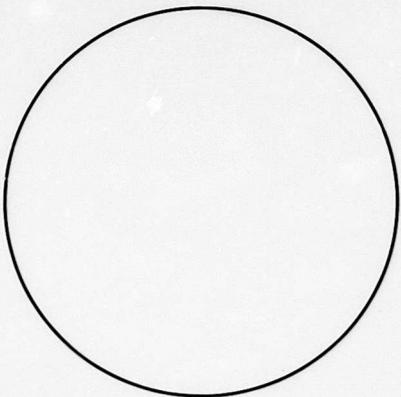


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"K" East Kootenay Blairmore
Division Sub-District Detachment
District Southern Alberta Date May 2nd, 1931.

Re: Communist Party of Canada-Crow's Nest Pass.
Joe Farbey - Toronto - Agitator.

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Sub-District
Detachment

The above named was one of the speakers at Coleman and Blairmore on May Day.

He dealt chiefly with the present misery of the working class due to unemployment, low wages, etc., stressing the necessity for continuing the fight with the capitalist class and the necessity for demonstrating in large numbers on May Day.

During his address, which was of the typical soap box variety, being very fiery and denunciatory, the speaker pointed to the union Jack, a very small one being in a position above a large red flag which was on the platform, and stated that when the workers had gained control then they would not be compelled to carry that with them, referring to it as the emblem of misery, starvation, persecution and tyranny, and was known as such in Africa, India and all over the world wherever it was flown. He also made reference to it as representing the sword of British Imperialism.

Touching on what he termed the labour fakers, meaning the regular labour leaders such as Fred White, Alberta Labour Leader, he described how at the time a year ago when sub-vention was granted the coal mining industry, this was heralded as good news for the miners inasmuch as the sub-vention would mean more wages, and the regular labour leaders patted themselves on the back for having been responsible for it. Time and subsequent events had proved, the speaker argued, that the labour men did this at the behest of the coal operators, the latter being smart enough to get the labour men to ask for it, and the operators and nobody else were reaping the benefits, they getting the benefit of lower freights rates, but the coal was not being sold any cheaper.

He also dealt with the Prime Minister's refusal to consider Non-Contributory Unemployment Insurance, and stated that he would not give the workers a cent, but he had given his sister two million dollars as a wedding present when she married a few weeks ago.

Much of his speech was repetition but the foregoing shows the tenor of his remarks.

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

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The Officer Commanding,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Sir:

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F. Humby Inspt.
(F. Humby)

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-District.
Fernie, 5-5-31.

The Commissioner,
Sir:-

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Lethbridge, Alta.
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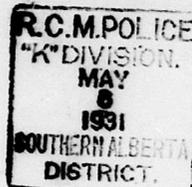
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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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District Southern Alberta Date May 2nd, 1931.

<p>Fyle References</p>	<p>Re: Communist Party of Canada - Crow's Nest Pass. <u>Mrs. Anna Apponen</u> - Blairmore, Alta. - Finnish. 175/6805</p>
<p>Headquarters</p>	<p>The above named is a leading Communist in Blairmore and takes an active part in most of the meetings held in the interests of the Communist Party in this district. She has been mentioned in several reports from this detachment under various headings.</p>
<p>Division or Dist. 31K2015-5</p>	<p>On May Day this woman was in charge of arrangements for the activities in Blairmore, and acted as chairman at the grounds, introducing the various speakers.</p>
<p>Sub-District</p>	<p>From information available I gather that Mrs. Apponen is the secretary of the Communist Party in the Crow's Nest Pass, which includes Coleman, Blairmore and Bellevue.</p>
<p>Detachment P. C. R. First report.</p>	<p>I have recently received information which should be of interest inasmuch as it tends to show that the C.P. is always active wherever conditions are favourable. This information is to the effect that the editor of the local Blairmore paper, whose post office box is next to that of Apponen's, one day recently on getting his mail inadvertently opened a letter addressed to Mrs. Apponen as secretary of the C.P., which letter had by mistake been placed in the editor's box.</p>
<p><i>[Handwritten initials and signatures]</i></p>	<p>This letter was an acknowledgement from C.P. headquarters at Toronto of the sum of \$30.00 which Apponen had collected in this district and sent in. The letter thanked her for her liberal donation and also for her activities on behalf of the Party in the Crows Nest Pass.</p> <p>In spite of the fact that there is much poverty in Blairmore at the present time due to mines working on part time this letter would indicate there are those who are willing to donate to the Communist Party.</p> <p><i>J. J. Weaver</i> J. J. Weaver, Corpl., Reg. No. 5967, In charge Blairmore Detachment.</p> <p>The Officer Commanding, R. C. M. Police, LETHBRIDGE.</p> <p>Sir: FORWARDED. <i>F. Hurby</i> Inspt. (F. Hurby) Commanding East Kootenay Sub-District. Fernie, 5-5-31.</p>

