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VANCOUVER SUB-DIVISION

SPECIAL BRANCH

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[LABOUR PROGRESSIVE PARTY - British Columbia

1. On January 21, 28, and 31st, 1953, Sgt. A.E. Thomas, Cst. W. Kowtun, Cst. A.S. Hobbs, Csts. J.H.B. Johns, R. R. Spray, E. J. McCollum, K.R. Ohly, H.D. Hyslop, E.A. Gullason, L.J. Jones, L.W. McGregor, and the writer conducted three (3) Special Branch operation which resulted in the obtaining of a considerable amount of further documentary material. This material has been allotted numbers 11479 to 11664, inclusive, which material is described hereunder as follows:

Exhibit No. 11479: Is a letter from Barney BLAKEY to Alf. DEWHURST dated January 21st, 1953, dealing with Party activities in the Victoria area.

Exhibit No. 11480: Contains the names of Party candidates nominated to run as L.P.P. candidates in the forthcoming Federal Elections.

Exhibit No. 11481: Is a typewritten letter dated December 1st, 1952. The author of this letter is considered to be Nigel MORGAN and is addressed to "Paul" undoubtedly, Paul PHILLIPS. The letter deals with current Party activities.

Exhibit No. 11482: Is a typewritten letter dated November 17, 1952, from Paul PHILLIPS to Nigel MORGAN. The letter discusses Party preparations for the forthcoming Federal elections.

Exhibit No. 11483(1)(2): Is dated December 19, 1952, and is a typewritten Autobiography of Ernest LAURIE the B.C. Provincial organizer of N.F.L.Y. who is entered as an L.P.P. candidate in the Federal riding of Vancouver East. Exhibit No. 11483 (3): Is a photograph of Ernest LAURIE attached to Exhibit No. 11483 (1) and (2)

Exhibit No. 11484(1)(2)(3)(4): Is a letter dated November 1952 to Alf. DEWHURST from Leo BRADY White Rock, B.C. The letter contains an autobiography of BRADY who is entered as an L.P.P. candidate in the Federal riding of Westminister for the forthcoming federal elections.

Exhibit No. 11484 (5): A current photograph of Leo BRADY is attached to Exhibit No. 11484 (1)(2)(3)(4).

Exhibit No. 11485: Is a handwritten note believed to be in the handwriting of George EDGAR. The note indicates that the following people have all been good Party members in the past but of late months have been drifting. - Cato G. Grassy Plains, B.C., Mr. and Mrs. Seymour TORESCHTUC(?), Francis Lake, B.C., Alf. SJODEN, Burns Lake, B.C., Mrs. Mary NEILLY, Decker Lake, B.C. Beneath this name is the notation "This one was never a Party member but should be." This exhibit also contains an L.P.P. application for membership form and bears the name of Miss Renee RONAYNE, Alcazar Hotel, Vancouver, B.C.; occupation Journalist. An additional slip of paper contains the name of Mrs. RONAYNE, Pemberton, B.C. --Mrs. RONAYNE may be related to Miss Renee RONAYNE.

Exhibit No. 11486: Is a statement from the Bank of Toronto in Vancouver for the period ending December 31, 1952, and shows the banking transaction of the L.P.P. Vancouver Com...

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Exhibit No. 11579: Contains the following names and address:

Jack HIGGIN Royston, B.C.

Mr. W.S.E. MORRISON, Temple Rd, Parkesville, BC

Exhibit No. 11580: This exhibit is considered to be an important one in that it is a list of the names and addresses of the Party Trade Union Commission. This would refer to the 1953 Trade Union Commission in view of the fact that it bears the initials of Tom McEEN who is now in charge of Trade Union work in B.C. The other members of the Commission are Harvey MURPHY, William STEWART, Jack PHILLIPS, Homer STEVENS, John HINES, Charles M. STEWART, Jr. and Alex DORLAND.

Exhibit No. 11581: Is part of a letter submitted to the Bank of Toronto in Vancouver by the City Committee instructing that the following have been authorized to sign for the L.P.P. in the capacity named:

Secretary, Maurice RUSH
Treasurer, Bert WHITE
Bookkeeper, Mary CHORNY

Exhibit No. 11582(1)(2)(3): Is a financial statement of the Vancouver City Committee for the period Jan. 1 to Nov. 24, 1952, and the Vancouver City Committee's budget for 1953. The draft budget for 1953 totals \$15,100.00.

Exhibit No. 11583: Is a typewritten letter dated Jan. 15, 1953, from W.A. McLEOD to Nigel MORGAN. The letter is marked "Extremely Urgent" and outlines the immediate tasks which must be taken up by the Party under the auspices of the League for Democratic Rights in campaigning against "Bill 93."

Exhibit No. 11584(1)(2): Is an extract from the "Cash Disbursements of the Vancouver City Committee of the Party for the period Dec. 1st to 31st, 1952, showing the Vancouver City Committee as having paid wages to the following: Mary CHORNY, Ed ZLOTNIK, Maurice RUSH. Other items relate to payments made for current operating expenses.

Exhibit No. 11585: Is a one page exhibit in the printed handwriting of Nigel MORGAN and consists of the B.C. itinerary of Leslie MORRIS while that individual was in B.C. during the latter part of January and first part of February, 1953.

Exhibit No. 11586: Is a press release by Nigel MORGAN dated January 1953, regarding the Leslie MORRIS tour of the Province.

Exhibit No. 11587(1)(2): Is a 2-page letter in the handwriting of Jack HIGGIN Royston, B.C. to Nigel MORGAN. The letter is dated Jan. 11, and deals with plans for the appearance of Leslie MORRIS at a meeting in that area.

Exhibit No. 11588: Is a handwritten letter from Sam ENGLISH to Nigel MORGAN dated 8th Jan, 1953, same dealing with Party and Union activities in the Crows Nest Pass area.

Exhibit No. 11589: Is a typewritten letter dated Jan. 9, 1953, from Harvey BLAKEY to Nigel MORGAN and it discusses the visit to Victoria of Leslie MORRIS.

Exhibit No. 11590: Is a letter to the B.C. membership written by Nigel MORGAN on the 5-1-53, regarding plans to be made regarding the tour of Leslie MORRIS.

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Exhibit No. 11661 (1) to (3) Incl. Is a draft budget for the 1952 Vancouver City Committee.

Exhibit No. 11662: Lists the following people whose subscriptions to the "National Affairs Monthly" expired during January and February, year not known.

E. PONTIERS, Miss M. KING, Olive ANDERSON, F. CORMIER,
4834 Albert St.

Exhibit Nos. 11663 and 11664 (1) to (3) Incl. Is a letter and a "Call for the World Congress of Women." This material being distributed through the mails by the Womens International Democratic Federation. This particular correspondence originated from Berlin, Germany, on the 8th January, 1953.

[Signature]
(A.R. Campbell) #13838 Cpl.

O.C. "E" Division R.C.M.P., VICTORIA, B.C.

FORWARDED for your information. It is considered that all of the above exhibits are of interest and importance inasmuch as they, in common with previous material of this type, have added much to our knowledge of the party structure, membership, and methods of operating in this province.

2. Particular attention is drawn to the exhibits dealing with the National Registration of the various party clubs in Greater Vancouver and throughout the province.

3. Attention is directed to Exhibit #11524, same being the minutes of the August 2, 1952 meeting of the B.C. Provincial Committee, at which meeting the current Provincial Audit and Review Committee was appointed.

4. Emphasis is also placed on Exhibit #11527, same being the roll call sheet of the B.C. Provincial Committee for the current year. This exhibit is a most important one inasmuch as none of our other current sources of information are in a position to be able to furnish with any degree of accuracy the composition of the 1953 Provincial Committee. Similarly, Exhibit #11528 contains the roll call of the 1952 B.C. Provincial Committee.

5. Exhibit #11580 is of similar importance in that it shows the composition of the Trade Union Commission which operates under the direct control of the B.C. Provincial Executive. This Commission is a most important one in view of the party's current concentration in building party strength on an industrial level.

6. The exhibits obtained [redacted] are invaluable [redacted]

The exhibits will assist greatly in the furthering of investigations in many phases of Special Branch work, not only in the Vancouver Special Branch but in Special Branches located at other points. The obtaining of the exhibits described in the above report reflects a great deal of initiative and perseverance on the part of the members of the Vancouver Special Branch.

Vancouver; 5-3-53

[Signature]
(C.W. Spence) S/Insp.
Officer i/c Details.

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The Commissioner, R.C.M.P., Ottawa, Ont.

Re: Labor-Progressive Party - British Columbia.

FORWARDED for your information and record purposes. The Exhibits referred to, namely 11479 to 11664 inclusive are being forwarded in duplicate under separate cover this date.

2. The comments noted in paragraph 6 of the Officer Commanding Vancouver Sub-Division memorandum, are concurred in as the material obtained [redacted] cover the following information presently not in our records and out of the sphere of our present contacts.

(a) Various Exhibits showing the banking of the L.P.P. during 1952, also the Provincial 1953 draft budget.

(b) Party's Provincial Educational Committee program for 1953 - Provincial School to be held for all L.P.P. Federal Candidates, their managers and Publicity Agents.

(c) Material from the National Office dealing with Party finances and the shipment of 1953 membership books for the Party in B.C.

(d) Various exhibits which indicate the tight security of the L.P.P. in as much as these exhibits deal with correspondence from other Provinces in Canada as to the security rating of members now in B.C. (No mention made of their abilities as organizers, etc.).

(e) Material on the Party program in the youth field as submitted by the Provincial Youth Commission.

(f) Executive of the forthcoming L.P.P. Bazaar Committee. (This annual Bazaar grosses approximately \$10,000.00 each year.).

(g) Various minutes of the meetings of the Provincial Committee of the L.P.P. formulating Party Policy.

(h) Listing the members of the Provincial Review and Audit Committee, (four members). This is of considerable importance.

(i) Listing members of the 1953 Provincial Committee (27 in all). Also listing the 1952 Provincial Committee members (25).

(j) Subscribers to the National Affairs Monthly, which is of importance in as much as the National Affairs Monthly is considered to be the top Party policy publication in Canada.

(k) National Directives and Provincial Directives of the 1953 membership registration, also 39 of the B.C. Clubs registration forms completed in detail.

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TO: The Commissioner.....Continued.

Re: Labor-Progressive Party, British Columbia.

(l) Material on policy of the Congress of Canadian Women.

(m) Party Cultural Committee report for 1953. (Formulating Party policy in cultural organizations etc.)

(n) Material on structure changes in the Provincial Committee and most important of all the names of the Secretariat, the names of members in charge of Educational, Trade Union work, etc.

(o) Material on work among women, youth, and industrial workers. (Verbatim reports to the Provincial Convention and therefore policy for the forthcoming year.)

(p) 1953 Trade Union Commission listing members thereof. This is also of considerable importance in view of the positions held within the various Trade Unions in B.C. of the members of this Commission.

(q) Executive of the Kamloops L.P.P. Club.

(r) Executive of the Vancouver City Committee.

(s) Correspondence pertaining to the Leslie MORRIS tour in B.C. and also across Canada. (This was forwarded to other Divisions for their information and assistance).

(t) Party thoughts on the present libel case against the Pacific Tribune by a Vancouver City Policeman.

