

Catteral and A. H. Weller (3) in the Manchester City News; Douglas Owen (special articles) in Forward and in the Burslem Labour Chronicle; Fred Skirrow in the Yorkshire Observer and in the Yorkshire Post; F. T. Comerford in the Hastings and St. Leonard's Observer; F. Saw and Wm. Bowen in the South Wales News; Chapman Wright in the Birmingham Gazette (2) and the Town Crier; Alderman F. C. R. Douglas in the Burslem Labour Chronicle; W. J. Hawkes and "Dullard" in the Edinburgh Evening News; F. Geary in John Bull; "Land Value Taxationist" in the Glasgow Evening Times; "Radical" in the Yorkshire Observer. The Scottish correspondent of the Irish Times and Ulster Examiner continues week by week in his instructive and convincing articles to give great prominence to the Taxation of Land Values.

We renew our request to our co-workers engaged in this very telling propoganda to send us clippings of letters and articles published, giving name and date of the newspaper.

DENMARK

1925 International Conference.

The United Committee has received the following letter from the Danish Committee entrusted with the preliminary arrangements for a 1925 International Conference on the Taxation of Land Values:—

"In view of the great importance of the International Conference on the Taxation of Land Values last August in Oxford, in calling general attention to our ideas and strengthening international co-operation for freedom and justice, it has been suggested by different parties that these international gatherings be continued.

"At the Conference in Oxford it was proposed by SENOR ANTONIO ALBENDIN from Spain, that the next Conference should be held in Copenhagen, 1926. The delegates were in sympathy with that proposal, and the Danish conveners appreciated the honour and promised to bring the proposal before the friends in Denmark.

"Such a great undertaking as an International Convention, however, can only be carried on by strong and united co-operation and careful preparation. Therefore the delegation has secured the support of the different Danish organizations working for the Taxation of Land Values or the collection of the economic rent of the land, namely:—

"The Danish Henry George Union (den danske Henry George Forening), the Danish Smallholders Organizations (de samvirkende danske Husmandsforeninger), the Christian Social League (kristeligt socialt Forbund and the League of Justice (Retsforbundet). Those organizations were in hearty agreement with the proposition and desired to aim at having the conference not in 1926 but in August, 1925, as that time was considered most opportune for the cause in Denmark.

"The four organizations named have appointed a Committee to make the preparatory arrangements.

"On behalf of those organizations we wish to communicate with our friends and co-operators singly or as representatives for their respective organizations and put to you the following questions:—

"(1) Does your organization intend to send a delegate to the third International Conference on the Taxation of Land Values to be held in Copenhagen, 1925 or 1926 at latest?

"(2) Does your organization wish to participate in a financial guarantee in order to secure the considerable expenses incurred by such an undertaking?

"(3) What time do you wish the Conference to be held?

"(4) Would you kindly inform the Secretary of other existing organizations in your country which also work for the Taxation of Land Values and from

which participation in the Conference may be expected?

"If the Conference meets with general approval and the necessary accession is secured, it is suggested that it occupy eight to ten days. Part of the time will be used for lectures and discussions, and part of it for excursions to places of interest to the delegates.

"The Committee suggests that each country by itself ought to appoint its official speakers and after the opening of the Conference an International Committee should be elected to conduct the proceedings of the Conference.

"With faith in our cause and hope for its victory for the benefit of humanity, we greet you as friends and co-workers."

INGENIØR F. FOLKE,
*President for the Henry
George Union.*

Rev. CHR. NORLEV,
*Secretary of the
Christian Social
League.*

M. HENRIKSEN,
*Secretary of the Danish
Small Holders Organizations.*

FRU SIGNE BJØRNER,
*Vice-president of the
League of Justice.*

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Promised Danish Legislation.

The June issue of GRUNDSKYLD reports interviews with two Ministers of the Government, promising early legislation for the local Taxation of Land Values and for increasing the national tax on land values.