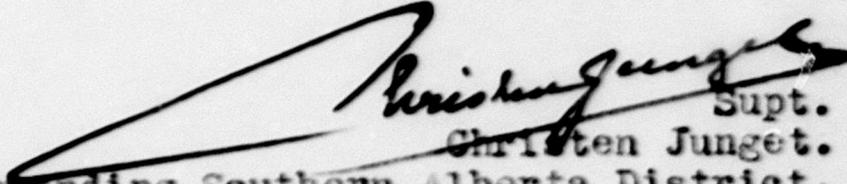
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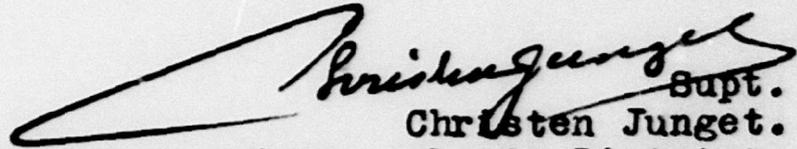

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE,

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East Kootenay Sub-District,
Blairmore Detachment,
May 23rd, 1930.

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H. Q. Ref.
175/443

REPORT.

"K" File
30K 500

re: May Day Celebrations Crow's Nest Pass

Referring to instructions from the Officer Commanding, Lethbridge, dated May 19th, embodying memo. from the Commissioner of the 14th instant, in the above connection:

With regard to the number of persons in the parades held in the Pass on May Day I would state that I was in an automobile on the road between Coleman and Blairmore and observed the Coleman parade enroute. I counted exactly sixty-two persons in this parade.

the Bellevue parade left Bellevue for Blairmore the same numbered forty-three persons. The Coleman and Bellevue parades joined up with the Blairmore parade at Blairmore. The Blairmore parade would approximately number some seventy-five people. This would give a total of one hundred and eighty, so that with a few who might have joined the Bellevue bunch at Frank en route it would be safe to say that the parade proper would not total any more than two hundred persons.

There were large crowds of people, including women and children lining the streets in Blairmore to watch the parade, but I did not notice any cheering. A fair estimate of the total number of people who were in the field where the demonstrations were held would be about 1800 or 2000.

It is worth pointing out however, that/ of this number only a small percentage were interested in the speeches made by the Communists. Most of them appeared more interested in the sports, etc., and in just walking around and gossiping with one another. It was noticeable that the majority of the people in Blairmore that day were paying no attention to the various speakers at all, and even a good many of those who were listening did so out of curiosity only.

With regard to Murphy's statement that they had forced the schools to close I may say that this was done on the request of the Union. The Secretary of the Blairmore School Board showed me a letter dated April 28th which he had received from Evan Morgan, Secretary of the Blairmore Local of the M.W.U. of C., stating that he had been instructed by the Local to ask that the school may be closed on May Day to allow the children to enjoy the sports and celebrations which the Union had arranged. The School Board agreed to close the school for the afternoon. The Secretary of the School Board informed me that had the Board any idea that the Communists were going to run things on that day the school would have remained open. It is somewhat difficult to credit that statement in view of the fact that hand bills were being distributed throughout the Pass several days before May 1st giving the programme and calling upon the workers to demonstrate against capitalism, etc., etc. These handbills were ~~supposed~~ supposed to have been issued by the May Day Conference of the Pass, whom I was given to understand comprised local Communists, Mrs. Anna Apponen, a Finlander and a known "Red" taking a leading part in the arrangements.

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C.R.H.
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J. J. Weaver, Corpl.,
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The Officer Commanding,
R.C.M. Police.....Lethbridge.