(u) Delegates to the Provincial Convention of the L.P.P. (Held October, 1952.)

(v) Total membership of the University L.P.P. Club. (This is a closed Party Club in the Professional Committee organization).

(w) Considerable material on persons in the Party in such places as Powell River, Trail, Fernie, Victoria, Lake Cowichan, Nanaimo, Courtenay, Langley Prairie, White Rock, Campbell River and others.

(x) Material on Party activities in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario.

3. In reference to Exhibit 11569, which is in the Chinese language, same is being translated at this Division Headquarters and will be forwarded to you in due course.

4. Those Exhibits as originating in other Divisions and, or, pertaining to activities in other Provinces are being forwarded direct on this file with a copy of the covering correspondence directed to you for your information and record purposes.

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TO: The Commissioner.....Continued.

Re: Labor-Progressive Party, British Columbia.

5. In connection with the 39 registration forms as submitted by Clubs in B.C. as to their membership composition, same are being reviewed at this point and a chart compiled, copies of which will be forwarded to you on this file.

6. For record purposes I wish to state here that copies of the Exhibits have been placed on all related files at this Division Headquarters, also the film on which these Exhibits have been taken are being retained at this Division Headquarters as reels A-3, B-3, C-3, D-3, E-3, F-3, and G-3.

Victoria
25-3-53

J.R.W. Bordeleau
(J.R.W. Bordeleau), Insp.,
Officer i/c Special Branch
"E" Division.

RECEIPT ACK'D.

MAR 30 1953

OFF. i/c SPEC. BR.

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Michael BL Box 163
Steno Jan 8 1953.

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Dear Nigel. HO ✓

Received your letter today regards Julius Morris thing I am sure I will do everything possible to make the meeting a success.

One of sending out Letters from the Press Office it would be much better for us if this was done. Let me know as soon as you can.

I am still off yet and will be for a couple of weeks yet I expect.

The Policy Committee Dec 18, is meeting operations Jan 14 in Calgary. To date they have not made any offer.

Things there are very quiet as yet but we will no doubt stir them up very soon.

There is Maria and everyone else I must be on the Black-list. No one writes me any news much now.

We really got winter there yesterday Balena pass and Blizzards etc. and running like hell yet.

PS
What will be a much better
than a week night.
We are just on a road.

Cordially yours

Sam English.

EXHIBITARY
EXHIBIT No. 11555
DATE
21-2-53

Michael BL Box 163
Thurs Jan 8 1953.

(62)

Dear Nigel. HO ✓

Received your letter today regards Leslie Morris thing I am Feb 7th
will do everything possible to make the meeting a success.
As for sending out Letters from the Law Office it would be most helpful
for the if this was done. Let me know as soon as you can.
I am still off yet and will be for a couple of weeks yet I expect.

The Policy Committee Dist. 18, is meeting sometime Jan 14 in Calgary.
To date they have not made any offer.

Things here are very quite quiet as yet but we will no doubt
pick them up very soon.

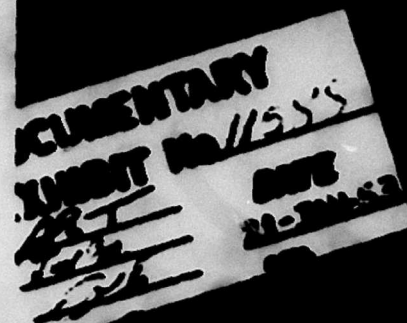
There is McLean and everyone else I must be on the Black-list
No one writes me any more must now.

We really got winter here yesterday Balcon pass and Blizzards etc.
and morning like hell yet

P.S.

Let me know if I can help. Cordially yours
then a week night.
We are just on a record.

Sam English.



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DIVISION "E" DIVISION FILE NO. [REDACTED]
SUB-DIVISION Nelson. DETACHMENT Cranbrook.
PROVINCE British Columbia. DATE February 16th, 1953.

FILE
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RE

Labor-Progressive Party
Documentary Evidence re
(British Columbia)

DDD. 7-5-53

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

DETACHMENT

P.C.R.

Cranbrook,
1st.

CARDERD

A. R. V.

DIARY DATE

SET FOR

1. With reference to memorandum from the Insp., Officer i/c Special Branch "E" Division dated Victoria, B.C., February 11, 1953 with Documentary Exhibits Nos. 8335 and 8341 attached, together with forwarding minutes of the Officer Commanding Nelson S/Division, Nelson, B.C., 13-2-53, relative to the above, following is a report in an effort to identify the Party members referred to in the above Exhibits.

2. Doc. Exhibit No. 8335 (1-13) is a letter written by Adolph POTHORN to Alf. DEWHURST of the L.P.P. Prov. Headquarters Vancouver, B.C. This letter was written from P.O. Box 366, Natal, B.C. which was rented by James Emil POLASKI while he was at Natal. POTHORN was located in the Crows Nest Pass District for several months during the latter part of 1951 as a Party Organizer in conjunction with the B.C. and Alberta Committees of the L.P.P. This letter deals with Party activity in the Crows Nest Pass area. In Ex. No. 8335(2) he mentions having to stop over in C & T. This would refer to Cranbrook and Trail. He arranged for a Club Org. meeting in Bell (Bellvue, Alta.) Friday 13th plus a full Area meeting on Sunday in BL or B.C. which refers to Blairmore or Blairmore, Coleman, Alta. He had a final class in P. (Pernia) on 12th.

3. The S. mentioned in Exhibit No. 8335(3) refers to Sam ENGLISH Michel, B.C. He mentions S. numerous times in Exhibit 8335 (3&4) as being responsible for weakness in the local Clubs and also that ENGLISH is loaded with T.U. (Trade Union) work, Lamp Edit Board, ENGLISH writes articles for the shop paper, Lamp, published by the L.P.P. in Edmonton, Alta., Hospital etc. POTHORN mentions the general trend is for S(ENGLISH) to be Chairman and T.U. (Trade Union) Director for area.

4. In para. 2 of Exhibit No. 8335(4), it is mentioned that S. suggested to POTHORN "What about J. as area Org. This refers to James Emil POLASKI who succeeded POTHORN as Party Organizer at Natal-Michel. The initials St. contained in para. 2 of Ex. No. 8335(6) refer to Stefen (Steve) HARMATNY Natal, B.C.

There are also references to St. in Ex. No. 8335(7) pertaining to HARMATNY's work in the Mass Organizations, referring to the W.B.C. and Federation of Russian Canadians etc. In Exhibit No. 8335(9) is a reference to "Jim's" shack. This refers to James E. POLASKI who rented a shack from Rosa HYRACHUK Natal. POLASKI is referred to in the same page as J. as being

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AS BEING suggested by S. (Sam ENGLISH) Jim (POLASKI) is referred to in Ex. 8335(1) as having a best grasp, Coast Experience?, etc. Other references in the letter deal with the Party situation in P. (Fernie) and Nan (Nanaimo)

5. In Ex. No. 8335(13) he refers to Roberts speaking well. Arthur ROBERTS of Drumheller, Alta. addressed a meeting in the Union Hall, Natal, B.C. on Sunday, Dec. 9th, 1951, 2 days before the letter of POTHORN's was written. ROBERTS was a member of the Canadian Trade Union Delegation to the Soviet Union representing the United Mine Workers. He refers to the attendance at the Natal meeting and also at BL (Blairmore, Alta.)

6. Dec. Exhibit No. 8341 is another letter written by POTHORN to Alf DEWHURST on Sept. 10th, 1951 dealing with Party activities in the Natal-Michel, B.C. area. Fernie and the Alberta towns of the Crows Nest Pass. In Ex. No. 8341(1) he refers to B. (Blairmore), C. (Coleman). In para. 2 he mentions that Ben is to be in the Crows Nest Pass from Friday afternoon till Monday on recruiting drive trip and that POTHORN will be with him. Ben refers to Ben SWANKEY, Prov. leader of the LPP in Alberta. In para. 3 he refers to the situation in M.N. (Michel Natal) and mentions only one of us i.e. Steve with foreign accent. This refers to Stefan (Steve) HARMATY, Natal, B.C. In Ex. No. 8341(2) reference is made to Sam and Jim, these being Sam ENGLISH and Jim POLASKI. In para. 3 POTHORN states that "Old George" of course won't go near the classes. This refers to George GASHOFF, Natal, B.C. In para. 4 is another reference to Steve (Steve HARMATY)

7. In Ex. No. 8341(3) he asks DEWHURST to tell Steve that they will have a youth club set up. In the opinion of the writer he is referring to Steve ENDICOTT, formerly of Vancouver, B.C., who has visited Natal-Michel as an M.E.L.Y. organizer. POTHORN ends his letter with a message to Roseleen (Roseleen BOSS) of the Prov. offices of the L.P.P.

Officer Commanding,
"E" Division, R.C.M. Police,
VICTORIA, B.C.

A. M. McRae A/Opl.
(D.M. McRae) #13493,
Granbrook Detachment.

FORWARDED for your information. The above has reference to correspondence from the Officer i/c Special Branch, "E" Division, under date of February 11, 1953 concerning L.P.P. documentary evidence re British Columbia.

Nelson, B.C.
20-2-53

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J. B. Harris Insp.,
Commanding Nelson Sub-Division

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The Officer Commanding,
RCMP "K" Division,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Re: Labor-Progressive Party -
Documentary Evidence re -
(British Columbia).

FORWARDED for your information together with
single photostat copy of Documentary Exhibit 8335.

2. It is pointed out that Exhibit 8341 as referred
to in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the above report was for-
warded to you on this file under my memorandum dated
11-2-53.

3. It will be noted that the above report as sub-
mitted by our Cranbrook Detachment personnel outlines
the activities and identifies the initials of the in-
dividuals referred to in Exhibit 8335 and 8341.

4. Copies to the Commissioner.

Victoria
25-2-53

Sgt.
(J.R.W. Bordeleau), Insp.,
Officer i/c Special Branch
"K" Division.

The Commissioner, R.C.M.P., Ottawa, Ont.

FORWARDED for your information, same being
in reply to my memorandum to the Officer Commanding
Nelson Sub-Division, copies of which were forwarded to
you on this file under my minute dated 11-2-53.

J.R.W. Bordeleau
(J.R.W. Bordeleau), Insp.,
Officer i/c Special Branch
"K" Division.

Victoria
25-2-53

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Special Branch, "E" Division.

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Victoria, B.C.,

February 20, 1953.

C.C. F.C.M.P.,
NELSON SUB/DIVISION.

Re: Labor-Progressive Party
documentary evidence re
(British Columbia)

In connection with the above file,
we have received documentary material
namely Exhibits 8308, 8309 and 8319,
which are letters from Adolph POTHORN to the
Provincial Office of the L.P.P., dated 28-11-51,
30-10-51 and 30-11-51, respectively.

2. Could you please have same forwarded
to your Special Branch member at Cranbrook, B.C.
for his perusal and the identification of the
individuals referred to therein. Same to be re-
ported, so that our Division records can be brought
up to date. I would suggest that this report be
submitted on the captionally noted file, as has
been the procedure in the past.

3. These Exhibits are of considerable
interest in that POTHORN outlines the approxi-
mate membership of the Party in the Michael J. L.
Bernier and Crows Nest areas, and possibly the
information could be further outlined by your
Cranbrook personnel.

