

The Land for the People.

SINGLE TAX LEAFLET No. 10.

A new element has entered into practical politics, *i.e.*, THE LAND QUESTION, which is also the LABOUR QUESTION.

How to solve the LABOUR QUESTION ?

The SINGLE TAX will do it !

What do we mean by the SINGLE TAX ?

A tax on land Values.

What do "single-tax men" advocate ?

The abolition of all taxes upon industry and the products of industry, and the taking by taxation upon land values, irrespective of improvements, of the annual rental value of all those various forms of natural opportunities embraced under the general term, LAND.

They hold that to tax labour or its products is to discourage industry, and check the employment of labour.

They hold that to tax land values to their full extent will render it impossible for any man to exact from others a price for the privilege of using those bounties of nature in which all living men have an equal right of use ; that it will compel every individual controlling natural opportunities to either utilise them by the employment of labour, or abandon them to others who wish to do so. Demand for labour would then soon absorb the unemployed, and when they have disappeared. WAGES MUST RISE, until each receives

the full reward of his labour. As a result, involuntary poverty will be abolished, and the greed, intemperance, and vice that spring from poverty and the dread of poverty will be swept away. To hold valuable land out of use under the Single Tax, would simply mean a certain loss to the owner; the attempt to avoid this loss would increase the competition among land-owners for land-users (lessees, tenants, &c.,) RENTS WOULD FALL, and the effects of such a stimulus to industry can hardly be imagined.

Calculated on Mr. Coghlan's estimate of the land values of New South Wales, and allowing for depreciation of values consequent upon the imposition of land value taxation, a tax of 1d. in the £, or less than $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. would enable us to remove the breakfast table duties.

A tax of $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the £, or rather more than 1 per cent., would enable us to abolish the Custom House altogether, and have about £250,000 to spare.

A tax of 9d. in the £, or under 4 per cent., would yield a revenue of over ten and a quarter million pounds, and would thus enable us to have free railway communication for passengers and goods traffic, free Post and Telegraph service, and Telephonic communication; abolish the stamp and other miscellaneous taxes, and by the time the full rental value of the land became absorbed by the State, for the community, all public services and works would be carried out free of further charge to the community.

Help forward the movement by joining the Single Tax League, 112 King Street, Sydney; the minimum subscription of which is 1s. per quarter.

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