Sir. Forwarded. The above report is in ~~reunited~~ reply to The Commissioner's Memorandum and your footnote thereon dated May 19th. 1930. The miners at Michel and Fernie have no sympathy for the C.P. of C. and Murphy's reception has been very cool, as far as I can learn there were no miners from Fernie or Michel attended the above May Day Celebration. I am attaching hereto a report of, The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co's, [redacted] at Michel, which explains the feeling of the Miners attitude towards the C.P. of C.

Fernie.
26-5-30

F. Humby Insp.
F. Humby.
Commanding East Kootenay Sub-Dist.

The Commissioner,
Sir:-

Forwarded, vide your secret memo of the 14th instant.

Lethbridge, Alta.
May 27th, 1930.

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

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24/5/30

L.C.M.A. held regular meeting 23-5-30, everything at the meeting was quiet.

After the meeting was over Harvey Murphy a Russian Communist from Alberta spoke for a short time. His mission here was to see if this local would help Richard Sudwerth the Communist Candidate in the Rocky Mountain Constituency in the coming election in Alberta.

He wanted a donation from this local, but this local did not give him a donation.

Mr Uphill also spoke on the unemployed question for a short time. He was asked several questions about what took place at Victoria at the last session but he did not have much to say.

Him and Murphy did not seem to agree on politics as one was a Communist and the other Labor and Murphy said that Labor would not do anything for the working class so Mr Uphill did not like that remark.

And the meeting did not last long.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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"K" Division,
Lethbridge.

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MAY 22 1930

East Kootenay Sub-District,
Blairmore Detachment.
May 21st, 1930

R. CANADIAN POLICE
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SOUTHERN ALBERTA DISTRICT.

REPORT.

re: Communist Party of Canada, Crow's Nest Pass.
re: Harvey Murphy - Communist - Edmonton, Alta.

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The above named held a meeting in the Union Hall at Blairmore in the evening of May 20th under the auspices of the C.P. of C. At this meeting Murphy was supporting the candidature of one John O'Sullivan of Calgary for election to the Alberta Provincial Legislature in the general election to be held on June 19th next, O'Sullivan being the nominee of the Communist Party for this, the Rocky Mountain constituency.

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C.F.H.

There were some thirty-three persons present at this meeting, most of whom were foreigners. A collection was taken up, the chairman of the meeting stating that they had to pay rent for the use of the hall. The collection, as announced, amounted to three dollars.

Before going any further with this report I would state that the Labour Party held their nominating convention in the same hall the previous evening. At this meeting one Jos. Stobbs of Hillcrest was chosen Labour candidate for the Edmonton House. Fred J. White, Provincial Leader of the Labour Party was present; also Frank Wheatley, President of the Mine Workers' Union of Canada; also P. M. Christophers the sitting member for this riding and also Murphy.

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Murphy's address at the meeting of May 20th consisted chiefly in explaining to his audience that they most vote for O'Sullivan in the election, as by so doing they would thereby register their disapproval of the Capitalist system. He was not under any illusion that O'Sullivan, if elected, would be able to accomplish anything for the workers anyway, but the fact a Communist was elected to the Legislature would worry the "boss" class. It did not worry the Conservative Party or the Liberal Party or the U.F.A. in the least when a Labour candidate was elected, and no one ever noticed the Calgary Albertan or any other capitalistic paper denouncing Fred White or Frank Wheatley or Farmilo of Edmonton, etc. They were called "respectable labour men".

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He also went on to say that even supposing the whole of the Legislature at Edmonton was comprised of Communists only, even then no one expected they would accomplish anything for the working class, for the moment they put through any radical legislation the Federal Parliament or the Courts or the Senate would declare the same unconstitutional, and proceed to undo it.

Parliaments were only a joke anyhow. They did only what the great financial institutions wanted them to do. They were simply the tools of the Capitalistic bosses. He referred to the Provincial Legislature as the "Gas House".

He had heard it said that by running a Communist against the official Labour candidate the Labour vote would be thereby split and a Liberal or a Conservative would be allowed to walk in. This, he said, worried the Communist Party not at all. It would make no difference whether a Conservative or a Labourite was elected. There was no difference between them anyway. Labour members and defeated Labour candidates got good jobs with the Government. The Government bought them over, and they are called "respectable" labour men.

