

**LAKESWOOD CITIZEN**

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**Here in the Interest  
of Henry George  
Taxing System**

Horace Joseph Haase, director of the School of Democracy, 1165 Broadway, New York City, was in Lakewood last week in the interest of Assembly Bill No. 233 introduced by Mrs. Sanford. The bill is out of Committee and will soon come up for third reading and final passage.

He gave out the following information pertaining to the system.

Every home owner, manufacturer and business man, in fact everyone except those who are holding land idle or not putting it to its full use, will benefit from shifting taxes off improvements and onto land. Such a shift in taxation will benefit everyone whose investment in capital and improvements exceeds their investment in land thus giving them more to spend for food, clothing, medical care, entertainment and home improvement. Manufacturers and businessmen will

have more to spend on plant expansion and improvement. All these demands for labor products are necessarily demands for labor and therefore will further stimulate all industry, business and commerce. It will improve the real estate business, for, as every economist knows, each increase in production increases the demand for land and the lessening of taxes on improvements would encourage the use and improvement of land.

Though some land would be thrown upon the districts for non-payment of the increased land tax such land would be available for productive use as needed and at its true value rather than at a speculative price. With land in demand and available at its true value, and with lessened taxation on buildings and improvements the impetus to investment in production would be tremendous.

The plan which you are asked to permit through approval of Bill No. 233 will give forward looking taxing districts a chance to do something about unemployment besides raising taxes to make it endurable. It will give them a chance to stimulate production and employment which are the sources of all the wealth we tax. Furthermore it will give them the opportunity to do away with the need for that part of taxation now required to support those who will shortly find