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Milk River, Canada, With Model Local Fiscal System,
Defeats Land Value Tax Repealer, 3 to 1

Milk River, Alberta, Can. (HGNS) - An attempt to defeat the land-value tax, the revenue of which is used to defray the cost of government in Milk River, was repudiated at the polls on March 11, when Mayor Fred Pease was re-elected.

Failure of the small rate-payers to register, coupled with the fact that the Village of Milk River had on hand enough revenue to carry on for a year without collecting any more taxes, gave the opposition what they thought was a chance to repeal the land value tax by controlling the remaining vote.

A petition was presented to the rate payers asking for a 50 mill reduction on the present tax rate. This would reduce the revenue collected by 50 per cent.

However, the small rate-payer's attention was drawn to the fact that some of the tax-payers would gain about \$20.00 to every \$1.00 they themselves would gain, cause an increase in capitalized rent demanded by those who wished to build homes, raise rents to those who did not own their own homes, and empty the Village Treasury, causing a cessation of public improvements and a tax on buildings and improvements.

Knowledge of these facts swung the vote to Mayor Pease, who won by a 3 to 1 margin over Dr. G.N. Giles, his opponent.

The Lethbridge Herald in commenting on the result of the election said: "Mr. Pease, known as the daddy of the Single Tax" in this community, and who has been on the council for more than ten years, was gratified with the results.

----- J.B. Ellert

WEEKLY GEORGIST BROADCAST PRESENTED IN ALBERTA

Milk River, Alberta, Can. (HGNS) - A weekly presentation of Henry George's proposals for social reconstruction is being broadcast over station CJOC, Lethbridge, Alberta. The program is under the direction of Martin Madge and Mr. Peir and will be on the air every Wednesday evening from 8:00 to 8:15 P.M.

Many of the students of J.B. Ellert's class in fundamental economics and social philosophy are speaking on this program. Mr. Ellert is an extension instructor of the Henry George School of Social Science in Milk River and Lethbridge.

FOUR NEW CLASSES UNDER WAY IN CALIFORNIA

* Berkeley, Cal. (HGNS) -- A class of 21 students started its studies at the Henry George School of Social Science here March 3 under the direction of T.L. Brazell. Mr. Brazell, a graduate of N.D. Alper's first class in San Francisco, was assisted in the formation of this class by Miss Grace Johnston, also a resident of Berkeley.

* San Francisco, Cal. (HGNS) -- Allen B. Conroy is conducting a class in fundamental economics and social philosophy in his home here in San Francisco. The class, which has an enrollment of 12, is an outgrowth of the original San Francisco class of N.D. Alper. Mr. Conroy is an extension instructor of the Henry George School of Social Science.

* Los Angeles, Cal. (HGNS) -- Los Angeles' third class in fundamental economics, 28 strong, started on Feb. 12 under Harry H. Ferrell, Extension Director of the Henry George School of Social Science for Southern California. It is being held in the Unitarian Church of which the Rev. Ernest Caldecott is Pastor.

* Santa Ana, Cal. (HGNS) -- Ben E. Tarver's third class of the Henry George School of Social Science in Santa Ana is now in the formative stage. It is expected to begin early in April and will be held in Mr. Tarver's home.

* New York, March 11 (HGNS) -- California has had seventeen classes in eight cities with a total of 422 students, John Lawrence Monroe, Field Director for the Henry George School of Social Science, disclosed here today.

The educational movement started by the late Oscar H. Geiger, founder of the Henry George School in New York which is now National Headquarters for a nation-wide movement, is spreading rapidly throughout the country, especially in California, Mr. Monroe stated.

"Those who study the philosophy of Henry George", Mr. Monroe pointed out, "will be able to decide more intelligently on the economic issues presented to them."

PLOWES 130 MILES TO TEACH ALBERTA CLASS

* Milk River, Alberta, Can. (HGNS) -- Driving 130 miles over poor roads, made worse by the ice, snow, and frozen mud of one of the worst winters in recent years, J.B. Ellert has been conducting a class in fundamental economics and social philosophy in Lethbridge, Alberta. There are thirty students.

The class is being held at the Lethbridge Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 P.M.

Mr. Ellert, who is a farmer in Milk River, sixty-five miles away from Lethbridge, said that fourteen copies of "Progress and Poverty" have already been obtained by the students.

"Though many of the students are at work and cannot attend the sessions regularly", Mr. Ellert declared, "They are interested in the subject. We intend to increase the class as we go on".

The previous record for long-distance traveling by an instructor was held by Walter Fairchild of Suffern, New York. Mr. Fairchild made an 80-mile round-trip once a week to Middletown New York, during last winter, and was successful in establishing an extension of the Henry George School of Social Science there.