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He asked if anybody imagined that Peter Heenan was appointed Minister of Labour because he had brains. He replied to his own question by stating that he should not say that Mr. Heenan had no brains, but anybody who knew anything at all knew that he did not have very many. Mr. Heenan, the speaker related, was formerly a Labour member of the Ontario Legislature from Rainy River, and now he is a Liberal member in the Federal House from the same district, holding a Cabinet post. Did anyone suppose that Mr. Heenan had altered his opinions any? The speaker did not think so.

Conditions in the country, the speaker went on to say, are rotten, with millions of bushels of wheat in the elevators and at the same time people were starving; also a huge surplus of coal, and yet at the same time thousands of people were without coal and were without the means to buy it. The wheat is there and the coal is there and the people who produced it had a right to it.

Such men as F. J. White, leader of the Labour Party in Alberta, F. Wheatley, Pres. of the M.W.U. of C., etc., looked up to Ramsey MacDonald of Great Britain as being the ideal labour leader, but yet the same Mr. MacDonald and his Government did things that even the Stanley Baldwin Conservative Government never thought of doing. Within two months after they came into office, the speaker declared, they had taken over two hundred thousand unemployed off the dole. The Govt. stated the country could not afford to spend the money, but what was it costing the country to maintain troops in India, said troops being employed to kill off the working classes in that country? And what did it cost to maintain the Navy? Was that of any benefit to the working class?

The speaker stated that the Capitalists accuse Russia of being ruled by a Dictatorship of the Workers. It was not a free country since it was under a Dictatorship. The Capitalists also claimed, according to the speaker, that they do not like to use force. The speaker stated it was true the Soviet Union was ruled by a Workers' Dictatorship, but in Canada and other capitalistic countries they are ruled by a Capitalist Dictatorship absolutely and positively. As for the force, which the Capitalists say they do not like, when the seven men were arrested in Calgary on May Day by the Capitalist tools, i.e. the Police, for taking part in the May Day demonstrations, were those seven men invited to walk into the jail? What do they use in Toronto, if not force, when Communists are not even allowed to hold open meetings without being arrested! Even "The Worker" is not being published very regularly lately, because sometimes the authorities discover the building in which it is printed, and put the press out of business.

There were only two systems in this world, the Capitalist system and the working class system. The Capitalists used force in order to get where they are and keep the working class down, and they use force to maintain their position. The only way the working class can ever attain their rights is by force. They did it in Russia and succeeded. Whereas in this country conditions for the working class ~~was to~~ steadily growing worse instead of improving, while in Russia their condition is steadily growing better each year, there is only one thing for the workers of Canada to do and that is to fight and keep struggling until Capitalism is completely overthrown.

By voting for the Communist candidate in the forthcoming election they would register their vote in favour of the Revolutionary Party.

J. J. Weaver

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

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The Officer Commanding.
R. C. M. P.....Lethbridge.
Sir.

Forwarded for your information.

Fernie.
22-5-30

F. Humby Insp.
F. Humby,
Commanding East Kootenay Sub-Dist;

The Commissioner,
Sir:-
Forwarded.

Lethbridge, Alta.
May 23rd, 1930.

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

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE,

"K" Division,
Lethbridge.

MAY 3 1930

East Kootenay Sub-District,
Blairmore Detachment,
May 2nd, 1930.

H. Q. Ref.

R.C.M.P. POLICE
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SOUTHERN ALBERTA
DISTRICT.

Comment Report

re: Mine Workers of Canada - Blairmore, Alta. -
May Day Celebrations.

"K" File
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175/6800

Referring to letter from the O/C East Kootenay Sub-District, dated Fernie, B. C., 26th ult., under above heading, Soviet celebrations were held in Blairmore on May Day, which were covered by myself in plain clothes.

C.F.H.

SECRET.

Miners paraded from Coleman and Bellevue arriving at Blairmore about 2 p. m. when the combined miners from the two places mentioned joined with the Blairmore miners at the sports field in Blairmore, where meetings were held, the chief speakers being Harvey MURPHY, chief Communist organizer for Alberta; Tom O'Sullivan of Calgary, who has been named to contest the Rocky Mountain Constituency in the interests of the Communist Party in the forthcoming Provincial election, and a Ukrainian speaker who spoke in the Ukrainian language. This man's name as near as I have been able to ascertain is as follows: Mike Woippychen, and I am informed he comes from Edmonton. It was announced that Malcolm BRUCE, who had been listed to speak, was delayed in Calgary owing to sickness.

