

MANITOBA.

SINGLE TAXERS ORGANIZE—GOOD WORK BEFORE THE TAX COMMISSION—OUT-DOOR WORK PLANNED FOR THE SUMMER.

The Manitoba Single Tax Association was organized for the purpose of propagating the Single Tax in this province on the 23rd March, 1909.

Officers:—President, Mr. W. D. Lamb, Plumas, Man.; Vice President, Mr. Jos. Schietle, Winnipeg; Sec.-Treas., Mr. F. J. Dixon, Winnipeg.

Our infant association is growing rapidly and has the reputation of being able to make more noise for its size than any other in the community. We have held several indoor meetings and intend to do a lot of propaganda work in the open air this summer. Last year though unorganized, we did considerable street speaking and distributed much literature.

A commission was appointed last year to inquire into the system of taxation in the city of Winnipeg. We persuaded the commissioners to devote two whole evenings to the Single Tax. At first we were treated as mild fanatics, but finally succeeded in making a favorable impression and doing some educational work. Dr. S. G. Bland and Prof. R. M. Mobius were our principal speakers and they handled the subject in a very able manner.

Our present law states that buildings and land must be assessed at their full value; church property (not exceeding two acres in area) is exempt from taxation. The commission recommended that buildings be assessed at two-thirds of their actual value and land at its full value. That church lands be taxed according to their value, the buildings to remain exempt.

A pernicious business tax remains in force with slight alterations. No action will be taken on the report this year.

F. J. DIXON.

WINNIPEG.

ON April 2nd Henry George, Jr., sailed for Japan on a mission for *Colliers Weekly*. We have his promise to contribute one or more articles for the REVIEW during his stay in Japan.

COMMUNICATIONS.

ARKANSAS MAY SOON FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF OREGON.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

I write to inform the REVIEW that the fight in Arkansas for the Initiative and Referendum has resulted in the passage of a concurrent resolution by the Legislature for the submission of a proposed Constitutional Amendment, the question to be voted on at the next general election. The Bill is virtually a copy of the Oregon law, and was introduced in the Senate by Senator Arnold, of Clarke County, and was carried with only one dissenting vote, that of Senator Toneg, of Jefferson Co. It then went to the House, where it was adopted with only 4 dissenting votes, Representative Winn, of Pulaski making a vicious fight against it, calling it socialism and anarchy, but the friends of the measure had given it standing and respectability by having it incorporated as a plank in the Democratic platform which was the most effective way, especially as it saved time. The House tacked on an amendment to include cities and towns, which amendment the Senate concurred in with very little debate. The next step now will be for the voters to adopt it at the polls.

The same measure was overwhelmingly defeated two years ago, which shows how public sentiment can be made for a measure that has merit.

ROBT. HERIOT.

TEXARKANA, Arkansas.

PROFESSOR BRAUN AT BUDAPEST.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

A month ago I received an invitation for February from the Free School of Social Sciences at Budapest to lecture on the land question. I was invited to make a series (2 hours) of lectures, but my occupation as well as the great distance (about 340 miles) rendered that impossible. So I could not deliver more than one lecture of two hours. The director of the school was present (its title was: Henry George and the land question). He expressed his sympathy for our doctrines, and invited