

## QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

### AT PARLIAMENTARY AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

#### Parliamentary Elections

1. Do you agree that the land ought to be treated as common property and that those who hold the land, which is provided by Nature, should pay a rent for it to the community by means of national and local taxation levied on the value of land, all taxation now imposed on industry, improvements and trade being abolished?

2. Do you agree that the Taxation of Land Values and the exemption of all improvements from taxation would prevent the holding of land out of use, provide public revenues without burdening industry, give freedom to production and trade, promote every useful enterprise, and thus remove poverty and unemployment?

3. Are you in favour of repealing Customs duties, whether imposed for revenue or protective purposes, and of abolishing taxation on food, industry and improvements, substituting for such duties and taxes a general and uniform tax on the value of all land apart from improvements?

4. Will you, if elected, press for immediate legislation to revalue all the land, so as to ascertain its present market value apart from improvements, and to impose a Budget Tax on the value of all land, with the corresponding reduction or abolition of the taxes now levied on improvements, on consumption and in restraint of trade?

5. Will you, if elected, promote and support legislation for the levying of local rates on the market value of land and the exemption of houses and other buildings and improvements from assessment?

#### Ask Liberal Candidates

6. Do you support and will you promote the policy adopted at the 1921 Conference of the National Liberal Federation, which requires that the site value of the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910, should be amended, brought up to date and made accessible for public use; that a uniform national tax be imposed on the capital site value of the whole country; and that local authorities should, by a new Rating Act, be required to levy a rate on site value in reduction of the rate as levied on the existing rateable value?

7. Are you in favour of the declaration made at the November 1921 Conference of the Scottish Liberal Federation that the value which attaches to land apart from improvements is the natural and proper source of public

revenues, and that rates and taxes should be levied on the value of land, apart from improvements, whether the land is used or not?

8. Do you agree with the declaration of the Scottish Liberal Federation at its annual meeting in November 1921 in favour of the Taxation of Land Values, in which Liberal leaders are urged to make a definite pronouncement on that policy and give it a prominent place in any programme?

#### Ask Labour Candidates

9. Do you agree with the resolution adopted at the annual conference of the Labour Party in Manchester, January 1917, calling on the Government to impose a direct tax on land values, and affirming that such a tax, in addition to providing a large amount of revenue, would open up the land to the people, increase the production of home-grown food, and thus materially reduce the high cost of living, tend to raise wages and lessen the evil of unemployment?

10. Do you agree with the declaration made by the Trades Union Congress at each of its annual meetings since 1917, that the Taxation and Rating of Land Values would yield large revenues, give all desiring the use of land access to it on more reasonable terms, and thus materially assist in opening up opportunities for employment and raising the economic status of the workers as a whole?

11. Do you support and will you promote that part of the policy outlined in the pamphlet, "The Labour Party and the Countryside," which favours the rating and taxation of owners of land values in relief of occupiers?

12. Do you stand by Mr. Robert Smillie in his recent repeated declarations, that the Labour Party should concentrate upon the land question, and make the public realise that it is in real earnest about it?

#### Municipal Elections

13. Will you, if elected, move the Council to petition Parliament to amend the law of rating so that all land may be rated on its true selling value, and all houses, buildings and other improvements be exempted from rating?

14. Will you, if elected, urge the Council to summon a conference of all rating authorities with a view to taking joint action in promoting a Bill in Parliament for the Rating of Land Values?

### ASK SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS YOURSELF

### GET YOUR FRIENDS TO ASK OTHERS

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