Mine Workers and settle our differences there in a practical and constructive manner. Experience teaches that secession leads inevitably to demoralization and defeat. It weakens the organization and, by withdrawing good men, leaves the reactionaries in undisputed control. Efforts of reactionary officials, such as John L. Lewis, to force secession movements among men they cannot whip into line, must be

vigorously resisted. A pattern to go by are the Kansas miners, who, notwithstanding the bitterest provocation, loyally refused to split the union. From the beginning Alexander Howat has stood like a rock against starting a dual movement. Any stories in the press to the contrary, are simply propaganda of the employers. Howat has stated time and again that he will have absolutely nothing to do with secession movements. All Progressive Miners should take the same stand.

## INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATION

Capitalism is international in scope and the organization of the miners must be as wide as the world. In the great 1922 strike, coal was shipped into the United States from various countries, which made our fight that much harder. In the big British strike of 1921, the same experience was had, coal being sent in from many countries to break the strike. This proves conclusively the necessity for united action among the miners of all nations to prevent coal being shipped into countries where the miners are on strike. We demand the closest possible affiliation of the United Mine Workers of America with the organized miners of the world.

## LEWIS VIOLATES MINERS' POLICIES

The solemn duty of every official of a labor organization is to loyally endeavor to put into effect the policies laid down by his union. Lewis has violated this duty times without number. Nationalization of Coal Mines, a basic policy, was endorsed by the Cleveland, 1919 Convention, and later a committee, consisting of John Brophy, Chris. Golden and William Mitch, was appointed to work out the proposition. Then, when the committee reported, Lewis repudiated the whole project and thus brought about the resignation of Brophy and Golden, two sincere advocates of nationalization. Ellis Searles, Editor of the United Mine Workers Journal, a henchman of Lewis who is not now and never has been a member of the U. M. W. of A., refused to permit the publication of the nationalization report, or any part of it, in the official journal of the organization.

The United Mine Workers of America are clearly on record for the formation of a Labor Party, having endorsed the proposition at the Indianapolis, 1921 Convention. Yet at the recent conference for Progressive Political Action in Cleveland, the delegation from the United Mine Workers of America, who claimed they were acting under instructions of Lewis, failed to vote in favor of independent working class political action when that proposition was before the Conference.

Likewise, the U. M. W. of A. has unqualifiedly endorsed industrial unionism many times. It was the solemn obligation of the Lewis Administration to see to it that the miners' delegates to the A. F. of L., 1922 Convention, should fight for a definite program of industrializing the other unions represented in the A. F. of L. But when the Railway Clerks submitted a resolution to amalgamate all the existing craft unions into industrial organizations the miners' delegates did not vote for the proposition.

Despite the bitter fight in the U. M. W. of A. conventions over the 6-hour day, in which Lewis was decisively beaten, that official has never hesitated to belittle and neglect this demand of the miners. It is common talk in mining circles that it was not even mentioned in conference before signing the New York Agreement, January, 1923.

### **CORRUPTION IN ELECTIONS**

The district and international elections at the present time in the U. M. W. of A. are a shame and a disgrace to the cause of unionism. "Pay-roll" agents of the various administrations employ bribery with money and liquor, and the most brutal forms of intimidation, to accomplish their corruption of the ballot. They have so disgusted a large part of the membership that more and more the honest members are losing interest in the elections and fail to take part in them. It is the duty of all Progressives to arouse these members to a sense of their duty and to prove to them that there is a splendid opportunity right now to cleanse the organization of election frauds and to make it a union fit to lead the workers of America to victory and power.

### **MILITANT LEADERSHIP**

The remedy for the disorganization in our union is to replace the present timid and incompetent leaders with labor statesmen of broad vision; with men possessed of minds capable of thinking in terms as big as the mining industry of the entire world, and infused with courage which will enable them to stand in the front of the battle line and to fight for the interests of the miners against all enemies of union labor. There are many men in our own ranks capable of rendering this service, who have been tried in the fire of persecu-

tion and found worthy. Let us immediately organize to place this group in responsible control of the organization.

### **PLAN OF ACTION**

In order that the foregoing plan of progressive action may become a reality, it is necessary that the Progressive Miners organize to carry on an aggressive campaign of education among the rank and file of the U. M. W. of A. It is only by spreading literature and by waking up the rank and file to the necessity for organization, that real progress can be achieved in modernizing and strengthening our Union. If you believe in this program, see to it that every member of your local is furnished with a copy of this leaflet. Then call together a district conference of the Progressive Miners and get in touch with the International Committee, so that all work can be carried on efficiently in the various districts at one time.

### **NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

A National Conference of Progressive Miners is called for June 2 and 3, 1923, at Pittsburgh, Pa. At that time a permanent Progressive Movement will be launched in the U. M. W. of A. This will be the dawn of a new day for the oppressed miners of the American continent.

For further information write to

**THOMAS MYERSCOUGH, Sec'y.-Treas.**

**Labor Lyceum, 35 Miller St.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.**

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-district,  
Fernie, B. C., May 3. 1923.

