

ENGLISH BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE FRENCH "ECONOMISTES"

We are indebted to a correspondent (W.D.) for the following list of books and articles on the doctrines of the French Physiocrats. The list should be of much service to students of Political Economy who would desire to know more about the eminent expounders of the *Impôt Unique* in the period immediately preceding the French Revolution.

1. Encyclopædia Britannica. Eighth Edition. Articles: *Economists*, by James Mill (a capital account of the philosophy exclusive of the economic doctrines). *Political Economy*, by McCulloch, and *Quesnay*, by McCulloch. (Another edition, with further matter, of the last article is found in McCulloch's "Treatise on Political Economy.")
2. "The Principles of Economic Philosophy," by H. D. Macleod, 1872, Ch. III., Sec. 2. (Quoted in PROGRESS AND POVERTY.)
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4. "The Wealth of Nations," Adam Smith, Bk. IV., Ch. 9; and an editorial essay in Nelson's Edition of 1838.
5. "Principles of Political Economy," by T. R. Malthus, 1836. (Only a few allusions.)
6. "Essential Principles of the Wealth of Nations," by John Gray, 1797. (Refers to "the single tax.") This book was reviewed in the "London Review" of August, 1797.
7. "Reflections on the Formation and Distribution of Wealth," by A. R. J. Turgot. Translated, with introduction and an appendix of some letters of Turgot, in "Economic Classics," Macmillan, 1898. The "Reflections" were translated in 1793.
8. "Life and Writings of Turgot," 1895, by W. Walker Stephens. Longmans.
9. "Commerce Defended," by J. S. Mill.
10. "Economists Refuted," by Col. Torrens.
11. Palgrave's Dictionary of Political Economy, article: *Physiocrats*.
12. Economic Journal, Dec., 1896. Article by H. Higgs: *A Review of Cannan's Edition of Adam Smith's Lectures*.
13. Political Science Quarterly, Jan., 1898. Article by W. Hasbach.
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15. "A History of Economic Doctrines." Gide and Rist. Translated from the French by R. Richards. George G. Harrap, 1915. Good summary in the opening chapter.

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MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

Bill for Rating Land Values in Certain Cases

The Manchester Corporation (General) Powers Bill has been drafted and the following are the clauses dealing with the Rating of Land Values in certain cases. We review these clauses elsewhere.

PART V.—RATING OF LAND VALUES

49. In this part of this Act unless the context otherwise requires the following words and expressions have the meanings hereinafter respectively assigned to them:—

"Hereditament" means a rateable hereditament consisting of or comprising land;

"Land" means land as distinct from buildings structures minerals growing timber fruit trees fruit bushes crops grass or other things in on or under the surface of such land;

"Lease" includes an agreement for a lease and a lease granted after the passing of this Act in pursuance of an agreement made before the passing of this Act shall be deemed to have been granted before the passing of this Act;

"The valuation list" means a valuation list or a valuation made by the overseers for the purpose of raising any rate leviable by them.

50. (1) The valuation list of the city shall in the case of every hereditament as defined by this part of this Act contain in a separate column an assessment of the annual value of the land comprised therein (hereinafter called "the land value");

(2) For the purpose of this part of this Act the annual value of land shall be a sum equal to five per centum of the amount which the land if sold in the open market for an estate in fee simple in possession free from incumbrances might be expected to realize but in estimating the amount which land might be expected to realize as aforesaid regard shall be had to any restriction upon the use of the land created otherwise than by a lease of such land granted after the passing of this Act.

51. When the land value of any hereditament exceeds the rateable value of the hereditament ascertained in accordance with the law in force before the passing of this Act the land value shall be deemed to be the rateable value of the hereditament for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of the rate payable in respect of such hereditament.

Provided that:—

(1) This section shall not apply to any land used only as a railway constructed under the powers of any Act of Parliament for public conveyance or any land used only as a canal or towing path for the same;

(2) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to increase the rateable value of the city or the produce of any rate leviable in the city for the purpose of ascertaining the amount or distribution of any contribution or grant; and

(3) Nothing in this section shall in any way affect the amount of the contribution to be made by the township of Manchester towards the expenses of the guardians of the poor of the Manchester Union.

52. (1) Every rate leviable by the overseers shall be payable in respect of unoccupied hereditaments as well as in respect of occupied hereditaments;

(2) In the case of an unoccupied hereditament the rate shall be payable by the person entitled to immediate possession of such hereditament but for the purpose of ascertaining the amount payable by such person the land value shall be deemed to be the rateable value;

(3) This section shall not apply to any street or public