

SINGLE TAX ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
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A PICNIC

Let September be a "get together" month, and we'll start with a picnic (on the birthday of Henry George) September 2nd, Wednesday, from 5:30 p.m. at Venture Island, Area #10.

SUPPER served at 6:30 o'clock.
A slight charge will be made to cover cost of food only.

For the guidance of the refreshment committee you are asked to kindly mail the enclosed acceptance card right away, as the time is so short.

Come and bring your family and friends.

STUDY CLASS NEWS

Light as a feather! A feather doesn't weigh much but a feather bed is only a collection of feathers and it weighs like Sam Hill.

Your list of prospective students may look small to you, but in compiling a list of 6,000 we need your list in the worst way.

If everybody adds a few feathers, we'll soon have a feather bed and the Ball classes will be comfortably established.

Will everybody please try to collect at least ten names and addresses. Red hot prospects, mildly interested or indifferent. If they should know about the School let us have their names and addresses.

Write to the Extension Secretary, Frank J. Leach, 55 Exeter Street, Toronto, or telephone Junction 6405 -- the earlier the better.

THE DISCUSSION GROUP

The Discussion Group held a number of interesting meetings during June, and the Chairman will make further announcements at the picnic regarding future activities.

TORONTO NEWS.

Toronto's Board of Control "do not favor" the proposal made to it by the Association that city-owned vacant land should be leased on a ground rent basis, title to remain vested in the city; and that the City should make a landlord-and-tenant agreement with such lessors to pay taxes on improvements. The legal representative of the City seems to have advised that "the City has not the legal right to hold lands in perpetuity and lease same." Strange to say, however, the City holds the Island in perpetuity and grants leases thereon. The Board of Control passed the buck to a few of the City's paid officials, and when these made an adverse recommendation concurred therein. No alternative proposition for any prompt disposition of the non-revenue-producing civic property seems to be forthcoming from official quarters.

A PROPOSAL TO THE OTTAWA GOVERNMENT

During the summer, correspondence has been had with members of the Alberta and Ontario governments, planning certain suggestions before them. In the closing days of the last session at Ottawa, an open letter to the Finance Minister was mailed to all Senators and Members listing our objections to the sales tax. This letter mentioned the fact that the federal government budgeted for an income of 80 million dollars from the sales tax, and when this enters into costs, even at the moderate mark-up of 20%, it will take 96 millions from the taxpayers in order to put 80 millions in the treasury. Our letter stated that the approximate land value assessment for all of Canada is \$4,600,000,000, and that a tax on that sum at 2% would yield \$92,000,000, and, as we students of Henry George know, a tax on land values cannot enter into price. Furthermore, we suggested that the already existing municipal machinery of assessment

and collection be used to collect this land value tax, and that the municipal politics should be remunerated for this service at 3% of the amount collected which would help out municipal finances as well. This letter is educational propaganda for a future federal budget, and it is hoped that follow-up work along this line will be done before another federal budget is brought down.

COOPERATION WITH COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURE

The Secretary, Mr. H. T. Owens, had a most informing interview with one of our advisory council, Mr. H. B. Cowan, of Peterboro, who is Secretary of the Canadian Council of Agriculture. Mr. Cowan sees possibilities of mutual cooperation in the work of his Council and our Association, particularly along lines of statistical research.

MONTREAL GETTING IN LINE: An appreciative letter has been received from Mr. John Anderson, of Montreal, who states that study classes are planned to get under way in that city early in October.

ANNUAL CONVENTION

Are you going to the Henry George Congress this fall? It is to be held in Cincinnati, November 12th to 14th. Graduates of our Henry George School should be especially interested as the Cincinnati Chapter of the Henry George Fellowship is sponsoring the Congress most enthusiastically according to "Land and Liberty."

HELP WANTED to compile a list of 6,000 prospective students for fall classes. Don't let George do it." Write or phone your prospects to D. J. Leach, 55 Baxter Street, JU. 6405.

OUR HONORARY PRESIDENT: We note from "Land & Liberty" that the Hon. A.W. Roebuck paid a visit to the offices of the Movement in London on his recent trip abroad.

ANNUNTIATION FOR THE ORATOR: The Canadian Bank of Commerce on King St. W. Toronto, is said to be the tallest building in the British Empire. It occupies less than 6/10ths of an acre, and the land on which it stands is valued at \$1,003,124 by the civic assessors. The value is \$40.00 a square foot, or at the rate of \$1,742,684 per acre.

SCRAMBLED SCRAPPS.

"Peace on Earth and big military appropriations to display our good will toward men." -- Samuel Danziger in the Chicago "Henry George Fellowship News."

The Henry George School in New York now has an art group which observes an studios the panorama of the streets of New York. The material gathered will be used for cartoons, illustrations, charts and paintings to be put at the disposal of the Georgist press. pp. "The New Standard." (Here is an idea for our Toronto artists. Have we any among us?)

The Youth Section of the Danish League of Justice has formed an association of correspondents. Readers of "Land and Liberty" in every country whose ages are from 15 to 35 years are invited to join. The fundamental object is to promote the teachings of Henry George. The correspondents can consult with one another as to what they are doing and can give suggestions as to what may or should be done. They can also make friends by post in the general correspondence, which, handled by a follower of Henry George, would very likely make a convert for the movement. Every one interested should write for information to Mr. Sv. Bonniwie Dyseggerd Koestskole, Bagsvaerd, Denmark. -- "Land & Liberty."

The final kaxx proof that men are not related to monkeys is furnished by the fact that no monkey has ever been found who will go hungry because there are too many coconuts or sleep on damp ground because there are too many trees. -- The Minnesota Leader.

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