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The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Sir

Re: Workers Party of Canada - Crows Nest Pass -  
(Special C.C.C. meeting, Blairmore May 1. 1923)

I have the honour to submit the following  
report of the above meeting, told me to-day by  
[redacted] who was present at the same:-

"This meeting was held in the Miner's Hall,  
Blairmore, May 1st. 1923, behind locked doors.  
Meeting called to order 9.30 p.m.

P. Christophers, M.L.A. in the Chair.

The following were present:-

P. Christophers, M.L.A.

M.W. Bartholomew

W. Sherman (Pres. U.M.W.A. dis. 18)

Rbt. Peacock (Sec. do)

Rod MacDonald (Board Member U.M.W.A.)

Lewis McDonald Secy. C.C.C.

A. Cacchione

O. Romeo

M. May

A. Martelli

A. Morrison

J. Johnston

J. Stubbs

J. Baine

D. Marshall

A. de Walli

W. Staco

Frank Rees

S. Lazaruk

(Also three or four Foreigners [redacted]  
acquainted with)

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Toronto.

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D. Marshall vouched for the Italian members  
and other Foreigners.

P. Christophers and Lewis McDonald vouched for the  
English Party members.

CHRISTOPHERS opened the meeting by inviting  
Bartholomew to speak.

BARTHOLOMEW in his speech, spoke of how the Militants  
in Nova Scotia had to take a step backward instead of  
overthrowing Lewis and his machine as they had  
intended, - he warned his hearers not to be too radical  
as the Government would step in and the whole organ-  
ization would be broken. He told us how the Communist  
Party has started in the United States, and how the  
Government has smashed it - the next move the  
Communists made was to come out in the open as the  
Workers Party. He said there was talk of changing  
the name of the Workers Party to the Communists Party  
again, and that this question would be brought up at  
the next National Convention to be held at Toronto  
in June. A standing vote was then taken as to this

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change in name, in the "Crow", and everyone was strongly in favor of the change in name. Bartholomew stated that no doubt when the organization was five thousand strong the change would take place; it was not desirable and not necessary that too many be taken in the Party, all that was wanted were the leading Red Elements in each locality. Quality not Quantity. He urged closer co-operation between the different labor unions and Partys, the U. M. W. of A. and the Labor Party of Canada, and also urged that the different Officials elected to the Locals of these Partys be Workers Party men, so that they could use the se organizations to spread their propaganda. Speaking of the lack of funds at the present time for propaganda, he suggested that all members of the U.M.W. of A. be assessed one dollar a year, as a U.M.W. of A. assessment and collected as such, and that this money be handed over to the Workers Party by the Executive of the U. M. W. of A., the majority of whom were members of the Workers Party.

WILLIAM SHERMAN got up and stated that it was not possible, for U.M.W. of A. funds to be used in such a manner; and that the only way that they could collect would be from the different U.M.W. of A. Locals, who had their own funds, and they could vote in each Local how these funds would be expended.

FRANK NEE brought forward the question of Robert Levitt, Board Member U.M.W. of A., and stated that he should be thrown out of office, also others of the Officials that were acting like him & he stated that they were nothing but "Stool Pigeons" for the Capitalists.

WILLIAM SHERMAN got up and said that Nee's talk was all rot, as Levitt had done everything he was told to do and had done it to the satisfaction of the Rank and File of the U. M. W. of A.

CHRISTOPHERS said that they had nothing against Levitt that they could throw him out of office, and that as far as he was concerned, a man was innocent until proven Guilty, and Levitt was not proven Guilty yet.

BARTHOLOMEW got up and stated that we should get some more Speakers through the "Crow" in the near future, so Lewis McDonald Secy. C.C.C. was instructed to write to the National and see if T. Buck could come out in June, as he was the best man they had for the Work.

CHRISTOPHERS then addressed Wm. SHERMAN and R. PEACOCK on behalf of the Workers Party of the "Crow", and asked them to keep in touch with their movement, work as much as possible under their discipline, and help them along as much as they could.

SHERMAN replied that he would do what he could along these lines. PEACOCK remained silent.

Meeting was adjourned by Christophers at 11.30 p.m"

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. V. Bruce*

Insp.

W. V. Bruce

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district 000773

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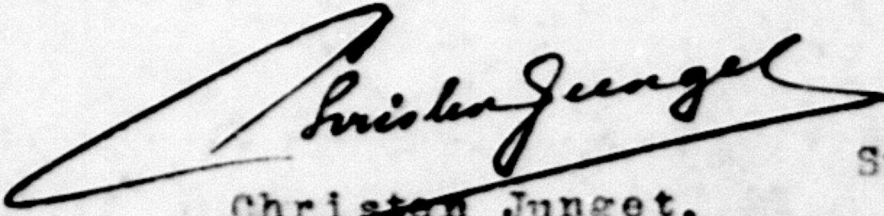
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The Commissioner  
Ottawa.

Sir:

Forwarded, for his information.

Lethbridge  
4-5-23.

  
Christen Junget,  
Commanding Southern Alberta District.

