

FOREWORD

THE purpose of this abridgement is to aid the Propaganda now in progress for a reform in our land-tenure in line with the ideas of Henry George: as promulgated in his great book, "Progress and Poverty," a reform generally known as "The Single Tax." To this end the parts of the work upon the ownership of natural resources, and kindred topics, are given nearly in full, the metaphysical parts, on the other hand, being given only with sufficient completeness to induce those readers who are interested in the *philosophy* of progress to have recourse to the original for themselves.

Our author shows clearly that land is *naturally* common property and that the failure to see this and to adjust our system of political economy to its truth is the supreme cause of poverty with all the suffering and degradation that poverty entails.

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"Slowly comes a hungry people;
as a lion creeping nigher
Glares at one that nods and winks behind a slowly-dying
fire."

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