

THE most important campaign in the history of the movement in Eastern Canada is now progressing to a successful conclusion, with the hearty co-operation of the Single Taxers in Ontario.

In order to come in direct contact with our friends of the United States and enlist their interest in our advance, about 1,000 copies of the June *Square Deal* were mailed to these friends, resulting in financial and moral support.

By the time the September-October issue of the SINGLE TAX REVIEW goes to press, nearly 15,000 signatures will have been secured, petitioning the Toronto City Council to submit "The Municipal Tax Exemption Act, 1920 Amendment," to a vote of "electors qualified to vote on Money By-Laws."

Of the number 10,000 are "Owners," the necessary 10% of such, required by the Act and constitutes a mandate to the City Council to submit this question, at the coming civic election, January 1st, 1923.

As we have few friends in the Toronto City Hall, either on the Council or among the permanent officials, all signatures of "Owners" have been checked off by our workers, with the names found on the latest official "Voters' List" of Toronto.

A vigilance committee composed of A. W. Roebuck, C. Alderman Honeyford, as legal advisers, and several other stalwarts, has been appointed to follow the course of this petition, until it reaches the people at the polls.

The several favorable votes by the people, taken in other years, on similar questions, when we did not have the necessary legislation, together with the city-wide agitation against large and unreasonable increases of assessment on improvements, levied this year, makes it certain that the electors will endorse this legislation at the polls.

The petition is to be presented to the City Council on October 3rd, about a month before the time limit of the Act. W. A. Douglass, during the annual outing at Bala,

Muskoka, delivered a Labor Day sermon, and did not hide the Single Tax light under a bushel of words.

J. W. Bengough, who recently returned from an extended tour of the Northwest provinces, is well furnished with last minute information as to the Taxation of Land Values west of Ontario.

On Sept. 25th, J. A. Martin addressed the Council of New Ontario, on "The Municipal Scope of the Single Tax," much to the satisfaction of the citizens, who are carrying the burden of undeveloped sub-divisions, in the boundaries of this municipality, that contribute little to taxation.

The petition to be voted on provides as follows:

We, the undersigned, hereby petition the Council of the City of Toronto that, under and in accordance with the said Act as amended, there be duly submitted to the electors qualified to vote on money by-laws, at the next annual municipal election after the presentation to Council of this petition a by-law exempting from taxation for all purposes including school purposes for the first year in which the by-law takes effect 10 per cent. of the assessed value of improvements, income and business assessment, and from year to year thereafter an additional 10 per cent. of such assessed value until the whole of such assessed value is so exempted from taxation.