4. Copies to the Commissioner.

(J.R.W. Bordeleau) Insp.,
Officer I/C Sp.Br. "E" Div.

The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
OTTAWA, Ont.

FORWARDED for your information.

(J.R.W. Bordeleau) Insp.,
Officer I/C Sp. Br. "E" Div.

Victoria, B.C.
20-2-53

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**VERY POOR
ORIGINAL**

A/S. Box 366 Natick BC

Y 319(1)

F. November 30th 1951

Dear Sir,

In case you've got any P. Constituentia on hand, please
send. — I will all the seeds — 10 — 15, 20, 25, with care
it may be. I would stand a day or more for our area.
In Eden I only could get 2 of 'em. That's all they have left.

Just came to think: There were 10 P's at Anconito; —
5 of 'em were from Cow Creek, plus many Stomach by. — (Not too
bad, — but should ^{have} improved in future.)

I wonder if you could send, say - 10 copies of ^(as usual?) Timberline &
Tucker Evans, - ~~the~~ General Old Fernie. He's going to
help Farmer Reimer & man to it arbor. He fell and I think when
we didn't stop, or that he - other - after that people appear.
Distraction, - he became just left restoration in support
of ~~the~~ WDU - (Grandpash - you know) But he can
see things fairly straight now. Every way a try with
Timber wouldn't hurt. Maybe it would do the good
up here eh? Yours ever Everett Rb

PS (Have our \$100 - Direct Dist. Funds directly appear?)

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In enclosing a letter from Mildred, plus
a temporary report of Alister. I think
it's pretty good, and as I had a copy
long ago and recommended that they
should minimize photos, - or at least
me some copies with the pictures
typed for ~~you~~ me. So very much sorry
to think, that you may already
got copy of it anyhow. But don't let
no harm in sending another one.

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VERY POOR
ORIGINAL

SECRET

A.D. Box 366 Natal B.C.

8314(1) F. November 30th 1951

(69)

Dear Alf.

How are you? got any P. Constitutionals on hand, please
must. — I will all depends — 10-15, 20, 25, with even
it may be. I would stand a day or more for our area.
In Eden I only could get 2 of 'em. That all they had left.

Just came to think: There were 10 P's at Convention, —
5 of 'em were from Co. Crow, plus many Standbys. — (Not too
bad, — but should ^{still} improve in future.)

I wonder if you could send, say — 10 copies of ^(to me?) Timber &
Tudor Evans, — ~~the~~ Journal of the Fernie. He's joining to
night. Former Miner & now W.I.O. worker. He felt and I think when
we didn't say, or that he & others — after that people's opposi-
tionation, — he became a left politician in support
of ~~the~~ W.I.O. — ('Crabapple' — you know) But he can
see things fairly straight now. Anyway a try with
Timber wouldn't hurt. Maybe it would do the good
up here. eh?

Love your Cousin. P.B.

P.S. (Have one 9100 — direct with funds greatly appreciated)

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I'm enclosing a letter from Michael, plus
a temporary report of Alister. I think
it's pretty good, and as I had a copy
long ago and recommended that they
should minimize photos, — or at least
me some copies with the pictures
typed for you me. Very much.

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I wonder if you could send, say - 10 copies of Timberline to
 Tudor Evans, - the General del Ferme. He's going to
 meet Fournier & me at 10 o'clock. He'll see I think when
 we didn't say, or that for other - better that might appear
 situation. - he became real left restoration in support
 of ~~the~~ Will - (Crumbrook - you know) But he can
 see things fairly straight now. Anyway a try with
 Timber wouldn't hurt. Maybe it would do the good
 up here eh?

Love yours Corvay. RB

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I'm enclosing a letter from Mildred plus
 a temporary report of Alistair. I think
 it's pretty good, and as I had a copy
 long ago and recommended that they
 should mirror a photo, - or she sent
 me some copies with the pictures
 typed for me. So very nice I say.
 Come to think, that you may already
 got copy of it anyhow. But nevertheless,
 no harm in sending another one.

I shall try and try to wind things
 up around here. Have to get an ex-
 meeting for T. got, and then, at the same
 time, Robert and Gene Olt. But I
 we got I mean well, plus the

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Oct. 8, 1952

Re: L.P.P. - NORTH SURREY CLUB -
Amended to: L.P.P. - WHALLEY CLUB

1.

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Re: L.P.P. - NORTH SURREY CLUB -
Amended to: L.P.P. - WHALLEY CLUB

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4.

Beatrice FERNEYHOUGH is now living in Vancouver for two or three months as she is taking care of a home for this period while the owners are out-of-town. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon and Ann MINARD who previously resided at 2060 Townline Road, Port Kells, B.C., moved to Prince Rupert, B.C. approximately three months ago. Gordon MINARD is engaged in the fishing industry at that point

(J.H.B.Hedfield) Cst. #13772

O.C., R.C.M. Police, "E" Division, Victoria, B.C.

FORWARDED for your information together with single copy of ticket referred to in Paragraph 3 (1) of this report.

Vancouver
14-10-52

(C.W. Speers) S/Insp.
Officer in Charge Details.

The COMMANDER,
R.C.M. Police, OTTAWA, Ont.

Forwarded for your information. Remarks vide paragraph's 2 and 4 hereof are duly noted. Copy of ticket referred to in paragraph 3 attached for Headquarter's records. Copies of this report have been placed on related files at this office.

Victoria, B.C.
22/10/52

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Sgt.
(J.R.H. Boudreau) Insp.,
Officer i/c Special Branch, "E" Div'n.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION FILE NO. [REDACTED]
 DIVISION SUB-DIVISION DETACHMENT
 T. B. C. C.I.B. EDMONTON SPECIAL SECTION.
 PROVINCE DATE July 31st, 1932.

RE. [REDACTED]
 FILE NO. [REDACTED]
 LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY -
 EDMONTON, ALBERTA.

HEADQUARTERS

1. Information was received from a confidential and reliable source that Rich Williams of Spruce Valley, Alta., received the following 2 letters from W.A. TUCKER of Edmonton, letters dated 18th. and 23rd. of July, 1932.

SUB-DIVISION

(1.)

308 Wallace Bldg.,
 Edmonton, Alta.,
 July 18th, 1932.

Dear Comrades: -

The Provincial Executive must sound a serious note of alarm on the progress we are making with the campaign to raise our Provincial Election Fund. The total to date is far behind that is required. Hardly 2 weeks remain before voting day. Your quota was suggested as \$100.00. We have received to date \$58.00.

The lack of funds is seriously crippling the election work of our party. The decision that we spend only as we get the cash in was correct. But we are unable to move because, while we adhere to that decision the raising of funds is not going ahead.

Please, Comrades, let us get our campaign rolling. Emergency action is needed. Every Comrade should be seen and urged to get busy. Do not hold election funds on hand. Send them in as they are raised.

Cordially Yours
 W.A. TUCKER

308 Wallace Bldg.,
 Edmonton, Alta.,
 July 23rd, 1932.

(2.)

Dear Comrades: -

You will receive a bundle of copies of our Parties Provincial Election Manifesto. It is a fine piece of literature in this campaign and requires our special attention.

We urge that every party comrade read and study it carefully. Secondly, we urge that it be distributed as widely as your supply allows. In the cities and mining camps it should be delivered to workers' homes in those areas where our strength is the greatest. In farm areas, it should be handed personally to people we are influencing or mailed directly to them. We need to try to get it into the hands of the C.C.F. and Social Credit Voters.

The enclosed report on our financial campaign describes the serious situation we are labouring

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RE: Labour Progressive Party - Grassland, Alta.

WE ARE LABOURING under. The lack of funds is postponing work and is damaging our whole campaign. This still can be changed. Will you comrades in your area put on a determined and concentrated effort to meet your quota? We will send out another financial report in a week.

Cordially yours.

F.A. HEGAN
351256 AUG 652

ELECTION FUND RESULTS,
To July 31st, 1952.

Edmonton	\$331.00	Calgary	\$75.00
Lethbridge	\$237.21	Medicine Hat	Nil.
Grass Nest area	\$20.00	Drumheller	\$15.00
East Coule	10.00	Bucarz	Nil.
Knights	\$50.00	Grassland	\$58.00
Hamlin	Nil.	Hines Creek	Nil.
Hoadley	\$15.00	Hollow Lake	Nil.
Hogier	Nil.	St. Paul	Nil.
Opas	\$3.00	Mac Belleville	\$7.00
Mandaree	Nil.	Myrnes	Nil.
Nestor	Nil.	Rich Valley	\$45.75
St. Francis	\$12.00	St. Paul	\$7.00
Sylvan Lake	\$11.00	Thorhild	Nil.
Two Hills	Nil.	Vilne	\$25.00
Vainwright	\$5.00	Willingdon	\$5.00
Calhoun	Nil.	Wolke	Nil.
Corston	\$10.00	Connell	Nil.
Edson	Nil.	Evenburg	\$5.00
Wagnolia	Nil.	Newbrook	Nil.
Peace River	\$5.00	Ordryl	Nil.
Myer	Nil.	Peace Hill Valley	\$6.00
Thorby	Nil.	Valley View	\$2.00
Walsh	\$5.00	Wetaskwin	\$20.00
Wangle	Nil.	Vilna (Al)	Nil.
Wegreville	Nil.	Cowley	Nil.
Ramfurly	Nil.		

TOTAL TO JULY 31 - \$1,270.96
QUOTA - \$5,000.00.

RECEIPT ACK'D

116 5 THE COMMISSIONER,
R.C.M.P. POLICE,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

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FORWARDED for your information. The list of Election Fund Results on page 2 of this report is interesting and will be compared against our records in regard to the location of Branches of the Labor Progressive Party. Where we have no record of a Branch or Club a check will be made in the district concerned to see what activity there might be.

2. An extra copy of this report is attached for H.Q. file re elections.

Edn. 5-8-52.

(F.A. Hegan) Supt.,
i.e. C.I.B.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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DIVISION
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DIVISION FILE NO
SUB-DIVISION
Lethbridge
Alberta

DETACHMENT
Special Branch
DATE May 26th 1952.

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Labor Progressive Party
Lethbridge, Alberta.

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P.C.R.

5-5-52

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A.R.V. NO.

1. Further to paragraph (2) of P.C.R. dated the 5-5-52 under this heading, I am advised that William TARASOFF and his wife proceeded to Edmonton to attend a party conference on May 4th.

2. TARASOFF has advised local party members that the main item of the conference was to explore the possibility of running five L.P.P. candidates in Alberta during the next Provincial elections.

3. The question of financing five candidates appeared to be the biggest problem and in this regard Lethbridge was asked to raise the sum of \$1,500.00. This quota has not as yet been accepted by the Lethbridge L.P.P.

4. It was also learned that the L.P.P. plan on running a candidate at Peace River, Calgary, Edmonton, Vegreville and one in the Crow's Nest Pass.

5. It is now understood that Ben SHAWLEY is in the Crow's Nest Pass, likely for the purpose of selecting a candidate there. This matter will be given further attention.

J. Munn Corpl.
(S.S. Connors) #12625.

The Officer Commanding,
R. C. M. Police,
"K" Division,
EDMONTON, Alberta.

