

be our true friend unless he fearlessly comes out as did J. H. Carruthers, "by this question will my Ministry stand or fall." Result, two successful general elections and a surplus this year of £1,676,00; over £1 a head! Here landlords have already made huge increases of demands under last year's holdings Act, which so far has created no "holders" (save for the rise): and the Pensions Act, equally desirable in itself, has no lasting merit so long as the cost of the pension is levied on the pensioners' kin, by robber taxes. But all may go well when the key stone, which should have been the solid foundation stone, is laid in place. If not! Meantime the Protectionists are winning all the bye-elections, usually thanks to vote splitting Labor candidates, and the doughty suffragettes. If the Government adopt the "Effective Vote" the Whig power will be broken and a solid Radical Labor party take control. If all goes on as now, a Tory Minister will return shortly. If Asquith takes up the Single Tax he saves his Whig allies for a generation. 1918 can have no more prospects than continuance of the last 3 years' temporising tactics.

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FROM MICHAEL FLURSCHEIM.

Editor Single Tax Review:

I am glad to meet in Mr. Peter Aitken a man of common sense who speaks out what he thinks of the most ridiculous and pernicious name the movement has ever adopted. I could add another important reason to those he has given: the fact that it is very unlikely that we ever shall have only one Single Tax. Who knows whether we shall not continue to tax pernicious products such as tobacco, alcoholic drinks, etc? Who knows whether we shall not wish to increase our public revenue beyond the amount received from land value tax? Are there not many public expenditures which we should wish to see largely increased, such as those for education, disease, invalidity, old age, etc? The movement in England formerly had a far better name, better even than land nationalization

(inadequate, because we also might have land municipalization, provincialization, etc.,) and this was "Land restoration." The English Land Restoration League" was the title formerly adopted by the English Single Taxers. Which shows that nothing is so contagious as a folly, a fact which any new fashion proves.

To me the whole thing might be indifferent, because I am a land nationalizer, believing that the nationalization of the rent is not sufficient and harder to attain than the full nationalization of the land, but, though I do not agree with the abandonment of my departed friend Henry George's original idea of full nationalization, I loved him enough to wish to see his final idea presented in the best light and not to see it ruined merely because of a crazy name. There are plenty far better ones. Why not rather "Rent Nationalization"?

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A SUGGESTION.

Editor Single Tax Review:

An article that would be of great interest to me and perhaps to other readers of the REVIEW would be one showing industrial conditions in New Zealand as compared to the abounding prosperity of the rest of the world.

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EASILY UNDERSTOOD.

Editor Single Tax Review:

Some time ago you sent me a copy of your Single Tax REVIEW, with which I was much pleased. I cannot just say that I am a Single Taxer, although I have read considerable literature along that line, but whether the average reader is a Single Taxer or not, when he reads Single Tax literature he inevitably comes to the conclusion that conditions in this land of the free and home of the brave (so-called).