

SINGLE TAX ASSOCIATION OF CANADA  
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STUDY CLASSES

**STUDY BY CORRESPONDENCE:** An out-of-town member of last winter's school of Social Science missed some of the lessons. Now, with a student who didn't miss a single lesson for teacher, she is completing the course by mail. She has just sent in the answers to lesson 8 and her teacher says the answers are good.

Perhaps, if we tried, we could find out-of-town friends who would be glad of a chance to take the whole course by mail. Why don't you try?

**PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS:** August is coming. Have you found any prospective students for the Henry George School next autumn? The more assistance we give our Extension Secretary, the better our School will be.

**ADVERTISING:** Philadelphia, Pa. (HGNS) Philadelphia's Extension Secretary has arranged to have posters announcing the courses placed in all the free libraries of that city, before the opening of their classes in the Henry George School next fall.

That sounds like a good idea for Toronto to copy. And, lest it be said we are merely copy-cats, won't somebody please bring on some good, original (and cheap) ways of letting the public know about our next classes? Send suggestions to F. J. Leach, 55 Exeter Street.

CONGRESS

Cincinnati, Ohio, (HGNS) The 1936 Henry George Congress will meet in Cincinnati shortly after the election on November. The date will be announced later.

Will anyone from Toronto be able to attend this Congress or the World Congress of the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade, to be held in London earlier in the fall?

POLITICAL EDUCATION

This winter we have sent literature to various political persons and personages. Now we are working on the education of the voting public, beginning with that important section, the unemployed. We have sent copies of five of Henry George's addresses - such as "The Crime of Poverty" - and one or two other easily read booklets to all the hostels for unemployed men in Toronto.

INFORMATION WANTED

Two is company - sometimes. But there are two Single Taxers in Kingston, Ontario, who want more company. If you know of any "brethren in the faith" in that charming city, please send name and addresses to Miss Coate, 140 Arlington Avenue. And, like the colored person, when we say "brethren" we are "including ob the sistern."

BOOKS OF MANY NAMES

Somebody once said, "Whenever a new book comes out I read an old one." It is not a bad plan. When other magazines tell their readers of the latest thriller, the Bulletin will turn up its nose and say, "Pooh! Have you read Henry George's 'Social Problems' lately - or at all? No? Try it, my lad, and then read your 'Pulver on the Moors'---if you still want to.

P.S. If the cook used your copy of "Social Problems" to light the fire when you were not looking, Mr. Alan C. Thompson, 34 Spadina Avenue, has them for sale at thirty-five cents a copy. They are worth the money.

ENCLAVE LAW IN TENNESSEE

The March-April issue of "Land and Freedom" of New York has an interesting account of the experiment at Collierville, Tennessee. In 1933, the Tennessee Legislature authorized this town to "operate an enclave

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of economic rent by acquiring lands at tax sales or otherwise and leasing the same for a period not exceeding 99 years. Improvements on such lands are exempt from municipal levies. Only the 'Single Tax on land values' could be assessed by the municipality on the lands thus leased." So far the Act has not given Collierville much chance to lease lands with no taxes on improvements. The effect has been to produce very prompt payment of taxes. In this town of over 1,000 only 18 taxpayers were delinquent when the time arrived for filing suit against them. More than half the eighteen have since paid up and "Land and Freedom" thinks practically all will pay before the town can "acquire" the land.

Though Collierville has not had much chance to give us all a demonstration of taxation on land values only, it certainly has given a wonderful lesson on how to collect back taxes. Other towns might profit by the example.

TORONTO VACANT LANDS

On May 27th, five representatives of the Association, Mr. J.H. Patterson, Mr. Arthur B. Farmer, Mr. Alan C. Thompson, Mr. J. H. Owens and Mr. A. C. Ross, appeared before the Toronto Board of Control to support a resolution from our Association, urging that vacant and improved land owned by the City should not be sold, as under the present policy, but be leased only, in order to conserve future increments in value for the City. It was ably argued by our representatives, Messrs. Patterson, Thompson and Farmer, that the plan would also tend to stimulate the immediate building of homes on many vacant lots and thus also help solve the present serious unemployment problem.

CANADIAN YOUTH CONGRESS

Our Association was ably represented at the Canadian Youth Congress held in Ottawa May 23, 24, 25, by Mr. J. Roy Cadwell, Mrs. Veronica Cadwell, with Miss S. Marion Ross as an official observer.

There were 456 delegates in attendance representing 343,666 Canadian young people.

Resolutions introduced by Mr. Cadwell were reflected in the final findings of the Congress on "Canadian Youth and World Peace" as follows: "That the principal cause of war is to be found in the power of economic monopolies, within nations, leading to international rivalries for the control of raw materials, and fields for profitable investment, which result in imperialistic policies endangering the peaceful relations of the great industrial nations."

And again, in final findings of the Congress on "Youth and Canadian Economy," - "That at the present time in Canada a larger proportion of the income received by the middle and lower salaried class is taken by taxation than is the case of the higher income class."

MONETARY REFORM FEDERATION

For several weeks Messrs. Ernest Farmer and A. C. Ross have been attending meetings of representatives of Toronto monetary reform groups. On May 20th and 22nd Mr. Farmer presented the Henry George monetary principles - and succeeded in clearly indicating that gains would be very small from any monetary reforms which did not include land reform. If from these meetings a Federation for Monetary Reform is developed, as expected, Single Tax principles will be carefully examined and considered.

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