

labor to those who control the other two. This condition faces the incoming tides of human immigration "labelled from the indefinite past to the indefinite future." And each man who will think for himself knows that more and more the monopoly control of these essential avenues of life is concentrated in a small governing body and that the working man finds his living within the terms dictated by such control.

I submit then, in terms of justice and truth, that no remedy can be effective to the righting of the wrong unless the causes of the wrong are removed.

(To Be Continued.)

BI-MONTHLY NEWS LETTER.

By THE EDITOR.

The Single Taxers have always deemed it more or less of a problem why the farmers of Canada and the farmers of Denmark should constitute the very bulwark of the Single Tax movement, while in this country our teachers have failed to make any very decided impression in agricultural communities. The Washington State Grange, however, seems to be awake to the need of our reform, as the following resolutions which were adopted, will testify:

Our natural resources are worth untold billions to us, to our children and to our children's children, and we must see to it that they are held for the people. The government should hold on to what have not yet passed into private hands and operate them either direct or under short time leases. Those that have passed into private hands should be taxed to the full limit of their monopoly value. Accepting these principles of conservation as fundamental, the details for efficient cooperation are easily worked out."

The California agitation for the Home Rule amendment goes on apace, and has already been endorsed by over 25 city councils. South San Francisco is the twenty-eighth city to fall into line. The San Francisco Labor Council at its last meeting endorsed the action of the Executive Committee in donating to this campaign the sum of fifty dollars a month for three months. Such papers as the *Stockton Record* and *Mail* are giving the movement hearty support.

William N. McNair is the democratic nominee for Secretary of Internal Affairs in the State of Pennsylvania. McNair beat his opponent by over 32,000 votes in the democratic primaries.

Perhaps the most important happening during the last two months is

the action of both houses of Parliament of the province of Nova Scotia enabling any assessment body in the province to raise its revenue in any way it pleases. This opens the way to the adoption of the Single Tax by such important maritime cities as Halifax and Yarmouth.

The result in Toronto, the defeat of the Liberals, in which our friend Farmer went down, is to be regretted and shows the need of continued systematic education in the most backward of the Canadian provinces.

Regarding the effects of the Single Tax in Vancouver, Prof. Chas. J. Bullock, Professor of Economics at Harvard, in a long article printed in the *Boston Transcript* and the *Evening Post* of this city, has sought to discredit the exemption of buildings by pointing out the reaction that has come to the prosperity of the city. We take this occasion to remind the professor that Single Taxers were among the first to prophesy this inevitable reaction. In the Vancouver Special Number of the SINGLE TAX REVIEW in which Luther S. Dickey gave the result of his long weeks of investigation in that city, we pointed out that owing to the very light tax on the value of land Vancouver faced the inevitable reaction that overtakes a "boom" town. But this reaction occurs in cities that do not have the Single Tax. The important consideration is that Vancouver saw the wisdom of exempting improvements and today shows no evidence of retracing its steps. If it will now advance to the point of taking more and more of its land values due to the prosperity that was largely the result of improvement exemption, it may escape the full consequences of this reaction. We do not hope to prove this to Prof. Bullock who is the professorial mouthpiece of the opposition, but it is the professor himself who reminds us that the land tax in Vancouver is much lighter than that of many American cities. He has indicated the real reason for the interruption of Vancouver's prosperity.

In Great Britain affairs are at a crucial point, with the Tories resorting to every device to force an election and the Liberals playing for time. The new Budget is a muddle, as the government is now able to perceive, and Asquith proposes to escape from the predicament by adding 2d. more to the income tax in lieu of rates on improvements.

While the Tories are seeking the opportunity of a general election the Liberals seem to be uncertain and halting as to policy. Land reform without the taxation of land values has the place of prominence, and the brave words of Lloyd George do not eventuate into the deeds for which the radical hosts of the United Kingdom are impatient.

The visit of Hon. George Fowlds, who sailed from Southampton for New York on July 22, is eagerly awaited. He will spend a few days in this city, where a dinner will be tendered him. It is also of interest to chronicle that Alexander Mackendrick, of Glasgow, who needs no introduction to the readers of the REVIEW, and who holds a high place in the Scottish movement, will soon come to America and make his permanent home in Boston.