

# Land Values and the Tea Tax.

ONE of the sources from which the country gets its revenue is out of the

## TAXATION OF TEA.

On every pound of tea that is imported a customs duty of 5d. is levied, and every year

**TEA DRINKERS PAY £5,800,000.**

This is what is collected by the Customs House, but the consumers pay very much more by the time the tea reaches them, for the importer, the merchant and the shopkeeper must *make their profit*, not only on the cost of the tea, but also *on the cost of the tax*, so that

## WHENEVER YOU BUY A POUND OF TEA

the price includes at least 6d. for the Tax gatherer, whether the tea is cheap or dear. Indeed, the cheaper the tea is, the heavier is the tax on it in proportion to its value!

We are taxed when we buy tea just as we are taxed when we buy coffee, cocoa, sugar, raisins, and all the other articles on which the "breakfast table duties" are levied. There is no use trying to defend these taxes by saying they are raised for revenue purposes only, or that they represent the "share of the working classes." These taxes on foods and comforts are

## TAXES ON LABOUR AND TAXES ON WAGES,

and fall with peculiar severity on the poorest of the poor. Why do we have to suffer such burdens? The State, failing to go to the proper source when levying taxation, must get revenue from somewhere, and it forces tea drinkers to make a very considerable payment to the Exchequer. But it is for you to demand that

## LAND VALUES MUST BE TAXED, AND NOT TEA, NOR FOOD OF ANY KIND.

The community creates land values. The community makes Government expenses necessary. Pay the one with the other, instead of allowing the Government to tax your tea and other necessaries and comforts.

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