Forwarded for your information in quadruplicate.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Leth. 27-5-52.
/K

(C. B. Macdonell) Insp.
Commanding Leth. S/Div.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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DIVISION FILE NO. _____
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Div. H.Q. C.I.B. Edmonton Special Branch
PROVINCE Alberta DATE 28-1-52

RE: Labor-Progressive Party -
Alberta - General.

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

DETACHMENT

P.C.R.

1. Further to the above attached hereto please find the following material which was issued recently by the Alberta Provincial Executive Committee of the captionally noted organization and sent out to all Alberta L. P. P. committees, clubs and members-at-large for their information. This material

con-

sists of the following:

(A) Seven copies of a circular letter - financial statement which deals with the 1951 Alberta National Party Fund campaign. The contents of this circular indicates the progress of the before-mentioned campaign on Dec. 3rd, 1951. It also indicates the localities in which the L. P. P. clubs, committees and members-at-large are located, also their progress in the drive on before-mentioned date.

(B) Seven copies of a circular letter dated Dec. 4th, 1951, which indicates the L. P. P. recruiting program, its failure and success in Alberta since June 1st, 1951, up to before-mentioned date.

(C) Nine copies of a circular letter issued by the National Educational Department of the Labor Progressive Party on 27-12-51 in Toronto, Ont., and sent out to L. P. P. members who have taken Marxist correspondence course during 1951. It is of interest to note from this circular that only a few tests from those taking the correspondence course have been forwarded to the before-mentioned department and that this course is still available to prospective students.

(D) One photographic copy of a circular letter issued by the Alberta Executive Committee of the L. P. P. over the signature of Wm. TUOMI, Provincial treasurer under the date of Dec. 3rd, 1951. This circular was sent to all Party clubs in this province and it deals in the main with National Party Fund campaign in Alberta during 1952, Party activities, Sylvan Lake Summer School educational fund and in last paragraph it indicates that Wm. TUOMI was appointed Provincial Treasurer at Party meeting here in Dec., 1951.

2. In view of the foregoing the before-mentioned material is respectfully submitted for information and record purposes.

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LPV NATIONAL PARTY FUND 1951
Alberta Progress Report as at December 31st, 1951

CITIES
Edmonton LPV
 Bethune ✓ \$ 213.00
 Calder ✓ 33.64
 Deskoeb ✓ 37.20
 Industrial ✓ 37.70
 O'Sullivan ✓ 140.00
 Popowich ✓ 88.10
 Ryerson ✓ 28.50
 Women ✓ 81.75
 Miscellaneous ✓ 148.50

\$808.39

CALGARY LPV
 Bethune ✓ 81.00
 Centre ✓ 45.00
 O'Sullivan ✓ 45.00
 Popowich ✓ 60.00
 Vas ✓ 50.00 x
 Miscellaneous ✓ 5.00 256.00

WETHERIDGE LPV
 City ✓ 140.40
 Bethune ✓ 90.00 230.40

VEDICINE HAT 7.00

Mining Clubs
GRON'S NEST PASS LPV
 Blairmore ✓ 12.00
 Coleman ✓ 53.80 65.80

DRUMHELLER VALLEY
 East Coulee ✓ 100.00
 Newcastle ✓ 265.25 365.25

PROVINCIAL MISCELLANEOUS 134.10

Farm CLUBS
 Atzac ✓ \$ 15.00
 Anchant ✓ 70.00 x
 Garseland ✓ 65.00 x
 Woodley ✓ 70.00 x
 Hollow Lake ✓ 15.00
 Womeglen ✓ 70.00 x
 Ipsas 3.25
 Ryndare ✓ 12.00
 Myrnan ✓ 20.00
 Nestor ✓ 40.00
 Rich Valley ✓ 17.00
 Sylvan Lake ✓ 14.00
 Thorhild ✓ 55.50
 Two Hills ✓ 30.00
 Vilna ✓ 25.00
 Willingdon ✓ 20.00
 Hamlin ✓
 Hines Creek ✓
 Innisfree ✓
 Lac Bellefleur ✓
 Pagan ✓
 Shipenge ✓
 St. Francis ✓
 St. Paul ✓
 Wainwright ✓

\$546.75

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE
 Alhambra ✓ 15.00 x
 Breton ✓ 15.00 x
 Edson ✓ 15.00 x
 Pendryl ✓ 15.00 x
 Thorsby ✓ 15.00 x
 Peace River ✓ 12.00 x
 Culp ✓ 11.00 x
 Walse ✓ 11.00 x
 Pibroch ✓ 5.00
 Holden ✓ 3.00
 Knee Hill Valley ✓ 2.00
 Walleyview ✓ 1.00
 Alaike ✓ 5.50
 Wetaskiwin ✓ 2.95

\$128.45

SUMMARY

CITY CLUBS \$1331.79
 MINING CLUBS 421.05
 FARM CLUBS 546.75
 MEMBERS-AT-LARGE 128.45
 MISCELLANEOUS 134.10

TOTAL \$2562.14

(*x* Quota filled)

(42.7% of objective)

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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DIVISION

DIVISION FILE NO.

SUB-DIVISION

CALGARY

DROMHELLER SPECIAL BRANCH

PROVINCE

DATE 10th December 1951

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Alberta General.

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

DETACHMENT

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P.C.R.

A. R. V. NO

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21-12-51

F. A. Regan, Supt.,
I/C C. I. B.

Submitted herewith are copies of the following literature recently sent out from the Provincial L.P.P. Executive Committee, Edmonton, Alta.

(1) Circular letter dated Dec. 4th, 1951, headed "PARTY BUILDING" and containing some figures on recent recruiting in LPP circles within the Province as well as some comments by Provincial Leader, Ben SWANEY.

(2) Financial Statement of the 1951 National Party Fund, Alberta Progress Report as at December 3rd, 1951.

2. The foregoing and attached submitted for records.

ATTACHMENTS.

C. K. Thompson Cst.
(C. K. Thompson) 14104.
I/C Drumheller Special Branch.

C.C. "A" Division,
R.C.M.P. Edmonton.

FORWARDED for your information together with typewritten copies of the material as referred to in this report.

12-12-51.

M. M. Taylor Insp.
Comdg. Calgary Sub/Divn.

Officer commanding,
H. C. M. Police,
DUMFRIES Sub-Division,
PEACE RIVER Sub-Division.

1. Forwarded for your information together with copies of attachments referred to.

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308 Wallace Building,
Edmonton, Alberta.

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December 4th, 1951. (77)

TO: All City and Regional Committees,
All Provincial Committee members,
All Clubs.Re: PARTY BUILDING

Dear Comrades:-

Since June 1st, that is, during the last six months, our Party in Alberta has recruited 24 new members in the following areas:-

Lethbridge	- 8	Innisfree	- 3
Calgary	- 2	Thorhild	- 3
Edmonton	- 2	Hines Creek	- 2
East Couleav	- 1	Valleyview	- 2
		Naslin	- 1

You will note that 12 were recruited in the cities, 1 in the mining camps and 11 in the farming areas. The outstanding example of good work has been Lethbridge, which had a quota of 5 and recruited 8 and which brought in one third of the new members in the Province.

We need to compare our progress in party building with the plans laid at our Provincial Committee meeting last June. At that time we set ourselves an objective of 111 new members by the end of the year, as follows:

Edmonton	- 15	Peace River	- 10
Calgary	- 12	Enchant	- 2
Lethbridge	- 5	Clubs-in District 4	- 10
Medicine Hat	- 5	Clubs-in District 7	- 10
Crows Nest	- 12	Headley	- 2
Drumheller	- 10	Home Glen	- 1
	59	Grassland	- 2
		Nestor	- 2
		Rich Valley	- 1
		Tapas	- 2
		Mundare	- 2
		Shopton	- 2
		Two Hills	- 2
		Willingdon	- 2
		Sylvan Lake	- 2
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To-date we have achieved 22% of our Provincial objective.

Experience thus far indicates, that wherever recruiting has been looked upon as very important work, where it has been tackled with enthusiasm and consistency, the results have been good.

What has been our main problem and weakness? Not all clubs and leading committees have yet had a serious discussion on party building, but even where a good discussion took place, where a list of prospective members was drawn up and where clubs members were assigned to visit them a collective check-up was not carried out with the result that not all prospective recruits were visited and new names were not added to the list. This lack of check-up applies not only to the clubs; it applies even more to the city and regional committees and particularly the provincial secretariat which is in charge of the drive. Lethbridge, which drew up a list of 22 names and saw to it that these people were visited and asked to join, got results- but only because there was a good check-up.

But it would be wrong to regard lack of check-up as only an organizational weakness. It comes from a failure to regard Party Building as a Political Task, a job of primary importance, that can't be put on the shelf because we also have other important tasks.

NATIONAL PARTY FUND 1951

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Alberta Progress Report as at December 3rd, 1951.

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LETHBRIDGE

City	140.40
Bethune	90.00
	230.40

MEDICINE HAT

7.00

Mining ClubsCROWS NEST PASS

Bairmore	12.00
Coleman	51.80
	65.80

DRUMHELLER VALLEY

East Coulee	100.00
Newcastle	255.25
	355.25

PROVINCIAL MISCELLANEOUS

134.10

FARM CLUBS

Buczac	\$ 15.00
Eachant	70.00 #
Grassland	65.00 #
Hoadley	70.00 #
Kollow Lake	15.00
Homeglen	70.00 #
Rope Valley	5.00
Isaac	3.25
Mundare	12.00
Myram	20.00
Nestow	40.00
Rich Valley	17.00
Sylvan Lake	14.00
Thorhild	55.00
Two Hills	30.00
Vilna	25.00
Willington	20.00
Hamlin	
Hines Creek	
Tanisfree	
LacBelleveus	
Pacan	
Shapange	
Est. Francis	
St. Paul	
Wainwright	

546.75

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

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(# Quota fulfilled)

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Special Branch "E" Division

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Victoria, B. C.,

Nov. 27th, 1951.

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O.C. "K" Division,
RCMP - EDMONTON, Alta.

Re: Labour Progressive Party -
Crows Nest Pass, Alberta.

Further to my memorandum dated Oct. 5th, 1951 and in particular Exhibit #4783, we have now received Documentary Exhibit #4956, copy of which is attached, and which further bears out the point that the National Offices of the L.P.P. were contacted as to who would be the organizer in the Crows Nest Pass area.

2. Reference to para. 1 of the attached Exhibit it is thought that the person referred to therein is Adolph Pothorn, who is now the organizer in the Crows Nest Pass area, but who was previously the organizer for the Upper Vancouver Island Regional area, which according to Stanley Ryerson was a pretty vital assignment for the L.P.P. as a whole. It is also noted in the attached exhibit that Ryerson has brought forth the possibility of Syd Thompson as moving in on the Crows Nest Pass area as organizer. This apparently was not followed as Syd Thompson, as you are aware, is now located at Kenton, B. C., and it is not known whether he was hired on Party orders or if it was a personal move.

3. Copies to Commissioner.

Re: Comdr. RCMP - OTTAWA, Ont.

Forwarded for your information.

Victoria,
Nov 27/51

(C. W. Harvison) Supt.
I.C.C.I.B. "E" DIV.

(C. W. Harvison) Supt.,
I.C.C.I.B. "E" DIV.

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SPECIAL BRANCH - THE DIVISION

Sub-Div. File No. [REDACTED]

VICTORIA, B.C.,
November 21, 1951.

