

ghastly revelation of the widely diverse expectations of two different kinds of foolish people.

I was not present at either of Bailie Dollan's meetings. Had I been at the Maud meeting (which is in my division) I should have applied his demand to the chief local industry, farming. At present farm servants are working for round about £30 per six months. To a married man who has "fee'd single," who gets his own food at the farm, and has no cottar allowance of cottage, milk, potatoes, and coal for his family, 22/6 a-week has to serve as a wage upon which to keep a wife and usually bairns, to feed him at week-ends, and to find him in clothes, washing, and boots. In his case a living wage means three times as much as he is getting.

I believe you know as well as I do that £3 7s. 6d. a-week to a farmhand is an impossibility in any country of the world. You may alter agriculture—I hope we shall improve it out of recognition, by first Control and then complete Socialization—but in the meantime it is beginning at the wrong end of the process altogether to say you must first have out of the industry what is not in it. To pay £2 5s. more a-week to a million and a quarter farmhands would require £146,240,000 a-year. Don't Messrs. Hobson and Brailsford wish they may get this modest instalment of their total demand! The idea of everybody working hard in order to hand over the surplus as subsidy to the unprofitable industries is the most fantastic conception ever launched in the name of politics.

#### **A Time to be Bold.**

The electorate is with us now. We cannot do more than win every by-election that takes place. Our men win on programmes of nationalization and municipalization, public ownership, Britain for the British, in increasing measure. There is nothing unreasonable, nothing new in that demand. It does not mean "Socialism in our time"—not the whole of Socialism—not the socialization of all industries and services in our time. But it means the steady, gradual extension of the sphere of Collective Ownership, the steady exclusion of the predatory classes from one field of exploitation after another. If a Tory Government, hating Socialism,