

and the consequent lifting of other taxes. With a majority of Single Taxers on the local authorities, the way will be clear for immediate action by means of passive resistance. Such a movement would be irresistible.

Parliament could not if they would, coerce local authorities. It is objected that Irish members who refuse to attend the Parliament at Westminster could be sent to gaol, and distress warrants issued for the recovery of rates and taxes. What difference would it make if eighty men were sent to gaol, and how is it possible to coerce a whole nation? The same argument applies to English municipalities. The adoption of the policy I recommend in say, half-a-dozen municipalities in Great Britain would ensure a complete victory for Single Taxers.

JOHN BAGOT.

MR. JOSEPH FELS IS DISPOSED TO
AGREE WITH MR. BAGOT.

Editor Single Tax Review:

I must agree with Mr. Bagot largely. As I have maintained right along that, even though the majority of the 670 members of Parliament known as the Liberal party, are, in a way, pledged to the promotion of the taxation of land values, this will amount to but little. The Liberal party is largely made up of men of the middle class, who are Conservative in their politics though calling themselves Liberals—a not inconsiderable number of them are landowners and monopolists; scores of them are large employers of labor, and, in my opinion, the majority are really too conservative to either want to understand or grasp what the taxation of land values will lead to. Great respect for traditions permeates Parliament. I think there is greater hope from the influence of the thirty purely Labor members of Parliament than from the already pledged Liberal members, whatever our friends on this side may think or expect to the contrary notwithstanding.

I have taken every opportunity that comes in my way to impress on all land reformers of our stripe that, if anything is to be done, we must cultivate and educate the rank and file of the common people, even to the ex-

tent of joining in at Labor and Socialist meetings. The word "Socialist" has many meanings, but they all agree in land reforms. With many others more prominent than myself, I have come to object to the habit of our people ignoring what may be called "The Socialists." They are a growing body of men both here, in America, in Germany, and in every other country that must be counted with.

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REPLY TO MR. BAGOT BY JOHN PAUL.

Editor Single Tax Review:

Mr. Bagot, as far as I can make out, desires to warn Single Taxers abroad that the rosy views of the propaganda they receive do not in his view account for much. They make a "brave show" he says, but he is old enough to know better. He gives a "trinity of obstacles" in the way, "enough to kill all hope in the breasts of Single Taxers who rely on the Government for help." Further Mr. Bagot says that in his opinion "the British League for the taxation of land values, (I suppose he means Leagues,) has been side-tracked by the acceptance of the liberal government's window dressing, and that "the battle will not be gained until Single Taxers take their coats off and fight as such;" that the policies being promoted by the government are blinds which we poor fools have too readily adjusted on our faces. We are evidently a poor lot and the movement in a bad way. Yet there is a gleam of encouragement for our friends in the back-woods, and at the out-posts of the movement, who are stimulated by our progress. Mr. Bagot has assured his rural postman that he will retire in time, seven years hence, to be in the thick of the fight. The present "appearances are deceptive" but in seven years the passive resisters will be in evidence and success at our doorsteps. I mean at the doorsteps of the Single Taxers.

It is impossible to conceive, says Mr. Bagot, that the Houses of Parliament ever would consent to efface themselves by the adoption of the Single Tax. It is consoling to know that they will do so in seven years. Mr. Bagot next lays it down that we must not ally ourselves with any political party