

The Principles of Natural Taxation

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The object of this book, as indicated in the preface, is to trace the metamorphosis of the land question into the rent question; of the equal right to land into the joint right to the rent of land; of the common use of the earth into the collective enjoyment of ground rent; of the nationalization of land into the socialization of its rent; of private property in land, including the private appropriation of its rent, into the public appropriation of that rent without disturbance of the private ownership of land. It is to show the single tax translated into its scientific equivalent, the re-absorption by society of its self-generated life-blood, economic rent.

Part I, devoted to the Authorities, gives a history of the singletax idea, not in cold statement of historic fact, but in brief articles on eight prominent economists who, from the seventeenth century until now, have furthered taxation reform; with appropriate quotations from each.

In Part II is brought together seven "side-lights"—little essays which have already proved popular in pamphlet form, including "Thirty Years of Henry George" and the well-known "Catechism of Natural Taxation." The Appendix contains a study of the Physiocrats, who mistakenly have been classed as singletaxers, as well as a critical account of the writings of four other land-reform theorists.

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