

strong convictions to which he clung with great tenacity. Had he been less firm in his political convictions no doubt he would have reached a high position at St. Stephen's."

EDINBURGH LEAGUE: D. J. Downie, Hon. Secretary, 5, Arden Street.

Arrangements are in hand for a Social Gathering in the Edinburgh Cafe, Princes Street, on July 7th, at 7.30 p.m., to meet Capt. A. R. McDougal of Blythe, Lauder, Mr A. W. Madsen and other guests, who will address the meeting.

Among the many letters to the Press not elsewhere noticed, recently advocating the Land Values policy are: L. Hughes in the *News Chronicle*, "Workingman Student" in the *Barnsley Chronicle*, Vincent Summer in the *Manchester Evening News*, E. L. Daniel in the *West London Observer*, Rupert East in the *Bucks Advertiser*, K. E. Abbott in the *Bristol Evening World* and the *Western Daily Press*, G. D. McKellen in the *Weekly Review*, "Land Values" (5) in the *Staffordshire Evening Sentinel*, W. A. Barson in the *Daily Herald*, Miss C. M. Cooke in the *East Anglian Daily Times*, C. S. C. in the *Liverpool Daily Post*, "Student of Economics" in the *Highland News*. "Why Rents and Rates are Rising" is one of the weekly articles issued by the Press Service of the Labour Parliamentary Land Values Group and appearing in a number of papers. It calls attention to the International Conference in New York and the Henry George Centenary.

Mr Fred Adams, of Penistone, has gifted copies of Henry George's works to the Barnsley Public Library and to the Barnsley Co-op Society Library.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK

We are indebted to Mr Frank Dupuis, Hon. Secretary of the Sudbury Division Liberal Association, for newspaper report (*Suffolk and Essex Free Press*, 4th May) describing the session of the Sudbury Discussion Circle which in its study had come to the consideration of justice in taxation. The report dealt excellently with the taxation of land values in contrast with the present system.

In the *Suffolk and Essex Free Press* Mr Dupuis has had several spirited letters recently, the spirit prompted by controversy, in which he has taken a strong stand in favour of Land Value Taxation with advice to readers to study Henry George.

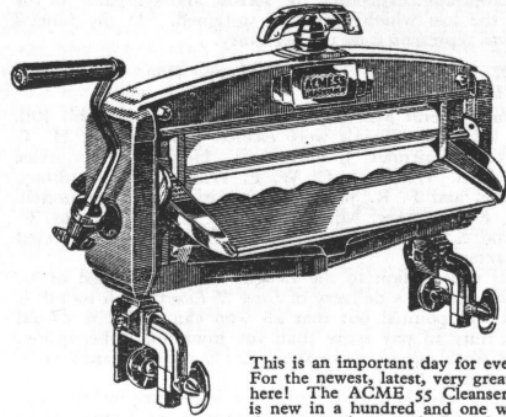
LONDON'S GROWTH

Dr S. Vere Pearson's latest book, *London's Overgrowth and the Causes of Swollen Towns*, contains a remarkable and interesting accumulation of information on the distribution and growth of population, the location of industry, communications and transport, housing, parks and open spaces, water supply and sewage disposal, and other matters concerning urban development. At every point the influence of high land values appears, and the lesson for those who are interested in urban problems is inescapable long before we arrive at the final chapter in which the author deals with the remedy, which is to collect the annual value of land for public revenue, and to do away with the rates and taxes which now hamper trade, restrict production, and appropriate individual earnings.

Unfortunately, Dr Pearson does not like the term "taxation of land values" and prefers to call this reform "collection of rent," although he admits that "confusion always arises when rent is mentioned," because in popular language it denotes what is paid for the hire of a house as well as of the land on which it stands. To use a new name for an old idea may sometimes be justified, but in this particular case it is a little more difficult to understand why Dr Pearson should assert that his proposal "is not the rating and taxation of land values," for that is tantamount to asserting that he is enunciating a new idea as well as calling it by a new name. In any event the owners of land, whose power and influence are frequently emphasized in this book, will not have any difficulty in recognizing the real nature of the proposal no matter by what name it is called.

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