

Toronto Entertains Thirteenth Annual Henry George Congress

TORONTO, Canada—The 13th Annual Henry George Congress and the first convention of The Tax Relief Association met here September 7, 8, and 9. The Congress enjoyed the hospitality of the Single Tax Association of Canada, of which J. H. L. Patterson is president and Herbert T. Owens, secretary. The local committee, consisting of Alan C. Thompson, Chairman; J. A. McCorquodale, secretary; J. Roy Cadwell, Ernest J. Farmer, Archie McCoil, H. T. Owens, J. H. L. Patterson, A. C. Ross, and Miss Dorothy E. Coate, ensured the smooth running of the daily schedules and the giving out of information to the members.

The Congress held morning, afternoon, and evening sessions and many Georgists were heard from, reporting past, present and future activities. J. H. L. Patterson presided over the welcome to delegates and a Know-Each-Other program was conducted by Col. Rule, whereby each member introduced him-or-herself, briefly, outlining how he or she became a Georgist. It was interesting to note that in the majority of cases each had been taken in hand by a confirmed Georgist, either personally or through the HGSSS.

Miss Margaret E. Bateman, a graduate of the Montreal classes, gave an informative world survey of Georgist progress which was appreciatively received by the Congress. With Miss Bateman's permission this survey will appear in *The Freeman* and "Land and Freedom" in order that it may reach a wider public.

Frank Chodorov, Director of HGSSS, outlined the work of the School in New York and gave details of plans for the coming classes starting on Oct. 3 in the new School at 30 East 29th Street. Speaking only for New York, he stressed the

voluntary activities of the graduates as teachers, writers, research workers, and giving aid in the routine office work of the School, and urged the Extension Schools to find work for their graduates in similar ways rather than encouraging the formation of organizations.

John L. Monroe followed with a report of the work of the Extension Schools and answered questions raised in connection with work in the field and the manner in which it is conducted. Mrs. McAvoy of the Women's Auxiliary, Washington, D.C., told of her work in assembling a concordance of Progress & Poverty. Mr. Lancaster Greene endorsed the work of the School and asked for whole-hearted work in expanding its scope and obtaining results through education.

J. Lawrence Smith, of Detroit, outlined the plans of the Tax Relief Association, which were endorsed by the assemblage.

Harold S. Buttenheim, Editor of *The American City*, read a scholarly paper entitled "Why Handicap Housing by Unwise Taxation," and among reports from the field, Ernest J. Farmer gave an outline of what is going on in Canada, with particular reference to progress in British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

The Canadian hosts arranged a drive around Toronto for visitors, giving them an opportunity to see the business district, University, School, and Government buildings, as well as homes and gardens.

Hon. Peter Witt of Cleveland, Ohio, and Hon. A. W. Roebuck, K. C., Member for Bellwoods in the Ontario Legislature, addressed the banquet closing the Congress, and under the presidential eye of J. H. L. Patterson further brief speeches were made by some of those present, giving thanks and appreciation.