Other local speakers were ~~xxxx~~ Evan Morgan, Secretary of the Blairmore local, M.W.U. of C., Mrs. Anna Apponen, Finlander of Blairmore and Ludwig Maurice, Vice-president of the M.W.U. of C., Bellevue.

No untoward incidents occurred during the day's celebrations. The Red Flag was carried in the procession, with a small Canadian emblem fixed onto the pole above. Other emblems in the procession included a red banner with the inscription: "Join the Y.C.L. Young Communist League"; "Workers of the World Unite"; "Mine Workers Union of Canada, Coleman Local" and "Workers' Unity League of Canada, In Unity is our Strength".

O'Sullivan, who as above stated, has been nominated to contest this riding in the coming Provincial ~~election~~ election, opened his remarks by observing that he noticed the Red Flag was flying nearby with the Union Jack above, and that the two made a poor combination, and that since he was Irish he had no use for the Union Jack anyway. He then stated that it was to the interests of the miners to elect a Communist who would work for them and not for the Capitalists, although he admitted that the Communist Party alone could not cure the ills of the working classes, but that it required each individual to study the situation and realizing the conditions to put forth his own efforts to make things right.

The other speakers made no comments worthy of note apart from Harvey Murphy, upon whom I am submitting a separate report.

In addition to the parades and speeches, sports were held and a dance in the evening. The crowd was orderly, and it is safe to say that the majority of them turned out more for the sake of the holiday and out of curiosity than because they were interested in Communism.

MAY 3 1930

J. J. Weaver

J. J. Weaver, Corpl.,
Reg. No. 5967,

In charge Blairmore Detachment.

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The Officer Commanding,
R.C.M. Police.....Lethbridge.
Sir. Forwarded. For your information.

F. Humby

Insp.

Fernie.
3-5-30

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Commanding East Kootenay Sub-Dist.

The Commissioner,
Sir:-
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Christen Junget
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Christen Junget.

Lethbridge, Alta.
May 8th, 1930.

Commanding Southern Alberta District.

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REPORT
re
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the Workers Party of Canada is practically dead, and is now all amalgamated into an Organization known as the Canadian or Dominion Labour Party, the convention of this party starts in Calgary on or about the 23rd or 24th of February 1924, the delegates elected to attend this convention on behalf of the Blairmore Local Union of the United Mine Workers of America are Frank Wheatley. Esqr. and L. Cacchione. Esqr. ex-Secretary of the Blairmore Local Union United Mine Workers of America No 5004. The delegates above mentioned as attending the convention on the 23rd & 24th inst. will also attend the Convention at Calgary of the United Mine Workers of America on the 25th February which is known as the Scale Convention. John A. McDonald informs me that he is nearly certain that the new name of the Workers Party of Canada since the amalgamation is "DOMINION LABOUR PARTY".

Thos R Brewer

S/Sgt.

(Thos. R. Brewer)

Regl No 3807. In charge of Detachment.

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The Officer Commanding,
Southern Alberta District,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Sir. Forwarded. I do not believe that the Workers Party of Canada has lost its identity. No doubt, a number of Delegates to the Canadian Labour Party are members of the Workers Party.

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

15-2-24 Commanding East Kootenay Sub-District

The Commissioner

Sir:

Forwarded, for your information.

Christen Junget Supt.

Lethbridge Christen Junget,
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May 2nd 1923



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Report.

Re: THE WORKERS' PARTY OF CANADA.

Re...May 1st Labor Celebration...Blairmore

H.Q. Ref.
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C. I. L

In regards to above I beg to report as follows:

In the morning a procession took place in Blairmore which paraded the town. This procession headed by one L. Cacchione, the secretary of the local miners Union, carrying a large Red Flag surmounted by a very small UNION Jack with black crepe in between the flags, met the special train from Fernie.

After the people off the special lined the parade went to the band stand which is situated in the centre of the town, where Mayor A. McLeod welcomed them.

After the Mayor's address, Mr. P. M. Christophers M.M.P. of Blairmore addressed the visitors.

The Red Flag was then sung and the parade went to the sports ground where the sports part of the programme was carried out in an orderly and quiet manner, no demonstrations were carried on the grounds.

