

ence in October, were discussed at length. This meeting was also representative of the larger body of Single Tax workers, nearly all of whom believe the movement to be very much alive.

With the exception of a few captious criticisms, the old time enthusiasm rang clear and strong in the interesting words of each speaker.

Some complaint is made because we are not impressing the rising generation. Are we not doing better? Have we not already converted the present generation? All, except the sheep, who follow their leaders, and the seekers after the loaves and fishes.

Again, it is said, "We have no political party." The Socialists and the Prohibitionists have political parties; yet what is their influence on political issues compared with ours? Not long ago England had no political party that took up this issue; but the schoolmaster was abroad, and when the people understood, and demanded this reform, the Liberal Party came into power pledged to carry out in some measure the wishes of the voters.

Sooner than we dream some party in this country will voice the public opinion now being created by our united and individual efforts.

True, the old time moral enthusiasm is wanting at our public meetings, because our speakers dwell chiefly upon the practical side of the subject. It was the white heat born of that holy enthusiasm that germinated the seeds of truth, scattered them round the entire world, filling all lands, and this practical discussion is now indicative of a coming harvest. When any reform is about to enter and influence practical affairs its advocates are forced to talk about its practical effects.

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CANADA.

ALDERMAN BENGOUGH WINNING RECRUITS TO THE EXEMPTION MEASURE IN THE TORONTO CITY COUNCIL—BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT COLER'S CITY BULLETIN MAY FIND AN IMITATOR IN TORONTO.

Things have been rather quiet with the Toronto Association lately, but we would assure our friends that we are still "doing business at the same old stand," and are looking forward to a period of greater activity in the near future.

Ald Bengough is soon to move in the City Council that the Council apply to the Legislature for power to pass a measure exempting dwelling houses from taxation to the extent of \$700 of their assessed value, the measure to be submitted to a referendum vote of the property owners of the city before becoming law. Several members of the City Council, who have opposed the

measure in its original form, have expressed willingness to support it if this last clause is added, and we feel confident that a majority of the property owners of the city would vote in favor of the exemption.

There is a strong sentiment in favor of public ownership of public utilities taking hold of the people of Canada. A central and five branch Public Ownership Leagues have been organized in Toronto already, and the central body, at their organization meeting, passed a resolution in favor of the initiative and referendum as far as public utilities are concerned.

A club was organized in Toronto on April 2d, the object of which is to get people who are interested in various progressive movements, to come together and exchange their views. The plan has been to have a dinner every Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock, at which an address would be given on some subject of interest, by some representative speaker, followed by three-minute speeches by any person wishing to take part. One or two solos have also been a feature of each meeting. The plan has been very successful, a membership of about a hundred having been built up in the three months the club has been in existence, not a few of whom are ladies. It is called "The Progressive Club," and, while in no sense a Single Tax organization, its membership includes quite a number of Single Taxers. We therefore regard it as a valuable medium through which to get our views before a thoughtful class of people.

The need of giving greater attention to the circulation of economic literature is being realized here, and it is the writer's purpose to submit to the Single Taxers of Canada a plan for carrying on such work somewhat on the lines followed by the Brooklyn Borough President. We believe there are great possibilities in that method of propaganda, if carried on in the right way.

D. B. WALLING,
Secretary.

Hon. George M. Fowlds, of Auckland, New Zealand, sends us the following clipping from a local paper:

"A record compiled by Mr. H. G. Ell, M. H. R., shows that since the introduction of the system of rating on unimproved lands polls have been demanded in 28 districts, with a view to adopting the system, the following being the results: Counties, 20 won, none lost; total 20. Road districts, 10 won, two lost; total 12. Town districts, two lost; total two. Cities and boroughs, 88 won, 10 lost; total 48. Grand totals, 70 won, 12 lost; total 82."

"In two places," writes Mr. Fowlds, "a vote was taken to reverse the system, but in each case it was upheld by a greater vote than had in the first instance resulted in its adoption."