

NEW ZEALAND

Budgets of Borough Councils where Rates are Levied on Land Values

NAPIER BOROUGH COUNCIL.

Estimates showing the general rate required for the Borough of Napier for the period 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917 :—

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.
Government subsidy general rates		450	0	0
Baths receipts		550	0	0
Library receipts		200	0	0
Abattoir fees		1,150	0	0
Licenses :		1,400	0	0
Rents		2,700	0	0
Theatre receipts and rents of house ..		1,400	0	0
Sale of shingle		180	0	0
Harbour Board payment		203	15	4
Dog registration fees		200	0	0
Miscellaneous fees and fines		100	0	0
Excess rubbish removal		130	0	0
Miscellaneous receipts		500	0	0
Water rate at $\frac{3}{4}$ of a £ on the unimproved value		2,100	0	0
Water meter charges		3,400	0	0
Electric light and power:				
Consumers	7,000	0	0	
Current, street lamps	600	0	0	
Current, tramways	2,000	0	0	
Current, sewage ejectors	1,600	0	0	
Current, waterworks	400	0	0	
Current, office, libraries, baths fire station	300	0	0	
		11,900	0	0
Tramway receipts		9,500	0	0
Balance proposed to be met by a general rate of one penny farthing in the £ on £1,437,572, being the total unimproved rating value of the property on the valuation roll for the borough		7,487	0	0
		£43,555	15	4

Dated the 20th July, 1916.

M. MURRAY,
Town Clerk.

KARORI BOROUGH COUNCIL

Estimates for General Rates. 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917, approved by the Karori Borough Council :—

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.
General rates at $\frac{2}{3}$ d. in the £ on the unimproved value (£288,251)		3,002	12	4
Outstanding rates, 31st March, 1916		75	5	0
Dog tax, fees, fines, &c., &c.		293	0	0
Government subsidy		187	10	0
Sundries		300	0	0
Dr. balance		9	7	3
		£3,867	14	7

The Valuation Rolls are now open for inspection without fee by all Ratepayers during office hours, at the Office of the Borough Council, Karori.

The above is published for general information.

Dated this 26th day of July, 1916.

W. F. ENGLAND,
Town Clerk.

The "Patea and Waverley Press," November 15th, gives a three column report of an address by the Hon. George Fowlds on the Rating of Land Values. Patea is not yet among the land value rating townships of New Zealand. As we reported in our January issue, 145 local rating bodies have adopted the new system.

UNITED STATES

National Single Tax League

The final meeting of the Joseph Fels Fund Commission was held on January 3rd at 122 E. 37th street, New York. Its affairs were closed and the commission dissolved, to give way to the new National Single Tax organisation in process of formation. A letter was received from Mrs. Joseph Fels thanking the members and declaring :

The foremost object of my life is to help toward the realisation of the dream to which my husband dedicated the latter years of his life, "the best and happiest years," as he called them.

She furthermore contributed \$1,000 to the new organisation.

The Commission chose as trustees of the Single Tax Endowment Fund : Daniel Kiefer, Mary Fels, Charles H. Ingersoll, Lincoln Steffens, Jackson H. Ralston, Frederic C. Howe and Bolton Hall. This fund incorporated in the District of Columbia is authorised to receive bequests for Single Tax work. The form which can be safely used in drawing up wills for this purpose is as follows :

I give, devise and bequeath unto the Single Tax Endowment Fund (a corporation duly organised under the laws of the District of Columbia), its successors and assigns, the sum of.....Dollars (or the following described real estate, to-wit) the same to be used, managed and controlled and disposed of in any manner the said Fund may see fit for the purpose of advancing the adoption in the United States of that method of taxation known as the Single Tax.

The total amount contributed up to January 4th for support of the association's work was \$29,250. An endeavour will be made to increase this to at least \$50,000.

The name adopted for the organization was "National Single Tax League of the United States." The following constitution was adopted :

1. The name of this organisation shall be The National Single Tax League of the United States.
2. Its object shall be the furtherance of Single Tax.
3. Its membership shall be those who enroll.
4. There shall be a National Committee, consisting of members receiving the votes of two hundred or more members of the League, such votes shall be in the form of continuous, assignable, transferable proxies.
5. The National Committee shall elect a National Chairman, each National Committeeman voting the number of promises which he holds.
6. The National Chairman shall have full executive power, shall choose his own advisors and hold office until his successor is elected.
7. The National Committee shall have power of initiative and referendum on the motion of any National Committeeman and each National Committeeman shall vote the number of proxies held by him.
8. This constitution may be amended by the action of the National Committee.

Daniel Kiefer was authorised to act as national chairman, pending election of the national committee. Appreciation of the services and devotion of Mrs. Fels was expressed in resolutions adopted.