

and we give the original story in full as part of the history of the larger thing. The larger thing is nationalization of national property, and national operation of national industrial functions. We urge careful reading of every line of this long story, under the several successive heads we have given it, from the first words of Miss Abbott in exposure of the scandal, through every paragraph, to the last words (as reported by the Washington correspondent of the Evening News of Newark, N. J.) of Congressmen Graham and George, in explanation of constructive policies of our national government that seem now to loom large out on our northwestern coast.

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Vancouver's Municipal Lead.

Nor is probable nationalization of national industrial property and functions the only word of cheer and hope that comes eastward from the new sources of democratic empire. As in the movement for nationalization the land question appears in two of its majestic forms—government mines and government highways,—so in the taxation experiments of western Canada the same question appears in the less obtrusive but correlated and equally necessary form of taxation of land values. The center of these experiments on the American continent is now at Vancouver*; and in its Vancouver special number the Single Tax Review renders to the Singletax cause in the United States and Canada the highest kind of service by its report upon the Vancouver experiment in land value taxation. Probably no more useful service by anyone would be possible at the present stage of the Singletax movement in this country.

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When Henry George came eastward preaching his gospel of social regeneration by means of what is now called the Singletax, the first great popular response he got was in New York City. After commanding conspicuous attention there for a time, his message, echoing back across the continent, was heard by a new generation beyond the Rockies, and one of the results is Vancouver. Another is Oregon, where, on our side of the international line, Singletaxers are busy building for us that object lesson in the Singletax that our Canadian brethren at Vancouver already have. The thought that germinated in Henry George's mind along that distant coast nearly half a century ago, that was fostered in the East through the Labor campaigns of 1886 and 1897 in New

*See The Public, current volume, pages 561, 630.

York and more timidly in the interval and thereafter through tax reform movements, that found a different and stronger expression under Tom L. Johnson's administration of Cleveland, that has been visible indistinctly in many places through various forms of agitation and legislation from coast to coast, has its principal seat of influence now in the great modern Northwest.

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Vancouver's adoption of the Singletax principle as fully as any mere municipality can, more fully than any municipality of the United States outside of Oregon may, should turn Singletax attention toward that present Mecca of Singletax development in America. It is in furnishing so fully and in detail the necessary information from a Singletax viewpoint, and in a manner calculated to arouse general Singletax attention and interest, that The Single Tax Review makes its Vancouver number one well worth while to put into the hands of everybody with Singletax tendencies or possibilities. We trust that its 50,000 edition may be speedily exhausted; and this not alone for the sake of the publisher whose enterprise and service deserve that recognition, but also for the usefulness of the number and to encourage the magazine in the similar work it has projected for the future. Luther S. Dickey, the Review's investigator and reporter for the Vancouver number, has done his work admirably, with the object not so much of interesting outsiders with superficial facts and literary touches, as definitely, fully and accurately to inform. And in his work Mr. Dickey has evidently had the hearty co-operation of the editor and publisher, Joseph Dana Miller, who has handled the material with excellent editorial judgment.*

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Progress in Free Trade.

David Starr Jordan strikes the true note regarding Canadian reciprocity when in a letter of June 27th, published in the Chicago Examiner of July 22, he writes:

I am in favor of the reciprocity agreement with Canada. I believe in the removal of the barriers between nations which are not natural barriers. There is nothing whatever in the conditions in

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