

The American farmer has been a little slow to learn the advantages that must result to him from the

#### **FREEDOM FROM TAXATION**

the products of his industry. But, like all slow learners, he is tenacious of what he learns. It is creditable to the intelligence of the New Zealand farmers that local option has made more headway in the rural districts than in the urban localities of that country. The intelligent American farmer who is going into Manitoba will have an opportunity to learn much in a short time, and what he learns there he will be sure to impart to those he left behind him in the old home. It is sad to think of

#### **AMERICANS HAVING TO LEAVE THEIR NATIVE LAND TO FIND HOMES UNDER A FOREIGN FLAG.**

while there is so much land in this country unused, but if they must go there is compensation in the fact that they are going to a country where they can.

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## **FARMERS ...OF... MANITOBA.**

As told by JOSEPH LEGGETT in the San Francisco Star.

During the past four years 105,771 Americans emigrated from the United States to the Dominion of Canada. The figures for the four years are 44,980 in 1903, 37,000 in 1902, 18,000 in 1901, and 5,791 in 1900. The New York "Evening Post" says that this immigration of Americans into Canada shows no sign of diminution. And it is generally estimated that the number who will emigrate from this country next year will greatly surpass that of any previous year.

The vast majority of these immigrants have settled in the Province of Manitoba, which lies immediately North of the States of Minnesota and North Dakota. Last year the government of that Province

#### **GAVE AWAY 3,000,000 ACRES**

of land to homesteaders, and the Railway Company sold 3,000,000 acres more at a low price. Our countrymen have gone to Manitoba to get

#### **FREE AND CHEAP LAND**

for settlement and cultivation.

In 1901 the Province produced 50,502,005 bushels of wheat, the average yield being 25.1 bushels per acre; and 27,796,588 bushels of oats, the average yield per acre being 40.3 bushels.

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It will be interesting to American single taxers to learn that this Province into which so many of the farmers of the United States are moving, has made more progress toward the practical application of the single tax than any country in the world, not even excepting New Zealand. In October, 1898, Mr. George J. Bryan of Toronto, who has since written a very interesting and instructive booklet on

#### "ADVANCES IN TAX LAW,"

wrote of Manitoba: "Under the prevailing system which has been in force for upwards of eight years, all cereals, flour and stock, the produce of the farm or field, all houses, barns, fences, implements, draining or other improvements added to the land; all household effects and furniture, books, and wearing apparel of every kind,

#### ARE FREE FROM TAXATION.

And all lands improved for farming and gardening purposes are taxed only on their unimproved or prairie value. In respect to two items (implements and live stock), the law enacts that

#### EXEMPTION IS ALLOWED

up to \$1,500, but in effect practically no farmer in the province is taxed other than on the unimproved value of the land.

That the system in Manitoba is

#### EMINENTLY JUST AND SATISFACTORY

to the entire community affected is proved by the fact that from no tiller of the soil has any complaint been heard against the method in vogue." This statement shows, that, except those parts of New Zealand which have availed themselves of the local option law of that country, Manitoba has applied a larger installment of the single tax than any other country in the world. In

the city of Winnipeg, the capital of the province, which had a population of 55,000 in 1902,

#### ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY IS EXEMPTED

from taxation. Mr. Bryan informs us that the average amount of the yearly tax on a quarter section of land is about \$12.

#### AND THAT IS ALL THE TAX THE FARMER HAS TO PAY.

As most of the farmers now pouring into Manitoba come from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and the Dakotas, states in which everything they had was assessed and taxed, it can be readily imagined how much relieved they will feel in their new homes,

WITHOUT ASSESSORS TO MOLEST or make them afraid. When they come to write back to their friends and former neighbors, there will be a stirring among the dry bones in the rural districts of the middle and north west.

The Chronicle and the Call of this city that, in the state campaign of 1898, manifested so much

#### ANXIETY TO SAVE THE FARMERS

of California from the dire calamities which the election of a single tax Governor would bring upon them, are criminally remiss in not raising their warning voices against the danger into which tens of thousands of American farmers, whom they are so solicitous to protect, are now running by

#### GOING INTO A SINGLE TAX COUNTRY

to make their homes. Surely these humane guardians of the American farmer ought not to remain silent at this time. If they fail to sound the alarm now the farmer may lose faith in their sincerity.