

# SOCIALIST LECTURE

## HERE ON JULY 10

No more devoted or intelligent adherents of the Socialist party exist to-day than the members of the Finnish local on Huron street. There are 125 live ones there, earnest, self sacrificing workers, fully graduated pupils from the school of dire-economic necessity that has developed, not only in Finland, but in every European country, and is fast winning serious attention in even the new and practically unexploited American continent.

It is a pleasant surprise to find a class of men, who, if not set down as undesirable as citizens are at least generally thought to be below the average in intelligence so thoroughly at home in discussing political and economic questions. These are the voters we need, thinkers, who are class conscious and are seized of the urgent necessity for a recognition of the producers rights, and free access to the means of life. This particular Socialist local are comfortably housed in the Finnish Hall on Huron street and their busy day is Tuesday their regular meeting being on that day, the hall although not large is tastefully laid out, having a comfortably arranged auditorium with gallery seating in all about 300. The stage, too, is rather small but very convenient and attractive in its lay out. In short it is a sort of second home for these exiles from their Fatherland and they made good use of it not once but many times a week. It is a treat to hear their eager championship of the doctrines of Marx, Engels, Lasalle and many other of the foremost Socialist writers. And at the same time furnishes our English speaking community with a first-class object lesson in economic matters. I am told by the secretary that although Finland has only had autonomy for four years already the women of that country take a deep practical interest in things political and the house of representatives boast a band of eight-seven Socialist members who are devoting their whole energy to the amelioration of the workers lot, and so the story goes and country after country is making up to the fact that no community is safe where the rights of the producer is not the paramount consideration. Mr. C. M. O'Brien Socialist member for Alberta, will speak under the auspices of this local in their hall on Huron street about July 10th.