

## Organization for Action to Feature Toronto Convention

PLANS are now complete for the Thirteenth Annual Henry George Congress to be held in Toronto, September 7, 8 and 9, and the officers of the Single Tax Association of Canada are working actively in cooperation with the officers and directors of the Henry George Foundation and the Tax Relief Association to the end that the first Henry George Congress held on Canadian soil may be one of the best conventions yet held.

Organization for action will be one of the principal themes under discussion at this year's gathering, with special emphasis on the recommendation that Single Taxers concentrate their efforts on a particular state for intensive campaign. The newly organized Tax Relief Association, with A. Laurence Smith of Detroit, as President and Colonel Victor A. Rule as Executive Secretary, has arranged to meet in joint session for its first official gathering with the Henry George Foundation. The programme on Wednesday, September 7, will be largely devoted to business and discussions of the Tax Relief Association, while Thursday and Friday, September 8 and 9, will be devoted to the Henry George Congress proper.

The convention will be opened by J. H. L. Patterson, President of the Single Tax Association of Canada, followed by an address of welcome by the Mayor of Toronto. Among the more prominent speakers who will address the convention are: Hon. A. W. Roebuck, K.C., former Attorney General of Ontario; Hon. Peter Witt of Cleveland; Harold S. Buttenheim, Editor of *The American City*, of New York; Mrs. Anna George deMille, New York; Frank Chodorov, Executive Director, and John Lawrence Monroe, Field Secretary of the Henry George School of Social Science; Charles H. Ingersoll, President, Manhattan Single Tax Club; Hon. R. J. Deachman, Member of Parliament, of Ottawa, Canada; Col. Victor A. Rule, Chicago; Clayton J. Ewing, Chicago, and Carl D. Smith, Pittsburgh, Vice-Presidents of the Henry George Foundation; David Gibson, Cleveland newspaper publisher; Mrs. Antoinette Wambaugh, Executive Secretary of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation; and Congressman Charles R. Eckert of Beaver, Pa.

Herbert T. Owens is Secretary of the Toronto Convention Committee, which is perfecting plans for the entertainment of American and Canadian delegates, and Alan C. Thompson is Treasurer of the Canadian association. Hon. George E. Evans of Pittsburgh will, as President of the Henry George Foundation, direct the business session of the Henry George Congress, assisted by Executive Secretary Percy R. Williams.

The Canadian National Exhibition, known as the World's Largest National Exposition, celebrates this year its

diamond jubilee, and will be open during the sessions of the Henry George Congress. Its beautifully landscaped grounds are a veritable parkland, 350 acres in extent with a waterfront of one and one-half miles. Among its many stately permanent buildings is the world's largest exhibition building, including under one roof an area of 24½ acres. The exhibition represents an investment in land and buildings of 21 million dollars, and the exhibits are international in character.

The congress sessions will be held in the Royal York Hotel, which, with its 1,200 rooms, is the largest hotel in the British Empire. Located in the heart of downtown Toronto, it commands a magnificent view of Lake Ontario and the waterfront. All meeting and dining rooms are air-conditioned. Special convention rates have been arranged from \$3.00 per day up. A number of Single Taxers are planning their vacation this year so as to include the early part of September and permit them to participate in the Toronto convention, and for the first time the Dominion of Canada will be very largely represented in the attendance, and a considerable part of the programme will be devoted to reports from active workers in various sections of Canada and to addresses by prominent Canadian officials and Single Tax leaders.

The following is the final draft of the joint convention programme:

### THIRTEENTH ANNUAL HENRY GEORGE CONGRESS

TORONTO, CANADA

SEPTEMBER 7, 8 AND 9, 1938

WEDNESDAY

MORNING SESSION

9:00 Registration.

Chairman: J. H. L. Patterson, President, Single Tax Association of Canada.

10:00 Address of Welcome: Representative of City.  
Reply: Hon. George E. Evans, President, Henry George Foundation of America.

A. Laurence Smith, President, Tax Relief Association, I Appointment of Convention Committees.

Know One Another: Conducted by Lt. Col. Victor A. Rule, Chicago, Ill.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Tax Relief Association Programme.

Chairman: A. Laurence Smith, President.

2:00 Why Have a National Programme?—Gilbert M. Tuel, Albany, N. Y.

Discussion.

Is the Time Ripe for Action?—A. Laurence Smith, Detroit, Mich.  
Discussion.

Working Together for Success—Anna George deMille, New York.