Mr. F. Folke, President of the Henry George Union, and Mr. K. J. Møller, Editor of GRUNDSKYLD, had the following assurance from Mr. Bramsnaes, the Minister of Finance:—

"The Government contemplate introducing a Bill for local land value taxation in the autumn. We also contemplate a Bill for the extension and amendment of the national tax on land values and in connection therewith will seek to exempt from taxation buildings that cannot be designated luxury buildings. I am not at present in a position to say to what extent the state of our finances, and the general considerations of what can be done legislatively, will permit us to replace other oppressive burdens and especially the tariff on the necessaries of life by the Taxation of Land Values; but in my opinion the circumstances in regard to the house famine make it in any event desirable that timber shall be exempted from customs duty.

"How far the proposal for the national tax can be proceeded with side by side with local Taxation of Land Values cannot be discussed yet. It depends in some respects on whether the tax will take its place as part and parcel of the general tax reform that the Government contemplates bringing forward.

"We purpose referring the technical aspects of that question to a Committee which, however, will not concern itself very much with the Land Value Taxation proposal itself. The Bill will be worked out whatever happens and will be introduced in the coming winter session.

"The Government do not by any means shut their eyes to the great difficulties that they will meet in this work of extending the Taxation of Land Values. But they intend to employ all their forces in carrying their proposals, confident that this question has such deep roots and strikes such a strong note in public opinion that it will successfully demolish the opposition against it."

Mr. Folke commented in GRUNDSKYLD on this declaration by remarking that he felt the supporters of Land Value Taxation in all circles had reason to receive these statements of Mr. Bramsnaes with satis-

faction and were also bound to offer the Government their confidence and support, which were essential if their work in the cause was to be crowned with success.

The Minister of the Interior, Mr. Hauge, said: "I contemplate submitting a Bill in the autumn for the local Taxation of Land Values and the necessary preparations have already been made to push on with the draft in the course of this summer."

Mr. Hauge was asked: "Then there is no talk of referring consideration of the question to a tax commission as the Government have indicated?" He replied: "No, there is no intention to refer that side of the tax question to a commission."

GRUNDSKYLD observes: "With all due reservation as to the details of the foreshadowed legislation, which are not yet worked out, we may gladly welcome these statements."

GERMANY

Ernst Heinrich, Berlin, President of the German Students' Union for Land Reform, writes 22nd June: "Last week the Society of Friends had some LAND & LIBERTY papers distributed in the English seminar, including the addresses of Henry George and other pamphlets. I had a supply and sent them to Bodenreform members interested in English land reform."

The Bodenreform movement put forward candidates in the State elections in Anhalt. One member was returned, and the Social Democrats elected will be strong enough to maintain the land tax system now in operation."

CANADA

In the Debate on the Budget in the Canadian House of Commons, 8th May, Mr. W. C. Good, Member for Brant, delivered a speech which expounded fully and carefully the basic principles of sound taxation. Having examined the existing system, he submitted to the House the four classic maxims of Adam Smith and established a powerful and convincing argument for the Taxation of Land Values. In this informing exposition, Mr. Good quoted many authorities and many facts, sketched the progress of the question in other countries, referred to the International Conference at Oxford, and in particular made excellent use of the British Chancellor of the Exchequer's recent declarations as reported in LAND & LIBERTY.

SOUTH AFRICA

A correspondent in Durban writing on 27th May, referring to the political situation in South Africa, says:—"Before the dissolution the Government said they had never opposed the Taxation of Land Values, but they were not going to knock their heads against a stone wall by proposing such taxation. I do not remember that Smuts has ever said anything in public in favour of the Taxation of Land Values. The Nationalist Party is distinctly opposed to it: the Labour Party (which is very different from the Labour Party in Great Britain) is as distinctly in favour of it. But the Labour Party has made a 'Pact' with the Nationalists. If the two beat Smuts they propose to work together. Smuts has declared himself in favour of a more advanced Protectionist policy, and names the construction of railway locomotives as a thing that should be done in South Africa. On this Mr. Jagger, the most outstanding of the few declared Free Traders in South Africa, who is Minister of Railways, has tendered his resignation, saying in effect he can stand the Protectionist movement no longer."

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