

LET THE LANDLORDS GET OFF THE PEOPLE'S BACK.

Let a system of taxation arise that will put an end to the rent and royalty-extracting power of the land owners. Force the idle acres into the market, seeking users, and the unemployed problem is solved. Break up the big grazing ranches, force the land suitable for building—that is withheld for a certain price—into the market, force the royalty-owner to let go his grip, and new conditions will arise for all classes. If the millions extracted in economic rent were in possession of the people, instead of a class, there would be no poverty problem. If even a proportion of the five millions extracted annually from the coal and iron ore workers of Ireland and Great Britain were left in the hands of the workers what a demand there would be for better and more food and healthier and larger dwellings. If the people of Glasgow were left in possession of the two million pounds of unearned increment that is extracted there would be no need for the Corporation to have gone, cap in hand, to the Government for help to give employment to the unemployed. Glasgow Corporation alone has paid nearly a million pounds to landowners before it could go on with its municipal schemes and until public men recognize the doctrine that no one has a right to compensation, except for improvements, the robbery of the people will go on, and it will continue so long as British constituencies send to Parliament Stock Exchange adventurers, land and money gambling landlords, company promoters, ginger-bread politicians and lawyers on the hunt for judgeships, whose House of Commons ambitions are a cloak for selfish desires, desires to get into society, to serve commercial or professional ends, and whose last thought is to solve social and labor problems and effect legislative changes that would radically alter conditions for the workers. There are, it is true, a few men in the Commons amongst British members who work hard and unselfishly for political ideals, but they work with ginger-bread methods for their realisation. Until the people make up their minds to force issues to the front in Parliament there is not much hope for progress, and workers will flock to Canada and other lands seeking employment, while all the time there is a Canada at their door in the grazing ranches, deer forests, and unoccupied land that is being withheld from the people's use, the access to which would give them the results of work. This unemployed problem must speedily be settled. As John Ruskin says: "Society must settle it, or it will settle Society," and "No intelligent man," stated Michael Davitt, "can give a moment's rational study to the labour problem without discovering that the root evils of our industrial system are referable for cause and existence to laws which enable a small class of men to own and control the land and mineral wealth of the United Kingdom." —J. O'D. DERRICK, in *Irish Weekly and Ulster Examiner*, Ireland.

NO FREEDOM WITHOUT EARTH OPPORTUNITY.

Justice will be complete only when every man is free to be his own employer if he choose, and this state of affairs will not exist until each is guaranteed an equal opportunity in the enjoyment of natural elements and resources—