EVENING SESSION

8:00 Theme: The Unshackling of Business.

Chairman: John Anderson, Montreal, late Vice-President, Standard Brands, Ltd.

Address: Why Single Tax should appeal to business—Chas. H. Ingersoll, President, Manhattan Single Tax Club. (30 min.)  
 Address: R. J. Deachman, M.P. for North Huron, Ontario. (30 min.)

Discussion.

THURSDAY

MORNING SESSION

10:00 Chairman: J. H. L. Patterson, President, Single Tax Association of Canada.

Address: A World Survey—Miss Margaret E. Bateman, Montreal. (30 min.)

Address: Why Handicap Housing by Unwise Taxation?—Harold S. Buttenheim, Editor, *The American City*. (30 min.)

Discussion.

2:30 Luncheon Session.

Luncheon for Trustees and Advisory Commission of the Henry George Foundation of America.

Luncheon for Canadian delegates.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 Chairman: Mrs. Anna George deMille, President, Henry George School of Social Science.

Address: Purpose and Method of the Henry George School of Social Science—Frank Chodorov, Director. (30 min.)

Address: Progress of Extensions—John Lawrence Monroe, Field Director. (30 min.)

Canadian Extensions: Earnest J. Farmer, Vice-President, Single Tax Association of Canada. (30 min.)

Report of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation: Mrs. Antoinette Wambough, Executive Secretary. (30 min.)

Discussion.

EVENING SESSION

Theme: The Simplification of Government Through the Single Tax.

8:00 Chairman: W. C. Good, President, Co-operative Union of Canada.

Address: The Canadian Taxation Situation—A. C. Campbell, Ottawa, Ont. (30 min.)

Address: A. Laurence Smith.

Discussion.

FRIDAY

MORNING SESSION

10:00 Chairman: Clayton J. Ewing, Vice-President, Henry George Foundation.

Report of Committee on National Organization: A. Laurence Smith, Detroit, Mich.

Discussion.

Address: The Value of Political Contacts, Dr. Mark Millikin, Hamilton, Ohio. (30 min.)

Report of Resolutions Committee.

Discussion.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 Theme: How to Interest Business Men in the Georgeist Solution.

Chairman: Alan C. Thompson, Toronto.

Speakers: David Gibson, Cleveland, Ohio. (30 min.)

Carl D. Smith, Pittsburgh, Pa., Vice-President, Henry George Foundation. (30 min.)

Discussion.

EVENING SESSION

7:00 Banquet.

Chairman: J. H. L. Patterson, President, Single Tax Association of Canada.

Address: Hon. Peter Witt, Cleveland, Ohio. (30 min.)  
 Music.

Address: Orderly Progress, Hon. A. W. Roebuck, K.C., member for Bellwoods in the Ontario Legislature; former Attorney General for Ontario and member of Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario. (30 min.)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

2:00 Tour as guests of the City of Toronto.

REGISTRATION \$2.00

BANQUET \$2.50

## The California Campaign

THE fight in California is on again. The several county clerks have so far filed with the Secretary of State their certificates showing that 185,867 out of the necessary 186,378 of registered voters had petitioned for the submission of our amendment. In addition there are on the way to the Secretary's office certificates from three more clerks which will carry the number from 1,500 to 2,000 over the required number.

This result has been obtained after a most vicious and unprincipled campaign to prevent the submission. Circulators have been interfered with, bribed, cajoled and threatened with loss of occupation and even personal violence. Suits have been filed in court. The radio and the newspapers have been utilized to the fullest to dissuade persons from signing. Wherever in many places circulators have visited, their footsteps have been followed and people who had signed solicited to withdraw their signatures under all kinds of misrepresentations. In doing all this it can be estimated conservatively that not less than \$50,000 has been spent.

Of course this has delayed us, and even the weather had an important adverse effect. Also it has cost us additional money and much anxiety. Nevertheless my impression is that the net result will not be unfavorable to us, and this conduct will react to our benefit. Counting upon success in the attempt to keep the measure off the ballot, the adverse campaign has been slowed up so that everything to be done must be compressed within about three months and a half.

The raising of money and the conduct of the campaign on the part of the other side seems to be centered in the Chambers of Commerce, whose strings are pulled by the Real Estate Boards. An important aid to the opposition is the Parent-Teachers organization which has fallen into the hands of a reactionary group, using it under the pretense that our measure will cripple the schools. Of course it does nothing of the kind, transferring the load of what we call taxation from the shoulders of the im-