Supt.



R. C. M. P.

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"K" Division Lethbridge

Banff Sub District  
Cammore detach.  
April 24th. 1923.

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Re-Workers Party of Canada (Crows Nest Pass)  
S. Centazzo-- Italian Organizer--Ferne B.C.

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S. Centazzo arrived in Cammore on the 20th. inst. holding a meeting for Italians only on the same night, there were 13 Italians attended the meeting but nothing was done in the way of organizing a branch of the Workers Party, at this camp.

Centazzo in his address spoke of the Conditions in Europe, especially Italy, and the North American continent with regard to the working class. Centazzo as far as I am able to ascertain is a radical Socialist, his visit here this time was to get a line up on the workers (Italian) and I understand he intends coming back latter to organize.

Centazzo was taking subscriptions from the Italians that attended the meeting for a paper printed in Italian and published in New York, U.S.A. called the "ALBA NUOVA" a copy of which I was able to secure and enclose herewith.

Centazzo left on train No. 2 on the 20th. inst. for the east.

Encl.

*[Signature]* Corpl. 6159.  
In charge of Cammore detachment.  
The O.C. Lethbridge,  
Forwarded.

*[Signature]*  
Denis Ryan, Insp.  
Commanding Banff Sub District.

The Commissioner  
Ottawa.

Sir:

Forwarded, for his information. This man was quite prominent in W. P. of C., circles in the East Kootenay District in the near past.

Lethbridge  
26-4-23.

*[Signature]* Supt.  
Christen J. J. J.  
Commanding Southern Alberta District.

*[Handwritten signatures and stamps]*

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-district,  
Fernie, B. C., April 27. 1923.

Secret & Confidential.

The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

H.Q. Ref.  
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"K" File  
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Sir,

Re: Workers' Party of Canada - Crow's Nest Pass.  
C.C.C. meeting - Blairmore April 22. 1923.

I have the honour to submit the following  
report of the C. C. C. meeting of the Workers' Party  
held at Blairmore, Alberta, on April 22. last,  
Submitted by [redacted] who attended the same on  
my instructions :-

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"The meeting was held in the Union  
Office in the Miner's Hall 11.15 a.m.  
Sunday April 22..... The following were  
present :-

✓ Lewis McDonald, Secy. C.C.C. Blairmore.  
✓ A. Caccione, Secy. Italian Local W.P. Blairmore.  
✓ O. Romeo, Blairmore.  
✓ Angus Morrison, Coleman, Alberta.  
✓ H. May, Secy. Workers' Party at Blairmore.  
✓ Jim Bain, Secy. English W. P. at Hillcrest.  
✓ D. Marshall, Secy. Italian W.P. at Hillcrest.  
Joe Stubbs, Hillcrest.

A copy of the attached report was read  
and discussed, but nothing was decided, - it  
will be brought up again at the next meeting;  
copies sent to all Locals.

It was decided after considerable  
discussion that, as Morris Spector's time  
was limited in the "Pass", that he was to  
speak at Blairmore and Coleman only.

The Secy. Lewis McDonald, informed the  
Delegates that he was in receipt of a letter  
from J.B. McLachlan of Nova Scotia, that he  
would not be able to attend the meeting to be  
held at Blairmore on May 1st. - that there  
was trouble at Sydney N. S., and that it was  
doubtful if he would be able to visit the  
West this Summer.

The Secretary also informed the Delegates  
that a special meeting of the C. C. C. would  
be called for May 1st., to which Wm. Sherman,  
President of District 18, U.M.W. of A., and  
Peacock, Secy. U.M.W. of A. had been notified  
to attend. That at this meeting these men  
would be told that they would have to work  
under the discipline of the Workers' Party,  
also that P. Christophers, M.L.A. of Blairmore,  
W.M. Bartholomew of Toronto, and a man called  
Morrison would attend this meeting.

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Lewis McDonald informed his audience that the financial standing of the C. E. C. at Edmonton was \$9.00, and that something would have to be done about it shortly."

How is Lazaruk doing at Michel?  
He and I have been laid off.  
When was Sherman there last?  
Not since the last convention.  
Steve Lazaruk told me that Sherman gave him a "going over" for being so Radical. The best thing is to tell Lazaruk to come to this meeting (C.C.C.) and we will take it up between them face to face. That is the time we will be able to tell if there is anything to it or not.  
Sherman told me the only thing he said to Lazaruk, as far as he remembered, was that he would be very foolish if he would do any kicking at the Scale Convention about the conditions at Michel for it would not help them any."

In this report, I would like to draw to your attention the fact that J.B. McLachlan will not be present on May 1st., and may not visit this District this Summer.

As regards the Special meeting of the C.C.C., I have instructed [redacted] to attend and report the result thereof.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. V. Bruce*

Insp.

W. V. Bruce

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.

The Commissioner  
Sir;

Forwarded, for his information.

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Lethbridge  
28-4-23.

*Christen Junget*  
Christen Junget,  
Commanding Southern Alberta Dist.

Supt.

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To the Workers Party of Canada.

