



A. C. Campbell was born in Shannonville, Ontario, September 26, 1857, of Scotch parents, who migrated to Canada as children. The family was sometimes poor, never wealthy.

His formal education was limited to a short term at high school, which ended when at fourteen years of age he became office boy in an insurance office. He served part of an apprenticeship as a printer, and at twenty became a reporter on The Gazette, a morning daily of Montreal. Within a year he went to The Globe in Toronto, where he became "Parliamentary Man," member of the Press Gallery, House of Commons, Ottawa. Other newspaper work followed. In 1895

he became official reporter for Hansard—Canada's "Congressional Record." Editor in 1921.

Since retirement in 1926, Mr. Campbell has devoted his journalistic talents to the program of Plenty as outlined in "Progress and Poverty." He is a frequent contributor to leading Canadian papers and is active in support of the Liberal Party.

Mr. Campbell thus tells The Freeman of his first meeting with Henry George:

"I was assigned by The Globe to go to Hamilton, and interview Henry George, who was to speak there under the auspices of the Knights of Labor. I took George's speech in shorthand; then interviewed him at his hotel. He was ready to talk, but I quite un-prepared to hear. I had not understood the speech I had written in shorthand, and naturally and in consequence I completely misunderstood what he said in conversation. We tended to argue, for I had all the brashness of the young reporter with a little learning. But George saved us both. He put his hand on my knee and said, with a smile, 'Well, that's a big subject; let's go and have a cigar.'"

Sometime after this, Mr. Campbell, going on a trip, asked his father for a book that would help him to sleep on the train. He was given George's "The Land Question." When he reached his destination he was ready to foment rebellion. A subsequent reading of "Progress and Poverty," plus association in the Anti-Poverty Society of Toronto, however, showed him a more effective method of abolishing "Landlordism" and achieving Plenty.

Mr. Campbell was married in 1894, has three children, nine grandchildren. His home is in Ottawa.