The Officer Commanding,
R.C.M.P. Police,
"E" Division,
Edmonton, Alta.

Re: Labour Progressive Party - Crownest Pass, Alberta.

Adverting to your Special Branch memorandum dealing with subject antter dated the 15th instant. Kindly be advised that our Divisional records disclose that one, Adolph Pothorn, prominent Party functionary of Nanaimo, B.C. left that area during August last to accept a position of L.P.P. Organizer of the L.P.P. in the Crownest Pass area. Pothorn's presence in the Michel-Katal area of B.C. has also been brought to our attention by Cranbrook Special Branch member.

2. In this connection I would kindly direct your attention to our Divisional memorandum directed to you under date of October 9th, 1951, captioned as: Labour Progressive Party, Alberta, our reference particularly remarks quoted opposite Exhibit No. 4783, which would appear to substantiate that Pothorn is presently the organizer in that mining area.

3. Pothorn's physical description is quoted as follows:-

Age 47 yrs, 5 ft. 10 ins, 165 lbs. Build - heavy set. Clean shaven. Hair - black. Complexion - dark. Eyes - hazel, heavy lashed eyelids, left eyebrow raised, right eye half closed. Nose - straight, medium size. Mouth - large, close shut down at corners, lips - thin upper, all fully protruding lower lip. Chin - receding, round, slight dimple. Ears - large. Walks with a stoop, usual type of dress, shabby, dark suits, striped shirts.

4. It is possible that Pothorn may be operating an old Model Ford bearing B.C. Licence No. 171-884, our records, however, disclose that he has not renewed his B.C. Drivers Licence since 1941.

5. I might mention that the activities of this individual insofar as this Division is concerned are receiving attention by our Nelson Sub-Division, Cranbrook Detachment Special Branch member. In order, to assist your Special Branch Personnel in conducting their duties, attached hereto are photographs of Adolph Pothorn. It will be appreciated that should this man's actual location be established, that we be apprised thereof, please.

6. Copies to the Commissioner.

(G. W. Harrison) Supt.
Officer i/c "E" Division,

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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DIVISION "K" Lethbridge
 SUB-DIVISION Alberta
 DETACHMENT Special Branch
 DATE 4-2-48

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RE:

Subversive Activities Within the Labor Progressive Party.
 Grows Nest Pass - Alberta.

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HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

DETACHMENT

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P.C.R.

Blairmore
 15-11-47

A. R. V. No.

1. Further to the above the following information has been obtained.

2. A Silver Anniversary party in honour of Mr & Mrs HAJNOCII was held on January 24th 1948 in the Olive Hall at Blairmore. The hostesses were Mrs Alex KURN (Keen) Mrs John PAUL, Mrs PETRIK and Mrs PIROSKA.

3. A short address was given during the evening by L. KALIVODA (KALIVODA) who thanked the committee for the success of the entertainment and he made suitable comment in regard to the honored couple. He commented on the working class of every nationality being able to gather and enjoy themselves. He said that socialism brought unity.

4. Beny MEKSI made an appeal for donations to the Hungarian Orphans Fund and in this connection \$44.00 was raised.

5. After the expenses of the entertainment were paid the clear sum of \$180.00 was realized. This will go to the Labor Progressive Election Fund. At present the Bellevue local of the LPP still owes \$200.00 to a number of their club who loaned same during the last provincial election. It is likely that the \$120.00 raised at this affair will go towards paying off this debt.

6. Enock WILLIAMS of Blairmore was noted to be in attendance as well as Joseph SOMOIL of Bellevue. The affair was simply a front for raising funds for party purposes.

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(866) Corpl.
 (Z.S. Connors) #12625.

C.C. "A" Division
 R.C.M.P. ED. ONTARIO

FORWARDED for your information. STILL UNDER INVEST.

Let. 3-2-48.

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The Commissioner, R.C.M.P., Commanding Leth. S/Divn.
 OTTAWA.

Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton
 February 14th, 1948

(C. HATCH) Insp.
 to "A" Division C.I.B.

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DIVISION FILE NO. 100-10-52
RE Division File No. 100-10-52
NO. 100-10-52
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
1ST BRIDGES SUB-DIVISION
BLAIRMORE DETACHMENT
Nov. 8th, 1947.

SECRET.

Re: Labour Progressive Party - Subversive
Activities, Crow's Nest Pass.

Headquarters.

Sub-Division.

Detachment.

A.C.R.

Nil.

1. S.R. SWANKEY, provincial leader of the Labor-Progressive party, was selected as their candidate for the provincial constituency of Pincher Creek-Crow's Nest at a nominating convention held on the 2nd November at the Community Hall, Brank.
2. Sid THOMPSON was appointed constituency organizer and campaign manager. This man is not known in this district.
3. Carl HANSEN, well known communist, acted as chairman.
4. Mr. Swankey addressed the convention. He accused the provincial government of squandering the natural resources of the province and condemned it for anti-labour practices. He predicted that strip mining may make deserted towns out of Alberta mining camps. He called upon the government to ensure that any miners who are displaced by strip mining will be adequately provided for. He called for the unity of all progressive groups to defeat reaction and elect a farmer-labor government.
5. Election platform points provide for the development of our natural resources for the benefit of the people and not to enrich a few; a provincial low-rental housing program; a publicly owned electric power system that can speedily bring electricity at low rates to all farm houses; province-wide hospitalization scheme; province to assume the major portion of the cost of education and to take over from the municipalities the entire cost of social services, so as to lighten the tax burden on the small property owners; and for labor the 40-hour week in all industries, a minimum wage of 75¢ an hour, 100 per cent compensation and the establishment of a department of labor.
6. Mr. SWANKEY told the convention that there would be a provincial election not later than next summer.
7. It was decided at the convention to ask Tim ROCK, national leader of the party to tour the Crow's Nest Pass when he is visiting Alberta in January next.
8. It is expected that Mr. SWANKEY will address a number of meetings in the district before next summer.

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1/C Blairmore Detachment.

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Re:

COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA

Crow's Nest Pass District, Alta.

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Headquarters

1. With reference to the above, and with special reference to the Memo. of the O.C.C.I.B. "K" Division, regarding Annie Buller, western circulation manager of the Clarion, making a speaking tour of the Crows Nest Pass district, I respectfully report that meetings were held at the following points, and places as named hereunder :-

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11-4-39 - Blairmore - Union Hall (50 attending)
 12-4-39 - Bellevue - Union Hall (40 attending)
 13-4-39 - Hillcrest - Miners' Hall (45 attending)
 15-4-39 - Frank - Community Hall (20 attending)
 16-4-39 - Coleman - Opera House (45 attending)

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30-3-39

2. The subject of the speeches listed above were the same in each case, dealing largely with "Canada's Vital Problems". As a sub-topic "Western Canada and National Unity" was a subject of quite lively discussion.

3. Those attending the meetings were all recognized radicals in the Crows Nest Pass, but nothing of an extremely radical nature was discussed at any of the meetings.

4. While in the Crows Nest Pass district, and especially while in Blairmore Annie Buller was largely in the company of Enoch Williams, Mayor of Blairmore, and visited at the homes frequently of well-known Communists in this district. ✓

5. At the conclusion of her speaking tour Annie Buller left the Pass, and headed East, although her definite destination could not be ascertained.

6. In view of the above this file is being considered closed at this detachment.

NO EXPENSESTILL UNDER INVESTIGATIOND/A/L/Cpl. Bailey,
R.C.M.P., LETHBRIDGE.*R.C.S. Hawkins* Const.
(R.C.S. Hawkins) Reg. No. 11857.

For your information.

Leth. 20-4-39.

(H. DARLING) Insp.

P/J.

Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

O.C. "K" Division,
R.C.M.P., EDMONTON.

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 20-4-39.

H. Darling Insp.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

P/J.

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The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alberta.
24 April 1939.
K/P

R. E. Mercer
R. E. Mercer, A/Supt.,
for A/A/Com'r., A.O.D.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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Province Alberta. Date 12-8-38.

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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
CROW'S NEST PASS AND DISTRICT.

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Headquarters

1. Referring to reports from this detachment re the above matter. Conditions pertaining to communism have been very quiet.

Sub-Division

2. On the 10th. inst. Pat. Lenihan and his wife arrived in Blairmore by bus, they went to the Albert Olson home where they are staying, conversations with members of the party shows that Lenihan and his wife are just on a visit to Blairmore, checking on their movements however shows that both have attended meetings at the home of Mrs. North J. of Blairmore, where the future of the party was discussed. Checking of attendants at the meeting showed that only 10 persons attended same and all of those attending are and have been for years adherents of the party, no new faces noticed.

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3. Conversations with members of the party, I am informed that this visit of Lenihan has nothing to do with his coming to the Pass as an active secretary, please refer to my report of the 14th July 1938 para. 4 thereof.

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4. Conversations with members of the party, leads me believe that Alex Young, former active secretary of the party in this district, will again pay the Crow's Nest Pass a visit in the near future, Young has quite a following among the members in this area.

5. The activities of [redacted] will be watched and reports submitted. If and When [redacted] arrives he too will be kept under observations. COPIES of this report direct to Cranbrook Detachment R.C.M.P.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

J.A. Cawsey Sergt. Regt. No. 6367
W.A. Cawsey) i.e Blairmore Detachment.

The Officer Commanding
"K" Division, R.C.M.P.
EDMONTON, Alta.

Sir: Forwarded for your information. The activities of Lenihan will be closely watched while he is in the Crows Nest Pass.

Harb
Sgd. H. Darling, Insp.

Leth. 13-8-38. Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alberta.
16 August 1938.
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W. F. W. Hancock
W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date July 14th. 1938.

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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
Crow's Nest Pass and District.

Headquarters

Sub-Division

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31-5-38.

1. Further to reports of the marginally noted dates re. the above matter. Touch has been kept with same throughout the detachment area. It is found that conditions pertaining to communism are quiet and very much as this detachments informant reports, disorganized. This is due possibly to the fact that no outside organizer s have been in this area, working for some time. With an outsider in charge however the party would soon get together again. With present heads of the party this organization will not cause any trouble as long as they are in control.

2. There have been strong rumours about the Pass that Enoch Williams, present Mayor of Blairmore and head of the communists in this area had quit the party, on checking this down I find that Williams is just as interested in the party as ever and is still the head. Williams has political ambitions and I am of the opinion that this rumour was started within the party, with one end in view that being in the event of the present government going to the country before their full term is completed, Williams will go after the nomination from the labor party and run in opposition to the present sitting member

3. Meetings have been held at Blairmore, Bellevue, Coleman and Hillcrest during the past few weeks, all very sparsely attended, the only business apart from routine matters being the Padlock Law of Quebec. As a result of meetings Nick Ukravitz, Pete Zur and Mrs. Polski all of Coleman, are circulating a petition about the district securing names for presentation to the Hon. the Minister of Justice, calling for the repeal of the Quebec padlock law. My information states that this committee already have two foolscap sheets full of names,

the committee in charge of this work are finding some former communist adherents are refusing to sign the petition

4. Blairmore still remains the headquarters of the party in the Crow's Nest. with the odd meeting being held at Mrs. John North's. A meeting of the district was held at her home during the past week when it was decided to again try and get an outside organizer, this in order to put "pep" into the party locally. The organizer from Sask, supposed to be coming to Blairmore has been sent to other points.