Dear Comrades:

The Executive Bureau of the R. I. L. U. has a considerable time ago, decided to take up definitely the serious and pressing problem of the Italian Immigration to the various countries of the World.

You cannot fail to see the importance of such a decision. Although composed of the most active elements and, for that reason, those who most strongly resist exploitation-- these workers who make up the general fluctuating Immigration from Italy, are often forced to become traitors to their class and to their fellow-workers. The reason for this is, that, on arrival in a foreign country where they know neither the language nor the customs, and, nearly always, without money, they do not find immediate support forthcoming from the Unions of their country, which allows them to become they prey of the exploiters, and isolated from the real life and the solidarity of the working class of the land to which they have Immigrated. There is also now the fact, that the Fascisti movement endeavours to transform the Immigrant workers into Agents of the Fascisti Government. In order to accomplish this sin, Fascism carries on an extensive propaganda amongst the Immigrants, based upon Chauvinism, intended to oppose the Italian workers to the workers of other lands. This must absolutely be prevented. The Italian Emigrants, who are usually no looking in a strong sentiment of class consciousness, must be immunized against such harmful propaganda and must be retained for the revolutionary cause of the proletariat. At present, to the customary Immigration, we must add the emigration of political refugees, which affects already several thousand workers. It is necessary that these refugees be not scattered and isolated, and their revolutionary strength and ability dissipated.

In order to succeed in these aims, those countries where immigration is most numerous must conduct untiring and practical propaganda among the Immigrants. The Communist organizations, and the Party Press, can aid in this work most effectively. We are of the opinion that a special committee should be immediately formed, preferably located in the same spot as the Party Executive of each country, which assume the task of establishing sub-committees in all those centres where there are numerous Italian Emigrants, and which should carry on an active propaganda among them as well as a regular and methodical correspondence with the Moscow Bureau.

We trust, Comrades, that this work will be accomplished by you as rapidly as possible. We also await any suggestions and plans which you may choose to send us, so that our task may be attended by all possible success.

We await your prompt reply, and send you Communist greetings..

For the joint committee of action of the Communist International and the Red International of Labour Unions.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

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"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-district,  
Ferne, B. C., April 21. 1923.

Secret & Confidential.

The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Sir,

Re: Worker's Party of Canada - Crow's Nest Pass-  
Re: J. B. McLachlan -

I have the honour to quote the following  
from a letter received this date from [REDACTED]

"Blairmore, Alta 20-4-23.  
Lewis McDonald (C.C.C. Secy.) had a letter from  
J. B. McLachlan this week, saying he did not  
think he could get out here for the 1st. (May)  
and he was not sure if he could come at all, as  
there was trouble brewing down home and he  
figured they would need him there for the present.  
....."

In the above connection I might state  
that a Poster is being displayed here in Fernie, in  
connection with a Celebration to be held at Blairmore  
on May the 1st; a Public meeting will be held on the  
evening of this date and J. B. McLachlan (among others)  
is advertised to speak.

In view of the report by [REDACTED] it  
is doubtful whether McLachlan will be able to attend  
this meeting as advertised.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*W. V. Bruce* Insp.

W. V. Bruce  
Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.

The Commissioner  
Sir:

Forwarded, for his information.

*Christen Junget* Supt.  
Lethbridge Christen Junget,  
23-4-23. Commanding Southern Alberta Dist.



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Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-district,  
Ferne, B. C., April 19, 1935.

Secret & Confidential.

The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

H.Q. Ref. 5145  
175/5052.

Sir,

Re: Worker's Party of Canada - Crow's Nest Pass -

"K" File.  
C/4263.

I have the honour to report that I am in receipt of a communication [REDACTED]

Ferne.  
EK/748.

"I received a letter from Lewis McDonald, Secy. C.C.C. at Blairmore, who states that "Spector" might not be there until the 1st. of May as his plans were changed."

"W. Deskoch, Ukrainian Organizer for the Michel - Natal Local of the Worker's Party, who has just returned from Calgary where he underwent an operation, told me, that when he felt better he was going to Edmonton, and that he would be sent out from there to organize the Ukrainians among the Farmers."

[REDACTED]  
when Deskoch leaves for Edmonton, also to ascertain when he attends the C.C.C. meeting at Blairmore, if the actual date of "Spector's" visit is known.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. V. Bruce* Insp.

W. V. Bruce

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.

The Officer Commanding.

"G" Division..Edmonton. Copy. for your information.

You will be further notified when this Ukrainian Organizer leaves for your district. Copies of this report have been forwarded to the Commissioner.

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Lethbridge  
21-4-23.

The Commissioner

Sir:

Forwarded, for his information.

Supt.

Christen Junget,  
Commanding Southern Alberta District.

Lethbridge  
21-4-23.

*Christen Junget*

Christen Junget,

Commanding Southern Alberta District.

Supt.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.East Kootenay Sub-district,  
Fernie, B. C., April 7. 1923.Secret & Confidential.The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.H.Q. Ref. 5745  
175/5259

Sir,

Re: Worker's Party of Canada - Crow's Nest Pass.

