

WHO'S WHO IN GEORGISM

H. H. HARDINGE



Henry Hutchins Hardinge was born on a farm near Morganston, Ontario, May 7, 1863, one of 14 children of Frederick and Susan Kingsley Hardinge.

At the age of 17, with only four years of schooling, he went to work in a machinery factory at Woodbridge, Ontario. But his propensity for reading soon brought him an appointment as local librarian, where his lack of formal education was overcome by the better method of extensive reading.

Mr. Hardinge's interest in the land question was first aroused by a trip to Niagara Falls, where a tall fence and a price of admission (beyond his budget) shut off a view he had come to see. This capitalization of nature's bounty for private gain seemed incongruous and predisposed him to the teachings of Henry George, with whom he became acquainted during the campaign of William Jennings Bryan for president. Mr. George was at that time, in 1895, reporting the Democratic convention.

In 1888 Mr. Hardinge settled in Chicago, and in 1890 he went into business. He married Jane McCormack in 1895. He is the inventor of the first cotton picker, compressed air type-casting machines, an engraving machine for cutting matrices, the Hardinge Oil Burner and the hydraulic automobile jack. Hardinge lathes are used throughout the world.

Henry Hardinge has been an able and devoted advocate of the philosophy of Henry George for many years, as a speaker and writer, and since the advent of the HGSSS has conducted classes under its auspices.