5. Copy of this report direct to Cranbrook Detachment. Investigations will go forward and reports will be submitted.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

J. A. Cawsey

St. Regt. No. 6367

(J. A. Cawsey) 1 - Blairmore Det

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Re. COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA
Crow's Nest Pass and District.

THE OFFICER COMMANDING,
"K" DIVISION,
EDMONTON, Alberta.

Sir:

Forwarded for your information;
Apparently there does not appear
to be any unusual activities in radical circles
in the Crow's Nest Pass.

H. Darling
H. Darling

Insp.

16-7-38

Commanding Lethbridge Sub Division

The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
Further particulars covering developments arising
from the decision to revive enthusiasm in the
Communist Party in the Crow's Nest Pass, as referred
to in paragraph 4 hereof, will be forwarded Headquarters
in due course.

W. F. W. Hancock
W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

Edmonton, Alberta.
18 July 1938.
K/P

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Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge, Detachment Blairmore,
Province Date
Alberta. 31-5-38.

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Re: **COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA
CROW'S NEST PASS AND DISTRICT.**

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Headquarters

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1. Since submitting last report re above heading, a general survey has been continued, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] definitely ascertained that at Hillcrest there are only 8 members in the party, with not much activity in evidence. Conditions at Bellevue whilst on a larger scale are quiet, with meetings being held once a month of the party proper, but oftener for groups meetings of nationalities. Blairmore in so far as communist matters are concerned is very quiet, this no doubt due to the head Brook Williams being engaged in matters pertaining to the conciliation board, which has just concluded its sessions at Blairmore, in connection with mine agreements.

2. [REDACTED] presently the party are very much disorganized in this section of the Crow's Nest Pass, with meetings being sparsely attended. Little if any business transacted and discussions are mostly of a "hair trigger type" that is, very little would make a split in the party. The social Credit Government presently being the main subject.

3. The party have decided to get an outside organizer in the Pass district to completely renovate the party, no names have been mentioned to the present, but it is reported that an organizer presently working in Saskatchewan will be brought to the Pass, immediately after the Saskatchewan elections are over. Touch is being kept with the situation and further reports will be submitted.

4. Two copies of this report have been sent direct to Cranbrook detachment.
Still Under Investigation

O.C., "K" Division,
R.C.M.P., EDMONTON.

J. A. Cawsey
Sgt. Regt. No 6367
(J. A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detachment

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 2-6-38

G. Harvey
sgt. "G. Harvey" Sgt. for
O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division A.O.D.

The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

31-5-38

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alberta.
4 June 1938.
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G. P. Montizambert
G. P. Montizambert, Supt.,
for A/A/Com'r., A.O.D.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date 16.5.38.

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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA
Crow's Nest Pass and District.

Headquarters

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1. With reference to the above matter, during the past two weeks a survey has been made of the Communist situation in this district, and I am continuing same this present week. I have found that very little of interest is being done by the party, for a time the organization was active in connection with the demonstration of May 1st. 1938, and then they have been active in connection with the organization of the Coleman Camps to the U.M.W. of A. It has been noticed that members of the party from Bellevue, Maple Leaf, Hillcrest and Blairmore have been active among persons of their own tongue at Coleman. At their meetings held at Blairmore, and Bellevue the usual resolutions have been passed re. the Quebec padlock laws, the Spanish Situation and resolutions re. unemployment etc. etc.

2. Contrary to the previous attitude of Communists, i.e. supporting Social Credit, a vast change has come over the party members during the last three weeks, they are openly condemning the present Government of Alberta, and this matter has been discussed by them at their meetings as well as on street corners and beer rooms. It has been current among party members that a Provincial Election is in the offing, either this fall or spring (1939) and with this in view efforts are being made to Head office of the party to obtain the services of an outside organizer with two purposes in view, one of which is that Coleman, which has fallen down during the past two years in so far as communism is concerned, should make fruitful ground for organization with the right man, and again to completely reorganize the party in this section of the Pass in preparation for a Provincial election. Nick Ukraitz, of Coleman was re-elected secretary of the Coleman branch at their last meeting. Enoch Williams of Blairmore is still the general secretary of the party throughout the Pass, but it has been found that with so many other duties demanding his attention, he has been unable to devote the time to the party organization, and the party has suffered. Hence the request for a full time organizer.

3. I will continue to make a complete survey of the communist situation and further reports will be submitted.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Two Copies direct to R.C.M.P. Cranbrook, B.C.

16-3-38

J.A. Cawsey
Sergt. Regt. No 6367
(J.A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detach.

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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA
Crow's Nest Pass and District.

The Officer Commanding
"K" Division
EDMONTON, Alta.

Sir:

Forwarded for your information. ~~Extra~~

H. Darling

Leth. 17-5-38.

Sgd. H. Darling, Insp.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
With reference to paragraph 2, there are increasing
signs that the Communist Party is not co-operating
with the Social Credit Party to the extent that it
was originally anticipated. This is particularly
so in regard to relief matters.

2. Further reports on the situation in the
Crow's Nest Pass will be forwarded in due course.

Edmonton, Alberta.
18 May 1938.
P.

W. F. W. Hancock
W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division 'K' Sub-Division Leth. Detachment Lethbridge C.I.B.

Province Alberta

Date April 26th 1938.

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SECRET

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
Crows Nest Pass and District.

Headquarters

1. With reference to the above and marginally noted reports.

Sub-Division

2. The general secretary of the Party in the Rocky Mountain constituency is Enoch Williams, mayor of Blairmore. He is also secretary of the Blairmore branch which has a membership of seventy. Party meetings are held in the Miners Hall, usually twice a week.

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3. Bellevue and Maple Leaf have a joint membership of forty five. William Price being the branch secretary with John Winarski acting under him in respect to the Maple Leaf members. Meetings are held at the homes of various members.

P. C. R.

4. At Hillcrest, the Party has a membership of thirty and meetings are held at the homes of members. The name of the present secretary is not known.

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5. Due to better working conditions and consequently less unemployment, Coleman has only a membership of ten. The name of the present branch secretary is not known.

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6. These figures represent the number of members in good standing. Under the present system within the Party, a member in arrears of three months' dues is automatically expelled but may rejoin without paying the amount outstanding providing that he is able to obtain the necessary recommendations, as in the case of a recruit. In addition to this total, there is a large number of radicals in the Crows Nest Pass sympathetic to the Party but who are not paying dues and therefore cannot attend meetings.

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7. At the present time the work of the Party in this area is the organization of the unemployed. In Blairmore, the president of the unemployed is Tony Pondelicik, a C.P. member. This man is working under the direction of Williams and appears to be most active local organizer, operating chiefly in Blairmore, Bellevue and Hillcrest. At Coleman, the unemployment question is less acute and there is but little activity in this connection and among the Party members at that point. At Bellevue, the president of the unemployed is William Serra and at Hillcrest, Thomas Fontaine.

8. Under the direction of the

(2001) (26/4/38)

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA -

Crows Nest Pass and District.

Communist Party, the Pass unemployed associations, the officials of which are Party members, have adopted the following demands for the improvement of their condition:-

- (1) The purchase of more Canadian coal in Canada and an embargo on U.S.Coal, with a reduction of freight rates in order to improve the eastern market.
- (2) No taxes to be paid unless adequate work is available.
- (3) Immediate work relief for the unemployed by carrying out the hard surfacing of the highway through the Crows Nest Pass.
- (4) Increase in relief rates, particularly clothing.
- (5) Clearing and cultivation of land between Blairmore and Coleman as a work relief programme in order that the unemployed can grow their own produce.
- (6) A six hour day, four day week schedule of labour for all trade union workers through Government legislation.
- (7) Unemployment to be a National responsibility and the adoption of unemployment insurance.

9. In order that these demands be granted and to draw to the attention of the Dominion and Provincial governments the necessity of improvement in conditions, the unemployed associations in Blairmore, Bellevue and Hillcrest intend to hold frequent demonstrations similiar to the one staged on April 18th until some measure of satisfaction has been obtained.

10. There appears to be some ill feeling towards some of the Hillcrest unemployed on the part of those at Blairmore and Bellevue on account of work being done in the bush by them for low wages, less than the amounts allotted under the relief scale. I understand that most of these men are employed by Charles Sartoris, a contractor of Blairmore who supplies mine props and timbers to the coal companies in this area.

11. For the annual May Day celebration this year, it is proposed that all units taking part in it converge on Hillcrest, the demonstration to be held at that point on April 30th, May 1st falling on a Sunday.

12. In respect to the M.W.U.A. the officials of the Union in the Pass are members of the C.P. The miners are still working under the old agreements but are in favour of the demand of District 18 of the Union (Alberta and British Columbia) for a 20% wage increase as opposed to a suggested 10% cut by the operators. If the present conciliation board negotiations fail, it is proposed to call a general strike in the two Provinces during the Fall of this year. In the event of new agreements being signed, the Union officials have been instructed to have them expire in the Fall of the year instead of the Spring as hitherto as strike action carries more weight at this period of the year.

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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.

Crows Nest Pass and District.

13. John L. Lewis of the C.I.O. is expected to visit Alberta in June or July of this year to attend the Alberta Federation of Labour conference and it is anticipated that he will visit the Crows Nest Pass during his stay in Canada. The M.W.U.A. is affiliated with the C.I.O.
14. With reference to the report of Calgary C.I.B. under date of April 12th, Mike Danyluk @ Ure Daniels is at present in Coleman as an organizer for the Independent Mutual Benefit Federation. He is a Party member. He took the place of Oscar Morgan, who returned to Montreal about one month ago, and proceeded from Calgary to the Pass with Joe Muller. The latter stayed two days and returned to Calgary, later proceeding east via Lethbridge and Taber. Small Slav sections of the I.M.B.F. have been established at Blairmore and Bellevue and a Hungarian section at Hillcrest. Danyluk is now organizing in Coleman in an effort to affiliate the Italian society there with the I.M.B.F. as, I understand, the society is in straightened circumstances financially. As far as is known, he is the only outside organizer in the Crows Nest Pass at the present time.
15. As stated, the main task of the C.P. in the Pass is the organization of the unemployed. Members are also actively engaged in recruiting for the Party itself and the Clarion drive. Following the mine strike in 1932 and after Harvey Murphy and Pat Lenihan left, Party membership declined sharply until only nine were left in the Blairmore branch. Of late, however, it has sprung into prominence again and is taking advantage of the unemployment situation to strengthen the ranks. Consequently membership is increasing, but no trouble is anticipated at present.
16. I am advised that, following the demonstration of 18-4-38, a woman was seen in the Cosmopolitan Hotel at Blairmore with Enoch Williams, leaving the second floor at about 10 pm. The same woman was seen in the company of E.P. Cowan in Lethbridge on two occasions, firstly in the beer parlour of the Alexandra Hotel at about the beginning of March, 1938, and again leaving the same hotel with him about two weeks later. She is described as:- age 30-35 years, height 5' 7", weight 115-120 lbs, slim build, fair complexion, blond hair, light brown eyes, well dressed. Further inquiries are being made in respect to this person.

No expense.

