

# SOCIALISM AT PEOPLE'S FORUM

Discussed from Different Angles  
by Clever Exponents—Wide  
Discussion.

Socialism proved an elastic subject at the People's Forum Sunday afternoon, when two half-hour lectures dealing with two distinct branches of it were delivered at the St. John's Technical school, the first by Hermann Saltzman, on "Socialism and Nationalism," the other by F. J. Tipping on "Guild Socialism." Mr. Saltzman was philosophically inclined, touching on many lands, literatures and phases of life, managing to weave his many tangled threads into a whole which made good hearing and furnished much food for thought.

Mr. Tipping presented the principles, aims and ideals of guild Socialism, as distinct from other forms of Socialism. In a concrete, businesslike form, avowing himself to be neither an exponent nor opponent of his chosen subject.

Much Discussion.

The discussion which followed each lecture was widely participated in, while the questions put to the speakers revealed many close students of Socialism among the audience. Very acceptable music was furnished by the International choir.

The trend of Mr. Saltzman's address was to prove that nationalism could not be stamped out. Several cases were cited, notably the Jews, whose nationality thrives and gains strength with each fresh attack upon it. Many people look forward to a world citizenship. These people see only one truth, one beauty, one morality, one nationality. Without a means of comparison the sense of value is lost. A world nationality would be without a standard to measure by. If people were spiritually the same, there would be no need for different languages. If love and brotherhood are to be the fruit of Socialism, then Socialism cannot ask that nationalities disappear, because every nation borrows something from some other nation, assimilates it, makes it its own and develops it in its own way.

Guild Socialism was born in 1906, said Mr. Tipping, in his outline of it. Its definition was given as a "union or guild embracing all engaged in a certain trade—for instance, a transpor-

tation guild would embrace everyone connected with transportation, from a wheelbarrow to an ocean liner, the state to be the arbiter in control of the inter-relation on social matters between guilds. The movement sprang into being as the outgrowth of an increasing dissatisfaction with the old Socialistic political parties, who had lost their higher ideals in striving not to abolish the wage system, but to raise the wages of organized labor.