

He removes to Kent, Ohio, and it is safe to assume that sooner or later there will be a growing sentiment in favor of single tax in that town.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Kamloops.—Mr. J. Dean, our well-known single tax worker here, is at present engaged in the performance of his duties as secretary of the Royal Commission appointed by the Government of Canada, to inquire into the effect of Chinese and Japanese labor in competition with white labor, in the province of British Columbia.

Workingmen in this province expect good results from the work of this commission, as the evidence goes to show that under present conditions in British Columbia the white man is handicapped in his struggle for a living, and that our Government must unlock the natural resources of this province and thus create opportunities for labor, or pass a prohibitive law against the stream of Oriental immigration that has been pouring into this province for the last ten years.

Single tax sentiment is growing steadily in this district. Our Provincial Government recently gave us an opportunity to discuss the question of taxation at a public meeting held in this city.

The Government introduced a measure in the Legislature for the purpose of raising the "head tax," or what is known here as the provincial revenue tax, from three to five dollars on all male citizens between the ages of 18 and 60. Public meetings were held in all the large centres of population to protest against this, but the Government, at the head of which is the Hon. James Dunsmuir, the largest individual land grabber in this province, owning, as he does, one-third of Vancouver Island, or about two million acres of land ignored the expressed wishes of the people in this matter and passed the law, in spite of the protests that were raised against it. But the day of reckoning is coming. Our legislators, who were instrumental in raising this tax, which falls mainly on the back of labor, also raised their own sessional indemnity from six to eight hundred dollars, a fact that will not be forgotten by the victims of this pernicious piece of legislation.

A branch of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress was recently formed in this city. The president, Mr. A. Thompson, and the Secretary, Mr. Joseph Magee, are both Single Taxers. The seventh clause in the platform of principles of this association reads as follows: "Tax reform by lessening taxation on industry and increasing it on land values." Our friends can be depended upon to keep this principle to the front in and out of season.

TAXES HARD TO REPEAL.

Some kind of taxes die hard. Once imposed they go on year after year, simply because money is wanted, and political econo-

mists do not know where to raise a new tax to replace the one abolished. For instance, the tax on doors and windows in France was voted in what is known in Republican circles as the year VII. It was a war tax, and intended to be temporary, but once imposed it has remained. Even in the city, which prides itself on being the "Light of the World," taxes are paid on doors and windows. Air and light are the two essentials for health. God gives them free, but people in France cannot enjoy them to the full without having to pay for them—without having to pay a door and window tax. A movement is in progress in the centre of France asking for the suppression of the tax on doors and windows.—Paris Messenger.

CLOSE TO UTOPIA.

One Swedish Town Where Taxes Are Unknown.

Orsa, in Sweden, seems to be the nearest thing to Utopia that can be found on earth at the present time, says the Chicago Record-Herald. The inhabitants of Orsa have in the course of a generation sold \$4,600,000 worth of trees, and, by means of judicious replanting, provided for a similar income every thirty or forty years. The money from the sale of trees has made it possible for the people of Orsa to get along without taxing themselves. Railways, telephones and schools are absolutely free. There are no monthly gas bills, and no semi-annual water rents to pay, and whenever the Orsaites think they need them they build city halls and court houses and such things without reaching into their pockets. Their trees do the business. Of course, it must be remembered that the people of Orsa have no collector's office to keep supplied with such funds as the collector and his friends may desire to make use of, and there are no elaborate spoils system for their mayors or their bosses to manipulate for the purpose of wiping out private political debts; but still, on the face of the returns there seems to be an indication that tree planting is a good thing.

WRIT SARCASTIC.

There is no office within the gift of the people to tempt me to give up the position I now hold.—THREE-CENT TOM JOHNSON.

There's virtue for you! Heroic, self-sacrificing Tom! The people have made him Mayor of Cleveland and he will not leave Cleveland in the lurch. He will do his best to make that town a single taxers' paradise, a three-cent Cockayne. To be sure, there is no prospect of his getting any other office within the gift of the people in the next two years. Thus he is seen to be a sage as well as a hero.—N. Y. Sun.