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STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

J.B. Bailey D/Const.
Reg. No. 11497.
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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA
Crows Nest Pass and District

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O.C.. "K" Division,
R.C.M.P.. EDMONTON.

Sir:

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1. This report covers a recent survey of the strength of the Communist Party in the Crows Nest Pass.
2. I am now advised by D/Const. Bailey that the name of the woman mentioned in para. [redacted] of Niagara Falls, Ontario, and is thought to be representing a women's apparel concern.
3. Further enquiries are being made.

Leth. 27-4-38

[Signature]
sgt. H. Darling, Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

O. C.,
"O" Div.,
R. C. M. P.,
TORONTO, Ontario.

s.19(1)

1. Sir: Forwarded. Would you kindly advise me of any information you may have on [redacted] mentioned in paragraph [redacted] hereof and the forwarding minute of the Officer Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.
2. Copies of this report are being sent to the Commissioner.

Edmonton, Alberta.
29 April 1938.
K/P

W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded. This report gives a clear indication of radical and mining conditions in the Crow's Nest Pass. Attention is drawn to the demands of the Crow's Nest Pass unemployed contained in paragraph 8 hereof.

Edmonton, Alberta.
29 April 1938.
K/P

[Signature]
W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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Division "K" Province Alberta.
Sub-Division Lethbridge.
Detachment Blairmore.
Date 19-4-38.

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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
Crow's Nest Pass and District.

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Headquarters

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1. Referring to my report re the above matter of the 5.4.38 re. activity of the party about Coleman. Since the meeting of the 3rd. April 1938 in the Ukrainian Hall at East Coleman, two meetings have been held over which George Gassoff presided, the attendance at the meeting of the 9th. inst. was similar to that already reported on, another attempt was made to hold a meeting on the 17th. inst. and the response was poor, Gassoff stated however the meetings would be continued and again impressed the necessity of each member bringing a new member. Conversations with some of those who have attended the meetings referred to leads me to believe that the attempt to organize the Y.C.L. will fail. Touch is being kept with this matter and reports will be submitted. With warm weather coming on there is not much prospect of this organization continuing much longer.

2. Ure Daniels, also known as Mike Danyluk, has left the district supposedly for Calgary, the subject M.E. Smetaniuk mentioned in same report and again in report of the 7.4.38 has written to a person in Coleman and said that he was going to Y.M.R. B.C. (close to Nelson B.C.).

3. Communist activities at Blairmore, Bellevue and Hillcrest have been quiet since last report, with very little activity shown.

4. Reference report of this detachment under date of 30-3-38 para. 4. thereof the subject mentioned therein "Comrade [REDACTED]" and again referred to in detachment report of the 5.4.38 para. [REDACTED] has been located staying in a house on the river bottom at Hillcrest, his organizing ability was poor and he only lasted a few days about Coleman, Alta. his activities have consisted solely of visiting the Lithuanian's of the district, this nationality is poorly represented there being a total in all of 11 persons, [REDACTED] collected the sum of \$1.00 from each family and it is the impression among those from whom he collected that he has used the money for his own use. This man was a former inmate of the relief camp at Bellevue, Alta. [REDACTED] it is found that this man is leaving the district at once for Ontario, some place where tobacco is grown, and is not returning to this district.

5. Copies of this report forwarded direct to the N.C.O.i/c R.C.M. Police for his information.
Cranbrook Det.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION:

The Officer Commanding "K" Div'n., EDMONTON, (A. A. Cawsey) - c Blairmore Detachment. Sgt. Regt. No 6367

Sir: Forwarded for your information.

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Leth. 21-4-38

Sgd. H. Darling, Insp.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Div. 000661

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[REDACTED]

The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
The information concerning the destination of
[REDACTED] is extremely vague and an effort will
be made to obtain more definite particulars on
this matter.

Edmonton, Alberta.
25 April 1938.
K/P

W. F. W. Hancock
W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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[REDACTED]

19-4-38

Division File No. [REDACTED]

R/ AL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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"K".7

Sub-Division
Calgary 301

Detachment
Calgary C.I.B.

Province
Alberta.

Date April 12th 1938

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SECRET. [REDACTED]

File References

Re: The Communist Party of Canada
Crow's Nest Pass and District.

s.19(1)

Headquarters

1. With reference to the report of Sergt J.A. Cawsey
Blairmore Detch under the above heading, dated March
April 5th, re parr. No.8.

Sub-Division

2. This man known as [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was mentioned [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] obtain all information possible re same.

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Detachment

3. [REDACTED] there used to be a Communist
Party member in Calgary by the name of [REDACTED]
he used to work in the coal mines at Lethbridge and also
at Drumheller, but spent most of his time in Calgary.
Although he spoke good English, he organized mostly
among the Russian Workers, and used to speak at the
Russian Club.

P. C. R.

Blairmore
5-4-38

As far as could be ascertained he has not been
seen round local C.P. head-quarters for 18 months, and
local members had no idea just where he had gone too.

[REDACTED] he
was no doubt sent to the Crows Nest Pass on instructions
from the National Office.

H. N. Trickey D/Sgt
H.N. Trickey Reg. No. 4718

O.C. "A" Div.
R.C.M.P. Edmonton, Alta.

Sir: FORWARDED: Copies of this report direct to
the O.C. Lethbridge S/Div.

April 13/38
The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

J. O. Scott
J. O. Scott Insp.
Comdg. Calgary S/Div.

12-4-38 [REDACTED] vol 1

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
This has reference to request of Sgt. Cawsey
contained in report under the above heading and
date of April 5th, 1938.

Edmonton, Alberta.
16 April 1938.

W. F. W. Hancock
W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

K/P

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Division File No. [REDACTED]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge Detachment Blairmore
Province Date
Alberta 7-4-38,

175-7048
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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
CROW'S NEST PASS AND DISTRICT.

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File References

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Headquarters

Sub-Division

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Detachment

Blairmore
Secret.

P. C. R.

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to
5.4.38.

1. Reference this detachments report of the 5-4-38 re the above matter, the subject mentioned in para.'s 4 and 5 as [REDACTED] was noticed in the late P.M of the 6.4.38 at Coleman, Alta. and accosted me regarding the purchase of a vehicle license. He informed me that he had been to Nelson B.C to visit with friends and was then on his way back to Drumheller where he resides. He intended leaving the Pass district on the 7th inst. checking this date did not disclose his presence in the Pass.

2. Two copies of this report direct to the M.C.O i/c Cranbrook detachment R.C.M.P. for information purposes.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATIONS.

J.A. Cawsey
Sergt. Regt. No 6367
(J.A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detachment.

O.C., R.C.M. Police,
CALGARY.

Sir:
For your information.
Usual copies to O.C., "K".

Leth. 9-4-38

"E.C.F. Salt" Supt.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

O.C., "K" Division,
R.C.M.P., EDMONTON.

Sir:
FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 9-4-38

E.C.F. Salt
sgt. "E.C.F. Salt" Supt.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
This has further reference to report under the above heading dated April 5th, 1938, copies of which are forwarded Headquarters this mail.

Edmonton, Alberta.
12 April 1938.
K/P

W.F.W. Hancock
W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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Division File No. [REDACTED]

F. 237

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

175-7048

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Division Sub-Division Detachment
"K" Lethbridge. Blairmore.
Province Date
Alberta. 5-4-38.

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
CROW'S NEST PASS AND DISTRICT.

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File References
SECRET.

Headquarters

1. Further to my reports re the above mentioned subject. There is undoubtedly a movement on foot to attempt to re organize the party mentioned.

Sub-Division

2. The man mentioned in my previous report, para. 4 as Comrade of Hillcrest, Alta. was for a time at Coleman, working among the known communist, on or about the 1st. inst. this man apparently left the district and information regarding him is lacking at present. Investigations are still being continued.

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Detachment

3. E. Williams, local secretary of the party and head man has returned from Calgary and is presently engaged with meetings held by citizens for the improvement of working conditions throughout the Pass, this however is not a communist movement.

Blairmore.
secret.

P. C. R.

4. During the past ten days there has been considerable activity about the Coleman district, the Ukrainian Hall at that point. Strangers have been noted about the town, and associating with George Casoff, a known communist of Coleman, formerly active in the C.L.D.L. This activity lead to a meeting at the hall mentioned at 2.30 P.M of the 3rd inst. meeting lasting until approx. 4.30 P.M. and at night commencing at 7 P. another meeting was held.

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Re:- Communist PARTY of CANADA
Crows Nest Pass and District.

[REDACTED]
7. Communist matters at Blairmore, Bellevue and Hillcrest are very quiet indeed with nothing outstanding having taken place. Touch is being kept with the situation and reports will be submitted in due course.

8. Copies of this report attached for the information of the Calgary Sub Division and I would request that as much information as possible be obtained and forwarded to this detachment regarding the man [REDACTED] known also as [REDACTED] of Calgary. ~~the~~ Copies of this report forwarded direct to the N.C.O./c Cranbrook Detachment R.C.M. Police for information purposes.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

O.C., R.C.M. Police,
CALGARY.

J.A. Cawsey
(J.A. Cawsey)

Sergt. Regt. No 6367
i-c Blairmore Detachment.

Sir: For your information.
Would you kindly have enquiries made as indicated in para. 8 above and advise me of the result.
Usual copies to O.C., "K".

Leth. 2-4-38

"E.C.P. Salt" Supt.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

O.C., "K" Division,
R.C.M.P., EDMONTON.

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 7-4-38

[Signature]
sgt. "E.C.P. Salt" Supt.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alberta.
12 April 1938.
K/P

W.F.W. Hancock
W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

5-4-38

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Division File No. [REDACTED]

F. 237

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division	Sub-Division	Detachment
"K"	Lethbridge.	Blairmore.
Province		Date
Alberta.		30-3-38.

80156 APR-538

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
CROW'S NEST PASS AND DISTRICT.

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File References
SECRET.

Headquarters

1. Reference para. 2 of report of the 13.1.38.Re. [REDACTED], this youth applied for Pass ports etc. to enable him to get to Spain to join the Loyalist army, it has been ascertained that due to age and other reasons he could not join the army referred to. he left the district for a time, but presently is back at his home in Blairmore, where he intends to stay.

Sub-Division

2. Reference para. 3 of same report, the party decided that too much opposition was made to the appointment of Murphy as district organizer and it was decided to carry on with local persons as head. Enock Williams, Mayor of Blairmore is presently in charge of all activities of the party in the Pass.

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3. Meetings of the local branch of the party are still being held at the home of Mrs. John North at Blairmore.

Blairmore secret.

P. C. R.

4. Re. circular memorandum Ref. [REDACTED] dated March 10th. 1938, re. "American Lithuanian Worker's Literary Society" the subject mentioned therein "Comrade [REDACTED] of Hillcrest, Alta" has been located. Investigations shows that he is not well known in this area, this man has been staying with Lithuanian's of the district, persons who are in no manner connected with the Party and good citizens, he stays for a few days at each place, and presently is located at Coleman, this man from what I can gather is endeavouring to organize branches of the Communist party in the Pass area, and at Coleman at least has contacted former members of the Y.C.L. I might mention that the majority of whom he has contacted to the present have quit the organization referred to entirely. Whilst I have not gained sufficient information regarding this man to submit personal history files, I am working to this end. He is a member of the Communist party and either joined same or was transferred as a member from another district. His membership card to the party shows that the registered number of same is [REDACTED] and he has paid to E. Williams (Mayor of Blairmore) as section secretary dues for the months of January and February of 1938. His associates in Coleman are known communists. [REDACTED] is a poor organizer. Touch is being kept with this man and reported will be submitted in due course.

