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NEW WORKERS

BULLETIN: Miss S. M. Ross, of 15 Harvard Avenue, will be "City Editor" of the Bulletin this summer. If a Toronto Single Tax man bites an important local dog, be sure you report it to Miss Ross so she can tell us about it in the next Bulletin.

NEWS SERVICE CORRESPONDENTS: Mr. & Mrs. John Garland, of 89 St. Clair Avenue East, have accepted this post. In addition to being correspondents for the Henry George News Service in New York, they will supply "Land and Liberty" in London, England, with information for its Canadian page. A corps of seven assistants is watching the daily press for news of interest to send to Mr. and Mrs. Garland, but there is always room for one more. If you see something in a paper or magazine (or hear of something) which you think deserves space in "Land and Liberty" or in the News Service Sheet, pass it on to Mr. and Mrs. Garland at once. The official clipper might be out of town or having a headache just long enough to miss some choice bit about Single Tax. If you see a signed letter in the paper urging social reform, send it in too. The writer is a good prospect for next year's school.

DISCUSSION GROUP: Under the chairmanship of Mr. J. R. Cadwell, of 36 Willcocks Street, this group has been meeting every Tuesday night at 69 Bloor Street East. Each evening some particular topic is presented and discussed. Mr. Owens, Mr. Ingram, and Mr. Garland have given papers on "Who Owns Toronto," "Single Tax Letters to the Papers," and "Social Credit," respectively. The programme of topics and discussions will continue, but the group is too active and enthusiastic to confine itself merely to discussions. The members are now forming committees to work for land value taxation in many different ways. Some of these committees are: Speakers, to train individuals for public speaking and supply speakers for various meetings; Land Value Tax Facts, to deal with the historic and statistical aspects; Literary, to write articles and letters to papers, etc.; a committee to study other reform movements; and one to attend young people's groups of various political and religious organizations. All this sounds very interesting and we hope our City Editor will give us news of the activities of these committees.

EXTENSION SECRETARY: We have a brand-new Extension Secretary for the Henry George School of Social Science, Mr. Frank J. Leach, of 55 Exeter Street. By a happy coincidence, our brand-new Secretary has an equally brand-new wife, whom some of you may have met at the Central Extension Class this winter, when she was Miss Wainwright. The first wedding in our first graduating class is a noteworthy event. We all wish the greatest happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Leach and success to the Henry George School under such leadership.

If the School is to be a success next winter, it needs teachers and students, as well as a good Secretary and good wishes. How are you nine members of the Teacher Training Class getting along? Are you attending the classes regularly for these nine weeks? Do you feel that you know your subject pretty well as far as the class has gone? If you have to say "no" to either of these questions, better turn up at all the remaining classes and ask plenty of questions about the points that puzzle you. You and the other student teachers will be better equipped for next winter if you thrash things out now. If you want plenty of good Single Tax voters in the near future who will abolish Toronto slums and make them stay abolished, turn yourself into a Single Tax teacher now.

Next, has anyone begun to collect students for next winter's classes? The first person you hear grumble about the income tax, or the sales or business or amusement tax, or unemployment or slums or any social maladjustment is a candidate for the Henry George School. Talk Single Tax to that person from now until fall and send his name and address to Mr. Leach. And don't confine your attention to grumblers. If you find any enthusiastic individuals who like to be useful in the world, convince them that a course in the Henry George School of Economics will show them the best way to be useful.

"IF THE LIGHT THAT IS IN THEE BE DARKNESS:"

STEPHEN LEACOCK, senior professor of Economics at McGill University, has just written a versified burlesque of that science - as usually taught - which he calls "Hellements of Hickonomics." His foreword to the book deserves serious consideration. He says, in part: "Forty years of hard work on economics has pretty well removed all the ideas I ever had about it. The whole science is a wreck. For our social problems there is about as much light from the older economics as from a glow-worm. Only one or two things seem to me clear. Cast-iron Communism is nothing but a penitentiary. . . I believe that the only possible basis for organized society is that of every man for himself and those near and dear to him. . . We need, not a new game, but a new set of rules."

SAY IT WITH CASH

"A small drop of ink, falling like dew upon a thought, produces that which makes thousands - perhaps millions - think." The more ink we can buy, the more people will be thinking and talking Single Tax this time next year. If you believe, as we do, that land value taxation is the only real solution for our economic problems, why not become a member of the Single Tax Association and help us produce thinkers faster? Membership only costs \$1.00 a year and it includes a subscription to our official paper, "Land and Liberty," published by the United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values in London England.

If the regular membership fee is too small or too large for your purse, all contributions from \$1,000,000.00 to a postage stamp are received gladly and put to work promptly. Either of the Secretaries can take care of postage stamps, but million dollar cheques had better be sent direct to the Treasurer, Mr. Alan C. Thompson, 34 Spadina Avenue. The results achieved this winter by the Henry George School on a very small cash outlay, show that Mr. Thompson is an expert at spending every penny in the most strategic spot.

An out-of-town member of our Advisory Committee has just sent in a cheque for \$25.00. This is a noble example to follow.

NEWS FROM GREAT BRITAIN

According to a recent issue of "Land and Liberty," the Cardiff Town Clerk reported to the City Council that 148 British municipal authorities have approved the Cardiff Conference Resolution for Land Value Taxation. The City Council decided to send the Resolution to the Association of Municipal Corporations to get it before the House of Commons.

HELP WANTED!

SALES TAX VS LAND VALUES TAX: Our new budget has just appeared and up goes the sales tax! This tax is skillfully constructed to bear as heavily as possible on production and to decrease the general fund from which taxes must be paid and the community maintained, (See Henry George's Cannons of Taxation) but our Minister of Finance prefers it to the suggestions of Land Value taxation which our Association sent to him this winter. This year our forces are not strong enough to take any political action here, we can only suggest and protest. But, victory in one spot is victory for us all and we can and should take part in the same war now going on in California. There, under former Judge Ralston, the Single Taxers are putting up a big fight to repeal the sales tax. According to (HGNS) San Francisco, the non-partisan campaign is backed by civic, labor, progressive, and liberal groups and has a good chance of winning the fight for land values taxation, if only they can obtain the money to reach enough people. Mr. Ralston says that California "which is now collecting more of the economic rent than many so-called 'Single Tax' governmental divisions, would then collect 60 percent of the land rent."

No wonder the reactionary forces all over the continent are pouring money into California to retain the sales tax! If we are any good at strategy, we will do the same thing! The election is in November, so the time is short. Send your money to Jackson H. Ralston, Treasurer, Room 212, 83 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California, and send it now.

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