

ceived scores of Single Tax and tax reform letters. The other daily, the *Evening Journal*, has been more hospitable, and has printed a number of letters on tax reform. Another paper, the *Union Advocate*, is a labor paper, and has published quite a few letters favorable to a more advanced position. The Swedish-American paper—*Vort Land* ("Our Country") has allowed the tax reformers some use of its columns.

Taken altogether, we have not done so badly. Letters from the following Single Taxers have been published in Jamestown papers: W. W. Noren, Andrew Hutton, A. Wangeman, Rev. August Dellgren, Warren T. Lowe, J. D. McDade, Chas. D. Ryan, A. Freeland, C. P. Hickman, Frederick C. Leubuscher. Other letters have appeared which I have not had the pleasure of seeing.

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LECTURE TOUR OF BOLTON HALL.

Bolton Hall made a three weeks' tour for Monroe's Lecture Bureau during December mostly among the smaller towns about Chicago. He lectured on "The Correction of Children," "The Disease of Charity," "How to Get Rich Without Working," "Cultivation of Vacant Lots," and "Civic Righteousness." The audiences were mostly small but Mr. Hall thinks the work well worth doing, as it reaches the thinking heathen as hardly anything else can do. The interest in the lectures was shown everywhere, by numerous questions at the close, except at Waukegan, Michigan. Mr. Hall thinks these the most profitable, as well as the most interesting part of a lecture.

The towns visited were:

Monday, Dec. 3rd—Aurora, Ill.

Dec. 4th—Wilmette, Ill.

Dec. 6th—Michigan City, Indiana.

On Friday evening he addressed a Russian Revolution meeting at Hull House, with Clarence Darrow and others.

Sunday—People's Church, Chicago.

Dec. 10th—Highland Park, Ill.

Dec. 11th—Waukegan, Ill.

Dec. 12th—Elmhurst, Ill.

Dec. 18th—Blue Island, Ill.

Dec. 14th—Mendota, Ill.

Sunday, Dec. 16th, Rockford, Ill., addressed Rev. Robt. C. Bryant's Church.

Dec. 17th—Elmwood, Ill.

Dec. 18th—Streator, Ill.

Dec. 19th—Peoria, Ill.

Dec. 20th—Hammond, Ind., where he met Lawrence Becker, the Mayor of the town, who is a good Single Taxer.

Dec. 21st—Public Policy Club, cor. Wabash and Adams streets (6.00 P. M.).

Dec. 22nd—East Chicago, Ind.

Sunday, Dec. 23rd—Buffalo, N. Y.

Many Single Taxers greeted Mr. Hall, though they are not as plenty round Chicago as they are in the East.

CANADA.

METHODIST CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THE SINGLE TAX—THE TORONTO GLOBE FOLLOWS SUIT—800 VOTES FOR SOCIALIST MAYOR IN TORONTO—J. W. BENGOUGH ELECTED ALDERMAN.

The good work goes on throughout Canada.

At the last meeting of the General Conference of the Methodist Denomination in the Dominion, the Sociological Committee in a very remarkable report drew attention to present social evils and recommended legislation which would prevent any individual or corporation from profiting hereafter from the unearned increment in the value of the land.

The most prominent organ of the Dominion Government; *The Toronto Globe*, in discussing the housing problem recently advised the adoption of the taxation of land values.

The local Provincial Government is progressing favorably along the lines of public ownership. They have also sold the rights to mine Cobalt Lake to a private corporation for \$1,085,000; and have been offered \$15,000,000 for their mineral lands known as the Gillies Limits. A few months ago the town of Harleyburg, on the Government T. & N. O. Railroad, suffered serious loss by fire. Lumber and building materials were permitted to be carried on the road at a very small rate, to facilitate the rebuilding of the town.

In the City of Toronto, on the 1st of January, '07, a by-law was submitted to the ratepayers asking them if the city should bring in electric power from Niagara, rather than allow a private corporation do it. The by-law was carried overwhelmingly. The newspapers in this fight nearly all supported municipal ownership and were honest enough to mark the advertisements of the private interests as advertisements.

On Dec. 10th a petition from about 2,400 ratepayers asking that the \$700 exemption measure be again submitted to the electors was turned down by the City Council of Toronto, although they debated the question for nearly two hours.

At the municipal elections on Jan. 1st a Socialist, a foreigner by birth and practically unknown, polled 8,000 votes for the Mayoralty of Toronto. This was largely a note of protest against a "jelly-fish" mayor who otherwise would easily have been re-elected.

By far the most important event to Toronto Single Taxers is the election of J. W. Bengough as an Alderman. Mr. Bengough ran last year and came within a couple of hundred votes of being elected; but through a better organization, and an old representative in the Council retiring, we are glad to say he received the second largest vote, there being three representatives for his ward.

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