"K" File  
C/6263I have the honour to quote hereunder, a letter  
received [redacted], forwarded to me to-day:-

"Blairmore, Alberta April 2. 1923.

"Branch Sect. [redacted]

Dear Comrade,

At a meeting of the C.C.C. held Sunday April 1st. I was appointed Sect. of that body to take the place of Rod MacDonald who was forced to resign from that position owing to his leaving the Crow to take office as International Board member. I am a stranger in the Pass and it will be quite a handicap, but I will do the best I can, and ask for your support and co-operation to make the Party a success in our dist.

We decided at a meeting of our Local Union last night to hold a celebration on May 1st. in Blairmore, we expect Comrade J.B. McLachlan from N.S. here for that date and we must all get together and make this a big success and to present that much-needed united front.

I remain yours in the scrap  
Lewis McDonald,  
Blairmore, Alta."  
(Kid Burns)

"I am living at Frank now but I expect to go to Roddies house in Blairmore within a week so if you come to Blairmore, come to the house, I will be glad to see you at any time you have in Blairmore  
Answer."

In the above I would like to draw your attention to the proposed visit of J.B. McLachlan of Nova Scotia and the change of Secretaries of the C.C.C. of the Crow's Nest Pass. The new Secy. Lewis McDonald, is known as "Kid Burns" and is an amateur Pugilist; [redacted] is well acquainted with him, and as an amateur himself, has had friendly bouts with him previously - in fact "Kid Burns" taught him to box.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. V. Bruce* Insp.  
W. V. Bruce

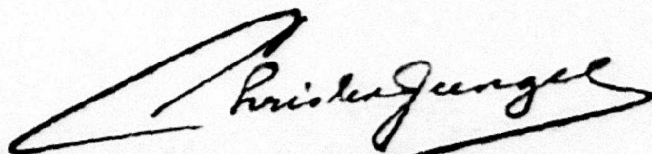
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The Commissioner  
Sir:

Forwarded, for his information.



Supt.

Lethbridge Christen Junget  
9-4-23. Commanding Southern Alberta Dist.



## Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

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"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.East Kootenay Sub-district,  
Ferne, B. C., April 4. 1923.Secret & Confidential.H.Q. Ref. 5145  
175/5259."K" File  
C/4263.Ferne.  
EK/748.The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Sir,

Re: Worker's Party of Canada - Crow's Nest Pass.  
S. Centazzo (Italian Organizer) Ferne, B.C.

I have the honour to report that  
S. Centazzo arrived in Ferne, B. C. on the morning  
of April 2.

"Centazzo is to hold his meeting on  
Thursday at 8.30 p.m. in the Miners Hall.  
He is to organize both an English and Italian  
branch if he can get the men to join. He  
intends to leave Ferne on Friday April 6th.,  
and is to go to Canmore, Alberta, to organize  
there."

I would like to draw to your attention,  
the fact that Centazzo does not confine himself to  
organizing only Italian branches of this Party, he  
having organized a combined ~~an~~ English - Ukrainian  
branch at Corbin, B.C.

A copy of this report has been forwarded  
to the Officer Commanding Banff Sub-district.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*W. V. Bruce* Insp.  
W. V. Bruce

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.

The Commissioner

Sir:

Forwarded, for his information. This is further  
to reports by Inspector Bruce dated Ferne, March 28th  
and April 2nd, respectively, in which are embodied  
reports I attach herewith a further  
report of even date by Insp. Bruce on Centazzo's acti-  
vities at Corbin, B.C.

Lethbridge  
5-4-23.

*Christen Junget* Supt.  
Christen Junget  
Commanding Southern Alberta District.



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Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-district,  
Fernie, B. C., April 4. 1923.

Secret & Confidential.

The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.



Fernie.  
EK/748.

Sir,

Re: Worker's Party of Canada - Crow's Nest Pass -  
S. Centazzo (Italian Organizer) Corbin, B.C.

I have the honour to report that S. Centazzo  
[redacted] had organized a Local of  
the Worker's Party at Corbin, B. C., on Sunday April  
1st., with one Findley or Findlay as Secretary and  
Organizer (This man represented the U.M.W. of A. at  
Calgary, in the Scale Committee meeting held last  
month) and six other members, both Ukrainian and English.  
Centazzo stated that there were not enough Italians at  
that place to organize.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. V. Bruce*

Insp.

W. V. Bruce

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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# Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Ref. No. ....

Lethbridge, Alta. April 4, 1923.

The Commissioner  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Ottawa, Ontario.

H.Q. Ref. 5145  
175/5299

Sir:

Re: Workers' Party of Canada.

"K" File  
C/4263.

I have the honour to submit hereunder  
copy of report received from [redacted] dated  
the 1st instant, regarding conditions in the  
Crows Nest Pass:

" Conditions are improving in this section  
and more workmen will be employed during the  
coming week. Mr. Christophers has arrived in  
the Pass and as a result the Executive of the  
W. P. of C., got together on Saturday afternoon.

The election of Red McDonald has been con-  
firmed and he will be on the job as International  
Board Member for District 18.

