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"CUT IT OUT.

When Mr. Arthur Withy was reading his statement of how the New Zealand working man is taxed from the cradle to the grave, the chairman of the Royal Commission said, "We do not wish you to go through the whole tariff." "No sir," replied Mr. Withy, "I can well understand that you wish me to cut it out. And I sympathize with you. But I want the Government to cut it out." (Laughter.) —*New Zealand Times*.

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New Zealand is not on a single tax basis, but is rapidly gravitating to a better and higher state of society, and using local taxation of land values to slide there.—Portland, (Oregon) *Labor Journal*.

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SINGLE TAX LEADERS OF NEW ZEALAND.

(See *Portraits*).

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P. J. O. REGAN.

Hon. P. J. O'Regan is one of the Single Tax leaders of New Zealand. Elected to the New Zealand Parliament at the early age of twenty-six he retained his seat for six years. He afterwards was twice defeated, and in 1899 entered upon the practice of law. He is well known to the radicals of the country by his writing and lecture work, and is an occasional contributor to the SINGLE TAX REVIEW.

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EDWARD WITHY.

Mr. Withy, one of the Vice-Presidents of the New Zealand Land Values League, was born at Bristol of Quaker stock in 1844, and was educated at the Friends' School, Sideup. As a lad he was apprenticed to Messrs. Richardson and Duck, Shipbuilders, Stockton-on-Tees, and soon rose to be manager of the yard. For some time he acted as inspector to the P. & O. Steamship Company, and travelled extensively in Eastern waters. Returning home in 1867, he married Miss Annie Treadgold, of Stockton-on-Tees, and founded the shipbuilding firm of Edward Withy and Company, at Middleton, West

Hartlepool, prospering well in the good times that followed the Franco-German War. About this time he took a trip to Australia for the benefit of his health with his wife and eldest son, and there conceived a liking for the Colonies which led him, when he sold out his interest in the shipyard in 1884, to take his wife and family out to Auckland, New Zealand, to settle there. For years Mr. Withy had been a Land Nationalist, a follower of Professor Alfred Russell Wallace, but on reading "Progress and Poverty" in the early eighties he became a disciple of the Prophet of San Francisco. He was a member of the New Zealand House of Representatives from 1870 to 1890, but did not stand for re-election at the general election in the latter year. In 1893 he again ran for Parliament, but mainly with the object of doing a stroke of propaganda work for the Single Tax, and, owing to the prominence that he gave to this plank of his platform, he failed to reach the top of the poll. For years he was Acting President of the Auckland Anti-Poverty Society, Sir George Grey being Honorary President. He was also for some time President of the National Single Tax League, and is still a Vice-President and member of the Executive of the New Zealand Land Values League, and a generous subscriber to its funds. Besides reproducing several of his lectures on the Single Tax in pamphlet form, and writing numerous letters to the Press, and an article, "Daylight on the Land Question," in the *Westminster Review*, Mr. Withy has written more ambitious pamphlets on the question, the best known of which is "Ground Rent, The True Source of Public Revenue: How to Secure It for this Purpose by Means of the Single Tax."

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WESLEY SPRAGG.

Mr. Spragg, one of New Zealand's foremost Single Tax stalwarts, was born at Madeley, Shropshire, England, in 1848, and was educated at Madeley Wood Wesleyan School. Came to New Zealand with parents and rest of family in 1864. "I was actually 'converted' to Single Tax" he says, "through reading Henry George's