

on and by access to the land. If we are denied that we perish.

New Zealand in 25 years has created £140,000,000 unimproved land values, and £126,000,000 of this has gone into the possession of not more than 22,500 families. When Persia perished one per cent. owned all the land of Persia. In Rome 1800 persons owned all the known world. In the United States the richest one per cent. of the people have a larger income than the poorest 50 per cent.

These conditions cannot continue. New Zealand has done something to blaze the trail for the taxation of land values throughout the empire, and in doing so she has made a larger contribution to the preservation and consolidation of the Empire than she did when she presented the Dreadnaught.

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#### JEFFERSON DINNER OF THE MANHATTAN SINGLE TAX CLUB.

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On April 18 the Manhattan Single Tax Club celebrated its 27th Annual Dinner in honor of Thomas Jefferson at the Hotel St. Denis, this city. William C. De Mille acted as toastmaster, and introduced Mr. F. C. Leubuscher as the first speaker of the evening, who made an appeal for the *Tenants' Weekly*. Western Starr spoke on "Jefferson Democracy and the Single Tax," and made the somewhat questionable statement that George had added nothing to democracy, but had given democracy its instrument." In a single generation the philosophy of Henry George had imprinted its stamp on civilization. Not in four hundred years after the advent of Christianity had the teachings of Christ permeated so far and so wide. Mr. George's philosophy was never so near its triumph. There was never so much cause for hope.

State Senator Charles O'Connor Hennessey, of New Jersey, spoke on the new freedom and New Jersey, and quoted from President Wilson's work and told of progress in New Jersey. Thirty-one members of the Legislature had voted intelligently upon the subject of home rule in taxation.

Mary Garret Hay spoke on the justice of women suffrage and Chas. Frederic Adams on Jefferson and the Judiciary. Mr. Adams contended that the Supreme Court has no powers other than to decide cases that come before it, and that there is no word in the Constitution which establishes that body as a court of final resort. Our Judiciary system was borrowed from England, and the English Judiciary system establishes merely the settlement of controversy. The court has nothing to declare officially; it speaks only when its decision is asked by a litigant. Mr. Adams set forth with great lucidity his well known views on the place occupied by the Supreme Court in our scheme of government. Mrs. E. M. Murray closed the evening's entertainment by explaining the Single Tax. She spoke in high terms of the wonderful work of James R. Brown in the Canadian maritime provinces.

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#### ALLAN ROBINSON AND THE NEW YORK STATE SINGLE TAX LEAGUE

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In the March-April issue of the *Single Tax REVIEW* (page 56) we commented upon the programme of the New York State Single Tax League as set forth in their circular announcements. In these are outlined the activities which have been undertaken by the League—lecture work and propaganda, systematic distribution of literature and organization plans.

This evidence of activity in the State has not been overlooked by the indefatigable and resourceful Allan Robinson, president of the Allied Real Estate Interests of the State of New York (Inc.). He has been sending around to his real estate friends some of this literature of the League which has been freely supplied him, to impress upon them that they must be up and doing if the work of Single Taxers in the State is to be successfully opposed. With this goes the following letter signed by Mr. Robinson, and the *REVIEW* reader is asked to note several significant statements in the letter, such as "These plans make the socialistic propaganda pale by comparison," and "Have you ever realized how much easier the Single Tax could come than So-

cialism?" But here is the entire letter, kindly placed at our disposal by a real estate owner, one of the recipients:

ALLIED REAL ESTATE INTERESTS OF THE  
STATE OF NEW YORK (INC.)

New York, April 30, 1914.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a statement issued by the Single Taxers telling their plans for New York State. These plans make the socialistic propaganda pale by comparison, yet the National Civic Federation is spending thousands of dollars to counteract Socialism, and no one, except the Allied Real Estate Interests is doing anything against the Single Tax.

"Have you ever realized how much easier the Single Tax could come than socialism? All that is necessary is to increase taxes upon land until they absorb the entire ground rent, and the land loses all its selling value. This, in effect, would be socialization of the land, and with that step accomplished, the entire socialistic programme would move measurably nearer.

Josiah Wedgewood, the foremost English Single Taxer, says:

"If the destruction of land monopoly did not carry with it the destruction of capitalism, it would be insufficient, the land reform would be preached in vain."

The best way to fight socialism, is to fight the socialization of land, but it is hard to get the anti-socialists to see it that way; so it is left to the anti-Single Taxers, and chiefly to this association to fight not only their own battle, but the battle of socialism as well.

There has been some response to our appeal for funds. Out of a membership of 576, there have been 64 contributors. Those who have contributed are the ones that can always be counted upon to help. The ones we want to reach now, are those who can be counted on if they will only take the trouble to read the communications that I send to them.

I hope this communication will escape the fate of others and will be read.

Yours very truly,  
(Signed) ALLAN ROBINSON  
President.

P. S.—The election of Senators, Assem-

blymen and delegates to next year's Constitutional Convention takes place this fall. There must be a good deal of education done between now and then, unless we want the Single Taxers to write Single Tax doctrines into our organic law. In Ohio last year, the president of the Constitutional Convention was a radical Single Taxer.

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### THE EARTH NOT THE ONLY SOURCE OF WEALTH.

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"We no more believe that the land is the source of all wealth \* \* \* than we believe that labor alone creates value," says a writer in the *Live Issue*, a paper published in this city "Advocating Christian Social Reform." This writer therefore contemptuously rejects the Single Tax. Perhaps Bird S. Coler, whose name appears as treasurer of the *Live Issue*, and who once for political purposes flirted with the Single Taxers, or Hudson Maxim who is quoted in this issue as calling the speeches of Joseph Fels "hot air," but who is himself a reputed Single Taxer and the author of an excellent Single Tax story, may enlighten the writer. At all events, if he has discovered some other source of wealth outside of land it is the most notable discovery of any age since Adam, who at least, did not dream of any other source. But perhaps the writer is like the highly intelligent person who was surprised to discover that his back yard was part of the surface of the earth.

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HON. HENRY GEORGE, JR., M. C., sailed for Weisbaden, Germany, Tuesday, April 1st., where he will remain until his health is improved. The wishes of hundreds of friends go with him.

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THE *Motorist*, official monthly of the Ohio State Automobile Association, in its April issue has an article on "The Wheel Tax and Streets benefits," by Henry P. Boynton. Mr. Boynton is a Single Taxer who can make even a wheel tax serve as an object lesson for the complete principle.