In the afternoon a meeting was held in the Opera House where several men spoke, a separate report will be forwarded covering these speakers.

W. V. Bruce

Cpl.
Reg. No. 5056 I/C of Detachment.

The Officer Commanding,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Sir:- Forwarded. Cacchione is Secretary of the Italian Local of the Workers Party of Canada at Blairmore.

W. V. Bruce Insp.

4-5-23

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.

The Commissioner
Sir:

Forwarded, for his information. I attach herewith separate report by Cst. Giles dealing with the speakers of this meeting. It will be noted that J. B. MacLachlan did not put in an appearance, although he was advertised to speak at this celebration.

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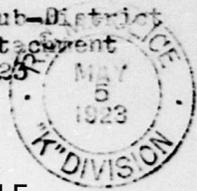
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May 2nd 1923



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Re...May 1st meeting Labor Meeting...Blairmore

On the afternoon of the 1st inst. I received instructions from Cpl. Stevens to attend meeting of Labor speakers in the Opera House at Blairmore.

The meeting was attended by about 200 people.

Mr. Sherman, President of the U.M.W. of A. district 18 opened the meeting and spoke briefly on the Labor situation and the necessity of the working party to stay together.

The next speaker announced as Comrade Harrington spoke on the eight hour day system and stated that all workers should demand the eight hour day system.

Mrs. Clarke of Edmonton then spoke for a few minutes she stated that she was the woman who had been ridden down by the Police in the Edmonton strike and that she had been crippled. This woman spoke mainly about the harsh methods used by the Police and stated that there was going to be an investigation of her case in the near future and urged that all miners wives get together and demand justice in her case.

The next speaker was a man by the name of Bartholemew this man urged the workers to get together and fight the Capitalist and stated that the time was not so very far off when the worker would revolt and that that was the time when it would be necessary for all workers to unite and stay together.

The meeting was orderly and no sedition was preached.

McLaughlin of Nova Scotia and Howett of Seattle who were supposed to speak did not arrive.

The meeting closed with the singing of the Red Flag and three cheers for the Third International and three cheers for Soviet Russia.

A. J. Giles Cst.

Reg. No. 8364

~~The Officer Commanding,~~

To ~~Lethbridge~~
Officer commanding
East Kootenay Sub-District
Ferne, B.C.

Sir,
Forwarded *A. J. Stevens* Cpl.

Reg. No. 5058 I/C of Detachment.

The Officer Commanding,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Sir:- Forwarded. This meeting was open to the general Public. Const. Giles was not in uniform.

W. V. Bruce
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Insp.

4-5-23

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-district.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"C" Division.
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Toronto, Ont.
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Workers Party of Canada - Work of Industrial
Committee, Administrative Council.
re -Blairmore, Alberta.

I beg to report that the following is a copy of a letter sent by Rod McDonald of Blairmore, Alta to T. Buck, apparently in answer to one of Buck's letters re. industrial organization:-

" Yours of the 17th. inst. received and in reply would say.

All members of the W. P. of C. are members of Labor Organizations and are all members of the Mine Workers.

No attempt has been made to form or organize an Educational League.

There are no Central Trades or Labor Councils, each camp has its local union, all being part of District 10 U.M.W. of A.

We have no connection with the Railroad Workers as there are none resident in the Crows Nest except a few section men.

It would at this time be impossible to estimate whether the local unions would be represented at the Trades Congress as much will depend on the outcome of the present strike.

We have no Machinists organizations in our district.

Yours for action,

Rod McDonald.
Blairmore, Alta."

C.M. POLICE
HEADQUARTERS
06:00 MAY 29 '22
OTTAWA-ONT.

This letter is of interest as it shows the attempt being made by the Workers Party to gather all possible information re. local union organization etc. The Crows Nest district is being given special attention.

Rod McDonald is one of the reds who was approached by C. E. Scott, of the Pan American Bureau of the Communist Party, on his recent trip to the west. He is said by Scott to be a "real Red",

A. 643.

The Commissioner,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Forwarded for his information, 27-5-22.

[Handwritten signatures and initials]
P.A.M.
[Stamp: MAY 29 1922]

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Supt.

A. W. Duffus,
Commanding Western Ontario District.

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