

PEASANT PROPRIETORSHIP AND TARIFF REFORM.

A Warning to Land Users.

THE Tory Party representing the Land Monopolists declare they want to establish "peasant proprietors" on the soil. This is clearly a policy of enriching the landowner at the expense of the producer, and the first victims are to be the tenants who blindly support it.

HOW THE SCHEME IS TO BE WORKED.

The State is to provide money on loan to tenants so that they can purchase their farms and become "peasant proprietors." Then the owner of the great estate will call his tenants together, and say: "Borrow money; buy me out at my price, or get out yourself." The result will be that the tenants will be compelled to buy their farms at high prices, and as "peasant proprietors" will find themselves paying twice as much in interest as they formerly paid in rent. Will the tenant be able to refuse to pay the high price? The land monopolists have provided for that. They are going—if they get into office—to delude outsiders as they appear to have deluded themselves, into the belief that a 2s. duty on corn will make agriculture more profitable. They want to create a rush for land, and the tenants who will not pay the "forced-up" prices will be pushed out by the innocents who will.

THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER.

Peasant Proprietorship and Tariff Reform are schemes to enable land monopolists to sell out at high prices, and leave their victims worse off than before, going forward to bankruptcy.

ANOTHER POLICY.

The other policy is to tax Land Values. Land monopolists oppose this because the taxation of Land Values means lower prices for land and lower rents. Land Values taxation will increase the supply of land by forcing millions of idle acres into the market to meet the demand for land.

Land purchase and Tariff Reform mean the tenant farmer being squeezed out for the benefit of the land monopolist.

**The Taxation of Land Values means
the monopolists being squeezed out for
the benefit of the land user and the
community.**

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WHY THE AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS HAVE BEEN DRIVEN TO THE TOWNS.

In twenty years between 1881-1901 the number of agricultural labourers employed was reduced by 300,000.

During the ten years 1891-1901, the migration from the rural districts of Suffolk was 30,000, and from the rural districts of Wiltshire 20,000.

The main cause of this driving out of the people is shown by official figures to be the turning of arable land into grass.

That is to say, the people were driven out so that millions of acres might be laid waste by a few great monopolists.

And the men who were, and are, being driven from village homes would have stayed had they been permitted to till these idle acres.

Many have gone to the uttermost ends of the earth to till less fertile acres than those they have left. They will have to send what they produce across thousands of miles of ocean for sale in British markets.

The land monopolist is the dog in the manger. Tax him and restore the people to the Land.

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