There have not been any outsiders here lately  
belonging to the W. P. of C., The Red element  
are taking great interest in the trial of the  
Michigan Communists.

(Sd) [redacted] "

I have the honour to be  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

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*Christen Junget*  
Supt.  
Christen Junget  
Commanding Southern Alberta District.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

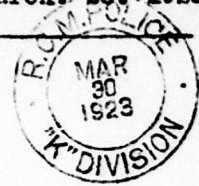
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"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-district  
Fernie, B. C., March. 28, 1923.

H.O.Ref.  
175/82594

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"K" File.  
C/4263.

The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Fernie.  
EK/748.

Sir,

Re: Worker's Party of Canada - Crow's Nest Pass.

I have the honour to report that I am in receipt of a letter from [redacted], which reads as follows :-

"Michel, B. C.  
27-3-23

There is an Organizer booked for Michel and Fernie before the first of April. He should be here now, but I understand he has been delayed in Drumheller; he is coming here to Organize the Italians; his name is "Centazze" I will keep an eye on him and when he comes I will let you know.

There is another one coming through in April by the name of "Spector", he is one of the Delegates been sent from Canada to Russia; he comes from Toronto to Edmonton April 15th., he will leave Edmonton for Drumheller, April 19th & 20th. in Drumheller, from there to Calgary, in Calgary April 21st. and 22nd., and then to the Crow's Nest Pass April 23rd. 24th. and 25th., these three days he will be in Bellevue, Blairmore and Coleman, I do'nt think he will be in Michel or Fernie for he has got to be in Vancouver on April 28th.

J.S.MacLaughlin is making a trip through the West in May. I know this fellow pretty well "He is the Leader of them all".

The information contained in the above letter will be reported on in due course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. V. Bruce

Insp.

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.



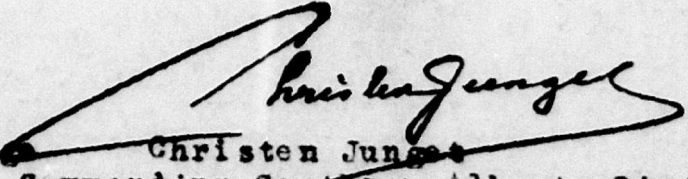
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The Commissioner  
Ottawa.

Sir:

Forwarded. for his information. [REDACTED]

Please note what he states as regards J.B. MacLaughlin making a trip through the West in May and that he is the leader of them all.

 Supt.  
Lethbridge Christen Jung  
3-4-23. Commanding Southern Alberta District.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

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"K" Division,  
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-district.  
Ferne, B. C., Mar. 24, 1923.

H.Q. Ref. 5145  
175/4564.

Secret & Confidential.

"K" File.  
C/4263.

The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Ferne.  
EK/748.

Sir,

Re: Worker's Party of Canada - Crow's Nest  
Pass.

I have the honour to submit the following,  
being information gained from [redacted] at  
[redacted] B. C.:-

"Frank Nee, organizer for the English branch  
of the Worker's Party - Michel - Natal, on  
his return from Calgary where he attended the  
"Scale Committee Meeting of the U. M. W. of  
A., as Delegate from Michel, stated, that of *about*  
forty-three Delegates who attended, thirty-seven  
belonged to the Worker's Party. He also stated  
that it was arranged that a Convention of the  
Worker's Party would be held in the near future,  
and that the Officials of the U. M. W. of A.  
would be called and would be told that they would  
have to work under the Worker's Party. Frank  
Nee also stated that he had not been successful  
in organizing a Local at Ferne, B. C.

One Findlay or Finlay, representative of the U.  
M. W. of A. at Calgary from Corbin, stated that  
an English branch of the Worker's Party had been  
organized at Corbin."

Blairmore this coming week, and will endeavour to  
obtain further information.

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I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*W. V. Bruce*  
W. V. Bruce

Insp.

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.

The Commissioner  
Sir:

Forwarded. This bears out the secret and con-  
fidential information received by you from Toronto,  
that it will have to come to a show down very soon  
between the U. M. W. of A., and the Workers' Party.  
The branch of the W.P. of C., at Corbin, mentioned,  
will be further investigated and reported on.

Lethbridge  
26-3-23.

*Christen Jungst*  
Christen Jungst Supt.  
Commanding Southern Alberta District.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Lethbridge, Alta.

December 20th, 1922.

175/5745  
The Commissioner  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Sir:

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Re: The Workers' Party of Canada-  
Crow's Nest Pass.

"I have the honour to submit hereunder, copy of a report submitted by which deals chiefly with the above mentioned Party:

"There has been no change in local conditions during the past week. The elections of the U.M.W. of A., were held on the 12th and the votes will be counted tomorrow in Calgary. The general report to-day in the Red H.Q., is that all of their nominees are elected, whether this is true or not, the vote in the Pass was red, also the Drumheller District.

