

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## AUSTRALIA

In the recent Federal Elections, Mr J. M. Atkinson, the Secretary of the Victoria Henry George League, stood as Independent for the Balaclava division in Victoria. Mr A. G. Huie, the Secretary of the New South Wales Henry George League, stood for Darling in N.S.W. In South Australia Mrs Jeanne F. Young stood for the Senate and had Proportional Representation as the first plank of her platform. All these candidates urged the abolition of tariffs and of taxes on industry and the results of industry, and the collection of the public revenue from the value of land which is the creation of the community. Although none was successful, the campaigns were of great educational value.

We are favoured with the texts of a number of speeches made lately by Mr E. J. Craigie, M.P., Member for Flinders, in the South Australian House of Assembly. He has the gift of stating the case with lucidity and charm and the way in which he takes up the interjector with gentleness and firmness and with humorous repartee must make him highly respected among his colleagues, never mind that he is fighting single-handed. In the Address in Reply to the King's Speech, 10th August, he dealt with the proposals for housing subsidies showing the better way in the cheapening of land by land value taxation and the removal of tariffs as well as taxes on houses; the reason for the losses on the railways and the loss by the private appropriation of land values that the railways create; the land speculation resulting from the land settlement schemes by means of land purchase; and the mistakes of the Government in its afforestation policy which would but enrich special interests. On 25th August he spoke on the Anzac Highway agreement and the folly of the methods of taxation adopted to finance the road; and on the same day exposed with near success (the Speaker giving his casting vote against) regulations which by increasing licences to deal in Hide, Skin and Wool would injure the small man. On 14th September he gave an illuminating statement on the false economics of the "shorter hour" compulsory legislation which ignores the real cause of low wages—the existing land monopoly—and on 25th September he examined the Fair Rents Bill from the same point of view. On 28th September there was a debate on a proposal to establish an Employment Department in which Mr Craigie explained why unemployment obtained and what the remedy was—a speech of such instruction that it might well be published in pamphlet form, as indeed his other speeches on hours of work, and wages, and house rents. In the Employment Debate he quoted largely from Mr Lester's *Unemployment and the Land* and recited the striking illustration of the Fishermen and the Lake which makes Mr Lester's booklet so persuasive. One member interjected "That is a very nice little bedtime story"—to which Mr Craigie replied that if that was so, the member could not dispute the logic of the argument; and in closing he made the apt remark (how true also of the British House of Commons!): "When we are returned to this House to legislate in the interests of the community our job is to do the job we were sent here to perform, and not to delegate it to committees. Although there is a superstition that experts know more about the problem than the ordinary individual, we have seen the painful spectacle of experts being appointed by various governments to consider

problems, tens of thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money squandered in investigations, and the Government thinking so much of the recommendations of these experts that the reports have been carefully pigeon-holed and forgotten." Most noticeable is the careful study Mr Craigie brings to the debates, arming himself with the fullest particulars no matter how technical the subject.

There is to be a general election for the State next spring. The Flinders constituency is being subdivided and there are good prospects that not Mr Craigie alone but he and two colleagues will be returned from that part of the country to advance the cause of Free Trade and Equal Rights to Land.

Australian papers and letters speak with enthusiasm of the visit of Mr Anders Vedel from Denmark in connection with conferences held under the auspices of the Australian Council of Educational Research. In Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide Mr Vedel was entertained by friends in the Henry George movement and spoke of the progress for land value taxation in his country. From Melbourne, Mr Hodgkiss writes: "He was the invited guest at a dinner arranged, a most happy gathering. Mr Vedel charmed and informed his listeners. He invited questions which were put and ably and wittily, in many cases, answered. There were over eighty present." The *Adelaide People's Advocate* devotes a couple of columns to the visit and the dinner presided over by Mr E. J. Craigie, M.P., who in a letter says that they had hoped to have him at their Commemoration Dinner but he arrived in Adelaide the morning after, and accordingly this special gathering was arranged where he delighted all present with his presence and the fraternity he brought with co-workers in Denmark, Great Britain and other European countries as well, through his and their associations in the International Union.

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