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Dear Mr. Laidler;

Please pardon my delay in answering your letter of June 7th. The press of school matters has been such that I could not get to it until now.

"The first thought that comes to me with reference to a change in the Charter of the City of New York that may tend to, at least make possible, an approach to the application of the Henry George Program" is that there shall be secured for the city the option of taxing such property or properties and exempting from taxation such other property or properties as it may itself decide. In other words that it may have, as we used to call it, "Local Option in Taxation."

"This secured, it will then be for the city to decide what is the best method of taxation and that, as I see it, will be the time for us to show what that "best method" is.

"In the meantime I believe that the responsibility to decide what shall be done within the law in tax matters, how it shall be done, should lie in the head of the Tax Board and that therefore the power to decide shall equally reside in that head."

Sincerely yours