I have not yet heard a word about Mr. Buck of Edmonton or any of the others. I expect they will be along soon, especially if the red ticket was successful in the elections. In conversation with one of the W. P. of C., I was told that they intend to adopt the Russian method with their agents -- that is they will arrive without any announcement or name, and if a name, a false one, and confer quietly with the Executive and disappear.

There is no doubt the Workers' Party are working hard and are making great headway in Canada and the U.S.. Recently on Oct. 2nd at the Railway men's Convention held in Detroit, the representatives of the employees voted unanimously for amalgamation and they represented 16 standard railways. This is just a forerunner of what is going to happen at all Labour Conventions in the near future. If the W.P. of C., are successful in this election, District 16 will join the 3rd International at once. There is no movement advancing as rapidly as the W. P. of C., and their agents are everywhere where there are working men. If the Workers' Party will gain their objective in January 1923 at the Miners Convention in the U.S., they will throw off the mask of the U.M.W. of A and step out fully organized C.W.P., Units. There are no meetings of the W.P., but boring from within at all times.

The Workers Party is no doubt one of the strongest organizations with which we will have to contend in the future. A careful check is being kept on this party in the Crow's Nest Pass.

I have the honour to be  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

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OTTAWA  
CHRISTIAN JUNGST  
Commanding Southern Alberta District

Supt.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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Lethbridge, Alta. Oct. 26th, 1922.

The Commissioner  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Ottawa, Canada.

"K" File  
C/4263

Sir:

Re: The Workers' Party of Canada-Crows' Nest Pass.

I have the honour to submit hereunder, copy  
of report received from [redacted] under date  
of the 22nd instant:

"Conditions throughout the Coal Camps are  
quiet. There have not been any outside agitators  
here during the Past week. Things are very quiet  
with the W. P. of C., but they are working every minute.  
Nominations were called for a few days ago, through  
the various Local Unions for the position of  
International Board member, to represent District  
18 on the International Board. Rod McDonald one of  
the Executive of the W. P. of C., got the nomination in  
Blairmore, and McGillivray locally.

In another month the election will take place  
and then we shall see how strong the reds are.  
This is their plan to get all of the offices filled  
with reds and when the time comes it will be easy  
to drop the U. M. W. of A., The President of the  
District and all the other officers are in the W.  
P. of C. I heard from one of the Executive that the  
delegates have been appointed to attend the Third  
International in Moscow.

I am enclosing a clipping from an Eastern Labor  
Paper which shows how they expect things to go.

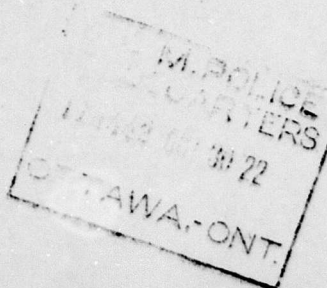
Everything is quiet and orderly in this section."  
(Sd) [redacted]

I am attaching herewith, clipping from Labour Paper  
mentioned by [redacted]

I have the honour to be  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*Christian Junget*  
Supt.  
Christian Junget  
Commanding Southern Alberta District.

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# THE SWEEP OF THE REVOLUTION

## MAINTIME LABOR HERALD

The Shell of Capitalism growing thin

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From all over the world come accounts of the break down of capitalism. Those who think the rotten old thing can last are hugely mistaken. Those individuals who are sniffing around, trying to buy up real estate for a rise, or glueing their eyes to the stock ticker tape, or hanging around Murray and his gang at Halifax for franchises and privileges, are building on a rotten foundation. For the old order is fast going.

It would be surprising to the communists to know how widely their hopes are spread, to know how many people in capitalist walks of life are against the system of rent, interest and profit.

This system has become thoroughly outworn. Such a flood of things that people want are produced by machinery, that it is impossible to maintain the purchase and sale system much longer. Things will have to be distributed free to everybody.

Once upon a time, the roads were not free. People got contracts from the governments to build a road, and to own it. These private owners built the road with the labor of others, and charged everybody a fee to travel over it. Such a road was called a toll road.

But the public got tired of this system and resolved to build the roads themselves. They built their own roads, and made them free to everybody to go on them. You can now travel on all the roads without paying any money.

There was a time when education was a private enterprise. People built schools and ran them for profit. If you could not pay the school owner a profit to teach your child, your child got no education. Today education is free to all children, and not only that, but the children are forced to go to school.

If these things can be made free, other things can also be made free. The time is rapidly approaching when bread, shoes, clothing, houses and other like things will be made free.

In office buildings the elevator service is free. You step into a elevator in a big city and are carried up many floors. The elevators service requires power, and attendants to run the lifts. But nobody pays anything for going up in them. In the same way street cars will be made free. The time is coming when nobody will pay to ride on street cars.

It may be argued that it would be impossible to provide free street cars and free bread and free clothes and free homes. But really, to make these things free would require much less work than they now take.

Suppose free bread were given. People would get all the bread they needed, and it would be distributed each day to the homes of everybody in the town. The saving would be in the stopping of the baker's team to make change, or of the storekeeper to wrap up the paper and tie it with a string and taking the money and operating the cash register and making change. The labor of the making of cash registers would go, and of printing paper money or coining metal pieces. Book keeping would be done away with, and a whole lot of people would be freed from useless work to do something useful, or else to help others do useful work so everybody could have more leisure.