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5. Due to E. Williams being a member of the scale committee of the U.M.W. of A. and agreements being up for settlement he has been out of town considerable on this work and communist meetings have been few. Business transacted I am informed is solely routine and the passing of resolutions to be forwarded to the Federal Govt. regarding the "padlock law in Quebec".

6. As mentioned touch is being kept with the situation. Two copies of this report forwarded direct to Granbrook Detachment, R.C.M.P. for information purposes. [REDACTED]

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STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

Sergt. Regt. No 66
(J.A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detachment.

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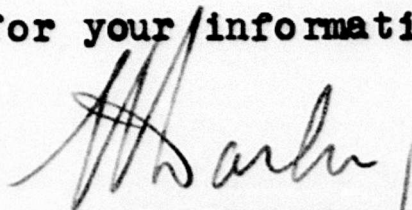
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L.S. 52/1

**Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA
CROW'S NEST PASS AND DISTRICT.**

**The Officer Commanding
"K" Division
EDMONTON, Alta.**

Sir:

Forwarded for your information.



H. Darling, Insp.

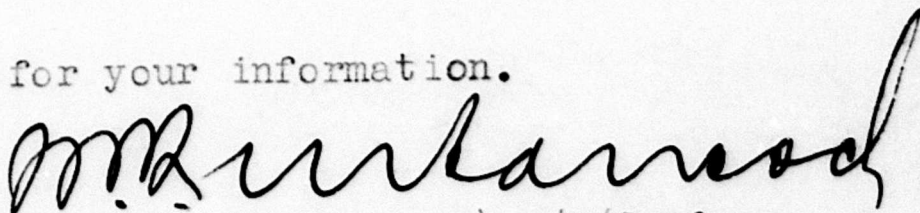
for O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division, A.O.D.

Leth. 31-3-38.

**The Com'r, R.C.M.P.,
Ottawa, Ont.**

Sir:

Forwarded for your information.



**Edmonton, Alta.,
1-4-38.**

**(W.F.W. Hancock) A/A/Com'r
Commanding "K" Division.**

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Division File No.....

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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Division Sub-Division Detachment
"K" Lethbridge. Blairmore.
Province Date
Alberta. 13.1.38.

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File References

Secret.

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
CROW'S NEST PASS AND DISTRICT.

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Headquarters

1. Further to my report of the marginally noted date. Due to other activities and heads of this party being out of the district for a time, matters have been slow.

Sub-Division

2. Reference the man mentioned in para. 2 of previous report, I am informed that due to his age, i.e. being under 21 yrs. he is having difficulty in making the necessary arrangements for his Pass port etc. he is still in Blairmore.

L.S. 52.1.

Detachment

Blairmore
Secret.

P. C. R.

5.1.38.

2 copies direct
to Cranbrook
R.C.M.P.

3. Enoch Williams, Mayor of Blairmore and mentioned in para. 3 of previous report has returned to Blairmore. Since his return I have been informed that another organizer of the party is coming to Blairmore, and the name of Harvey Murphy, very active in Communist and labor matters during the years 1932, 33 and 34 and presently somewhere in Ontario is the mentioned as being the one slated for the job. I feel however that with the record that Murphy left in the Pass district that there will be strong opposition to this appointment. From what I can gather Murphy's name is the only one mentioned to date. Murphy's wife was formerly a Miss Rae of Blairmore, whose parent's are strong adherents to the party.

4. Reference report of L/Cpl. Naylor of Fincher Creek Detachment under date of January 5th. 1938. para. 2. It would request if possible the maiden name of [redacted] it is mentioned that this woman is from the Crow's Nest Pass. I do not know the man [redacted] para. of same report mentioned [redacted] this man resides where stated in report, he was formerly a resident of this district and was active in Communist and radical matters, he often visits with friends in this area. In the summer time his place on [redacted] is frequently visited by middle aged men of the Pass particularly on Sundays who go to his place for a drunk. He is also visited frequently by members of the Party as well. All of his friends in this area are radicals. He is not however of the dangerous type.

5. Meetings of the party at Blairmore have been solely held at the home of Mrs. John North and those attending have been those known locally as the heads of the organization. Other activities of the party consists of card parties etc. to raise funds for members of the Mc Kenzie - Papineau battalion in Spain, admission to same being either in cash or cigarettes or tobacco.

6. [redacted] mentioned in Lethbridge Report of the 14th. Dec. 1937 has not been seen about the Pass since my last report, he is reported as having left for Lethbridge or Calgary.

7. I will keep in touch with matters and reports will be submitted in due course.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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Sergt. Regt. No 6367

(J.A. Cawsey), -c Blairmore Detachment

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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
CROW'S NEST PASS AND DISTRICT.

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O.C., "K" Division,
R.C.M.P., EDMONTON.

Sir:

FORWARDED

Copy to Pincher Creek Detachment.

Leth. 15-1-38

[Signature]
sgd. "E.C.P. Salt" Supt.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
This has reference to the contents of report
under the above heading dated 5th January, 1938.
Harvey Murphy mentioned in paragraph 3 is at this
time at Regina.

Edmonton, Alberta.
18 January 1938.
K/P

[Signature: G. C. P. Montizambert]
G. C. P. Montizambert, Supt.,
for A/A/Com'r, A.O.D.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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PASSPORT OFFICE

DEPARTMENT OF

JJC/FM



EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
CANADA

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File No.

26223-37

OTTAWA, January 21, 1938.

SECRET

Dear Sir,

With reference to your "Secret" communication of the 19th instant, No. 175/7048 concerning one [REDACTED] I may say that on the 13th November, 1937, a passport was issued in this man's name, who stated that he intended to travel to Italy for a holiday.

Yours very truly,

J. J. Connolly,
Passport Officer.

Copy on [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
The Assistant Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
OTTAWA.

Copy
[Signature]
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Division File No. [REDACTED]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date 5.1.38.

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File References

SECRET.

Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA
CROWS NEST PASS AND DISTRICT.

Headquarters

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Detachment

Blairmore
Secret.

P. C. R.

28.12.37.

2 copies direct
to Cranbrook
R.C.M.P.

1. Further to my report of the marginally noted date, matters regarding the above organization remain unchanged. Friction as mentioned in previous report apparently is gaining ground. Caston Bazille, town electrician and one appointed by the first communist town council and a confirmed communist has left the party. I understand his reasons being that the party are not loyal to each other and that there is too much back biting etc. Bazille is working hard at present in organization of the C.I.O..

2. As a result of the meetings mentioned in Para. 1 of my report of the 28th Dec. 1937, the following have enlisted for service with the Loyalist Army of Spain. Local youth of Blairmore, and also of Blairmore the last named is mentioned in [REDACTED], this youth was connected with and convicted for his part in the Regina riots of 1935. Both [REDACTED] have left this area enroute supposedly for Toronto where their transportation is being arranged. another youth of Blairmore is presently arranging for his Pass port and expects to leave shortly also for Spain.

3. Enoch Williams, local Mayor and communist has left the district for Calgary, on business in connection with the U.M.W of A. at their Wage scale convention, I am informed that he is consulting with heads of the Communist party as to the advisability of placing an organizer in this area to replace Alex Young who has gone to Toronto for training purposes.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

O.C., "K" Division.
R.C.M.P., EDMONTON.

[Signature] Sergt. Regt. No 6367
(J.A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detachment.

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 6-1-38

[Signature]
sgt. "E.C.P. Salt" Supt.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

MEMORANDUM TO:

The O.C., "C" Div.,
R.C.M.P., MONTREAL, Que.

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Forwarded for your information with reference
to paragraph 2.

OTTAWA, 14-1-38
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(S. T. Wood), Asst. Com'r.,
D. C. I.

[REDACTED]

The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
It will be noted that the recruiting of volunteers
for service with the Government forces in Spain
continues.

2. With reference to the special wage
convention of District No. 18 of the United
Mine Workers of America which commenced at
Calgary on Wednesday, the 5th instant, the major
subject for discussion was wage increases throughout
the mining areas of Alberta and B. C. This matter,
upon discussion, was passed unanimously by the
delegates present at the Convention and negotiations
are scheduled to commence between the U. M. W. of A.
and the mine operators at the end of February, next.

W. F. W. Hancock

Edmonton, Alberta.
8 January 1938.
K/P

W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date 28.12.37.

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File References

Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
GROWS NEST PASS AND DISTRICT.

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Headquarters

1. The above organization has continued to show more activity, outside speakers of the party including the following have paid visits on each occasion called for a meeting. Rev. A.E. SMITH of Toronto, JAM. LAKEMAN and L. ANDERSON of Edmonton, Alex Young, local communist secretary and organizer acted as chairman for all meetings, same being held in the Union Halls at Bellevue and Blairmore and the Ukrainian hall at Coleman. The meetings mentioned were all public meetings and with the exception of the Blairmore meeting were not largely attended. The subjects spoken on were solely the Spanish situation, the British foreign policy and the "Padlock" law in Quebec. The padlock law of Quebec has become a pet hobby of Alex Young and he speaks on same at every opportunity. At the Smith meeting a collection was taken in aid of the Spanish Loyalists amounting to \$30.15.

Sub-Division

L.S. 52.1.

Detachment

Blairmore Secret.

P. C. R.

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direct to
Cranbrook.
R.C.M.P.

2. Alex Young local Communist organizer has left on the 28th inst for Toronto, Ont. where he is slated to take an educational course locally reported as six months, [REDACTED] would be away approximately four months, his wife left Blairmore on the same train and whilst it is reported that she is accompanying her husband to Toronto [REDACTED] her ticket only read Calgary. Her home is at Calgary she being a sister of Mrs. Pat Lenihan. During the past month matters within the party at Blairmore in particular, but the whole of the Pass as well have not been going to smoothly, first the members of the party which I am informed at the present time consists of 250 persons are objecting to too many assessments being made on them to support the organization. All employed members of the party have been paying 45 ¢ per week towards a fund to pay Young, when he has been sent to conventions etc. the employed men have been assessed as high as \$10.00, with small pays etc. the assessments were coming too often and too high. The local communists have decided that they will do without the services of an organizer, they feeling that local heads are capable of carrying on the work themselves. This has been recommended to the party headquarters. Again friction has crept into the party due to the fact that the more radical ones think the party has become too soft in their actions, the "blood and thunder type" however are in the minority, and Enoch Williams and Alex Young both of the quiet type and will not stand for any rough stuff still have been able to carry the meetings in their way. As a result of this friction Frank Leary an old time communist has quit the party and is doing considerable talking among the communists and working underhand and considerable dissension is noticed. Williams is going after Leary hard over some shortages of furniture etc. from the communist old quarters, now closed up. 28-12-37. (1)

3. All meetings of the party, with the exception of the odd advertised public meetings are held at the home of John North of south Blairmore, and these meetings at Blairmore are frequent. At Bellevue the meetings are held at the Ukrainian Hall and are not largely attended. Jack Sereda, presently of Lethbridge has been in the Pass district, staying with Alex Young of Blairmore and (Please refer to page two.)

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