

start a stop-all-war movement of their own, many I have spoken to are in sympathy with the idea. Then Mr. Lloyd George and the others will be able to fight their own wars.

The chief trouble of the school was that our politics went so high that, like the voice of the young lady in the choir, they were nearly lost in the spire.

I am in despair for the welfare of the Liberal Party if the Summer School is any indication of the future. Where has gone its inspiration, its driving power, its impetus, its dynamic force?

In booms and depressions?

SINGLE TAXERS IN RUSSIA

Translation of letter received by the United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values from the Editor of TERISTO, a Single Tax Esperantist Journal. Address: post kesto 663, Stanislaw Szabuniewicz, Moscow, Russia.

We safely received your letter of 4th July and the literature you sent. We thank you warmly, and greatly desire to be in constant touch with you. Our friends are now translating your publications about which we wish to inform the readers of TERISTO, if you will allow us to do so.

We will gladly accept your publications in exchange for ours, which we will send you regularly. We shall also be pleased to give you information about the Single Tax movement in Russia when anything worthy of attention occurs. Just now we are excited because it has been decided to replace the present land tax by the Single Tax (as an experiment) in some of the provinces. When we have received more detailed information, it shall be forwarded to you.

The most famous works of Henry George—PROGRESS AND POVERTY, SOCIAL PROBLEMS, THE CONDITION OF LABOUR and others—have been translated into the Russian language by our friend S. D. Nikolajev, who, to our intense grief, died last year. In 1917 with his help we founded a Single Tax League, but the condition of the time made it impossible for the League to continue its operations. . . . By this post we are sending the chief of our pamphlets, including THE STORY OF MY DICTATORSHIP, translated by our second friend, Dr. A. I. Nikolajevskij.

Whether our hopes will be realized we do not know—we have not had enough experience. After a lapse of five years we resumed our work some months ago, under such difficulties that any extension is unthinkable. After all that has taken place, the people have hardly regained social consciousness and are chiefly concerned about re-establishing their ruined material conditions. On the one side lack of means, on the other apathy and indifference; this is not a favourable moment to propose a new social arrangement, the more so because everything new has been followed by disillusionment. We suppose, nevertheless, that the force of circumstances will break down this indifference. We are firmly convinced that not only Russia, but the whole world can find no other way of escape from the present imbroglia than that shown by Henry George. We endeavour to prove this on every page of TERISTO, which at present has only a small number of friends.

In our journal we nevertheless advocate not only the Single Tax system, which we believe to be indissolubly bound up with moral and social reforms, but also co-operation, garden cities, etc.

Up to the present time we have not succeeded in establishing relations with the chief world groups devoting their strength to the propagation of the teaching of Henry George. We would be very grateful if you would send to us the addresses of all such groups and journals. It seems to us that all groups must unite in a world-wide League to advance this most important social reform at this time. Our Moscow friend, Mr. V. Levenson, has just published his book about the Single Tax which he will

certainly send to you soon. Publishing difficulties greatly hinder us; we cannot produce everything which we have at our disposal.

We repeat our requests: kindly supply us with the fullest information possible about existing societies, journals, year books, experiments, etc. Specially we beg you to send the address of the SINGLE TAX REVIEW, New York, and L'IMPOT UNIQUE, France.

Accept our greetings and expressions of high esteem.

In the name of the Editor of TERISTO.

1st September, 1922.

[The request of our Russian friends has been attended to and has been passed on to our co-workers abroad and in the Dominions for further reports. It has been explained that L'IMPOT UNIQUE abandoned publication some time ago, and the Editor, M. Georges Darien, died last year.—EDITOR, LAND & LIBERTY.]

"DIVINE DISCONTENT!"

In his original letter, which provoked this controversy, the Earl of Pembroke wrote, in pious horror, of the growth of the "revolutionary" spirit in the countryside, but he is alarming himself needlessly. So far as I can see, there is little evidence of that "divine discontent" which precedes revolution. The unjust privileges of the Earl and his class appear likely, I am sorry to state, to remain unchallenged for many years yet.

His Lordship perhaps imagines that our controversy is being followed by a host of interested readers, just as in the old days the Eglinton tournaments were watched by a crowd of spectators; but he would be mistaken. I venture to state that out of the thousands who buy the AYR ADVERTISER not above a dozen take an intelligent interest in our debate. A district closely associated with Bruce and Wallace, those brave champions of Scottish independence, has become a community of shop and boarding-house keepers, selfishly engrossed in their own petty concerns; the town which produced Robert Burns, the poet of Freedom, is almost wholly given over to football and betting on horses. The movement with which I am connected held a meeting recently in the High Street of Ayr. The event was well advertised, yet, out of a population of 35,000, only a handful of people attended. Let paltry questions like the restoration of the Scottish people's rights to their native land go hang! Other weightier matters demand our attention here. Know ye not that the "United" had a win on Saturday, that the public-houses close far too early, that the "Burroo" dole ought to be a shilling or two more?

In ending this discussion (so far as I am concerned), I can assure My Lord that he may sleep sound o' nights. There is no danger, no hope of an immediate revolution; it would interfere with the September race meeting! —John Cameron in the AYR ADVERTISER, 7th September.

The Ministry of Agriculture in 1919 purchased some 6,000 acres of land from Guy's Hospital Estate at Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire, for small holdings, but as only about one-third were converted they decided to sell the remainder.—WESTMINSTER GAZETTE, 27th September.

In my own constituency there are no fewer than 2,000 unemployed, the bulk of whom have not earned a penny for 18 months or two years. Compulsorily idle, they have exhausted their savings, and, perhaps, their trade union benefits, and have had to eke out a living by means of unemployment insurance benefit and poor law relief.

I am inclined to think that unemployment insurance has been a sort of dope which has dulled the sensibilities of many workers and enveloped them in the torpor of semi-starvation.—Mr. Arthur Henderson, in the DAILY HERALD, 28th September.