The giving of homes free from rental would do away with the rent collector and the land speculator and the book keeper and the bill collector to collect the rents, and the lawyer to sue overdue rent accounts.

Now intelligent people in all walks of life see that the present system is very wasteful of human effort in that it sets many people to work doing useless labor in order to give a few people incomes simply because they own.

These intelligent people are in all walks of life. They are among the miners, the doctors, the clergymen, the lawyers, the bookkeepers, the managers, and also among the owners.

They are working to stop this waste of effort. Of course, there are many ignorant and selfish capitalists, but they are growing fewer in number.

The revolutionary communists are out to overthrow the wasteful system. They are going to succeed, firstly because so many people are coming to see that the communist idea is the right and just idea, and secondly because the ranks of those who oppose the communists through ignorance or selfishness are becoming so thin and

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O Canada! Whose shores on land and sea

Sought for mankind eternal victory,  
Our mighty dead bequeathed to us  
Sweet freedom's diadem!

That diadem is glory's trust  
Shall we break faith with them?  
Though war entombed, rest, heroes, rest,  
We'll carry on that all men shall be blest—  
Here's heart and hand—our lives—to freedom's test.

CAMARADE! A DIEU! To God our thanks for thee!  
God gave thy life to pledge his people free!

If soldier life pledge joy a birth  
And peace o'er all the earth,  
Let a nation o'er her warrior's bier  
Pledge to God a contrite tear.  
Loved Canada! Glory to thee!  
Glory to God for true humanity!  
Glory to God! We'll share our liberty.

O Canada! Terre de nos aieux!  
Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux,  
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,  
Il sait porter la croix,  
Ton histoire est une épopée  
Des plus brillants exploits.  
Et ta valeur, de foi trempée,  
Protègera nos foyers at nos droits,  
Protègera nos foyers et nos droits.

## Motto for Workers Educational Club

The Workers' Educational Club is yet without a motto for its Club. The motto selected will be placed on its letter heads.

A prize is being offered for the best motto. Below is a coupon to fill out with the best motto you can think of. The words selected by the Club will be rewarded by a gift of Reed's "Ten Days that Shook the World."

**Workers' Educational Club,**  
Care **Harold Ross, Glace Bay.**

I suggest the following words as the Motto for the Workers' Educational Club:

Name.....

Street or Box.....

City or Town.....

Fill in above coupon and take a chance on winning the Prize.

# LYNCH'S LILY

*"Made With Loving Care"*

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And made from a famous recipe



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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Lethbridge, October 17th, 1922.

175/5-145  
The Commissioner  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Sir:

H.Q. Ref.

Re: The Workers' Party of Canada..Crows' Nest Pass.

"K" file  
C/4253

I have the honour to submit hereunder, copy  
of report received from [redacted] dated the  
15th instant:

"Nothing of importance has happened  
during the past week in this district. The  
usual meetings have been held but nothing  
new has developed.

The shop men on all Canadian Railroads are  
now taking a vote as to whether they are to  
strike or not. The miners are watching the  
outcome closely as if they come out the miners  
will be tied up for cars soon.

AB  
No outside agitators have been in here for  
some time that I know of. It may be that one may  
get by as the Canadian Workers' Party are very  
cunning. Two of the Executive are working here  
and they do not say much. I write once a week  
generally on Sunday night, after all assemblies  
are over and send mail by train.

Everything is quiet along the line.

(Sd) [redacted]

It is quite apparent that the Workers' Party  
is not very active in the Pass at the present time,  
however a close check will be kept on their activities.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Christen Junget*

Supt.

Christen Junget.

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The Commissioner  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,  
Ottawa, Ont.

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Sir:

Re: Worker's Party of Canada... Crow's Nest Pass.

"K" File  
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I have the honour to forward hereunder, copy  
of report I received from [redacted] dated the  
9th instant:

"Conditions throughout the Pass in industrial  
circles are quiet. The regular meeting of the U.M.  
W. of A., was held but nothing of importance came  
up. The Canadian Workers' Party cannot discuss their  
revolutionary program at the U. M. W. of A., meetings  
now as there are a large number of miners here who  
will not stand for it. They generally meet quietly  
in private homes and then only the Executive.

Any action they decide to take will not develop  
until the convention is held by the U. M. W. of A.  
But what they term the "Left Wing" of the Workers'  
Party in the States and led by Frank Farrington and  
A. Howat, have been badly mauled by John Lewis, Pres-  
ident U.M.W. of A. during the past summer and these men  
may be dismissed from the organization by the time the  
convention is called. If there will be a strike of  
the miners in the spring and I cannot see ~~awarded~~ how  
it can be averted; That will be the time when they  
will show their hands.

In the meantime all is quiet in the coal camps  
except some local trouble at Michel, B.C., and Canmore,  
owing to misunderstandings of agreement."

(Sd.) [redacted]

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Sir,  
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