

and gained the sincere interest of Mr. Hoffman in the principles of Henry George. A copy of "Progress and Poverty" with letter was sent to Mr. Hofiman at the suggestion of Mr. Chandler, who said that Governor Hoffman would read it and then have a further talk on the subject.

A fine letter—one of the best we have read—was prepared by Miss Mona McMahon of New Orleans and sent by the Foundation office with a copy of "Progress and Poverty" to Miss Dorothy Thompson.

Kathleen Norris walked into the office at noon one day last month. She is a stately, impressive woman, and she came quickly to the point. Having given some of her Single Tax pamphlets to a young man in a train who seemed interested in them, she desired more pamphlets for distribution and study. We supplied the needed assortment, the while listening to her plans for a book to be written after her present commitments with publishers have been completed. Her thought was to show the evil of certain forms of land-holding in a former generation, and trace the influence that that oppression had upon descendants, the theme to be presented in the form of a conventional "romantic" novel. Mrs. Norris expressed her faith in the growth of the movement, her delight in the work of the School and the Foundation, and she felt that the times were ripe for a nation-wide major movement. Mrs. Norris chatted about the splendid work that Jackson Ralston is doing in California. She sailed the next day for an extended cruise, but promised to come back when she is once more in New York, for literature and news.

Readers of LAND AND FREEDOM will be happy to know that a new American printing of three of Henry George's famous speeches will be off the press this week. If the demand is encouraging, three additional speeches will be published in the fall. We have been obtaining large supplies from Mr. Madsen of the English offices—Henry George Foundation of Great Britain—but it has been found necessary in order to supply the insistent demand for these speeches in lots of two hundred and three hundred at a time to print them in this country to obtain maximum and quick distribution. Two thousand copies of "Thy Kingdom Come", 2,000 copies of "The Study of Political Economy", and 2,000 copies of "The Crime of Poverty" are now ready at 5 cents per copy, or 100 for \$3.

The president reported that by arrangement with the Foundation, Professor George R. Geiger was encouraged to write a Manual for his book, "The Philosophy of Henry George". When finished it was turned over to the Henry George School to be used for the conduct of their new classes in "The Philosophy".

A recent letter from Prof. J. ——— reads as follows:

"I have noticed that you published at very reasonable rates, some years ago, various works of Henry George.

I am going to give a course here next year in which

we will make a fairly detailed study of this thinker. Is there any such thing from your press as the collected works of Henry George? I would like to know where I might secure such a set, and would appreciate it if you would let me know what you publish, and what the prices are."

After suitable answer was made and sample copies of "Progress and Poverty," and the Teacher's Manual for that book, published by the School, were sent to Prof. J. ——— it occurred to us that similar information might be desired by every history and economics teacher in the colleges and universities of the nation. Accordingly a letter was sent to some 1,500 teachers. Among the replies received is the following from Prof. M.—— Colorado State College:

"I have your recent favor in which reference is made to a special study of the work of Henry George. From time to time we have made use of some of the literature published by your organization, and I am pleased to report that our students have taken a very direct interest in these publications. . . . We shall be interested in continuing our contact with your office during the summer months, and will be glad to consider the purchase of some further material for our classes next autumn. Assuring you of our interest in the work you are doing, I remain,
Prof. of Economics, Sociology and History."

ANTOINETTE K. WAMBOUGH.

Toronto to Entertain Annual Henry George Congress

FOR the first time since the organization of the Henry George Foundation in 1926, the annual Henry George Congress will be held on Canadian soil. For several years Canadian Single Taxers under the leadership of Alan Thompson, who has been a prominent figure at conventions, have been urging Toronto as an appropriate place for Single Taxers to gather, and in view of the attractions offered by Toronto and the recent expansion of activities in Canada, it was unanimously agreed that the invitation should be accepted this year.

Toronto has attained a reputation as a great convention city and because of its advantageous location, usually has record-attendance conventions. By rail it is only 11½ hours from New York City, 11½ hours from Chicago, and 14 hours from Philadelphia, Washington and Cincinnati. It is also very conveniently reached by water or by automobile.

Because the trip to Toronto will make a very desirable vacation journey for delegates, and weather conditions will likely be ideal at that time, the convention committee has decided in favor of an early convention and has chosen the dates of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 7, 8 and 9, in anticipation of a large attendance both from the United States and Canada.

For the first time the Congress will be a joint gathering

of Canadian and American Single Taxers, and several prominent speakers representing the Dominion will participate in the programme. While the committee is still at work and has not yet completed arrangements, the following tentative programme, which is subject to possible modifications or additions, will give an idea of the scope of the discussions and the calibre of the speakers who have been invited to address this year's gathering.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL HENRY GEORGE CONGRESS

TORONTO, CANADA

SEPTEMBER 7, 8 AND 9, 1938

WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 Registration.
Chairman: J. H. L. Patterson, President, Single Tax Association of Canada.
- 10:00 Address of Welcome—Mayor of Toronto.
- 10:15 George E. Evans, President of Henry George Foundation of U. S. A.
- 10:30 A World Survey—Miss Margaret E. Bateman, Montreal.
- 11:00 Appointment of Convention Committees.
- 12:30 Luncheon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 2:00 Chairman: Anna George deMille, President, Henry George School of Social Science.
Progress Report Henry George School of Social Science.
- 2:30 The Parent School—Frank Chodorov, Director.
- 3:00 Extension Department—John Lawrence Monroe, Field Director.
Canadian Extension—Ernest J. Farmer.
- 3:50 Discussion.

EVENING SESSION

- Theme: The Unshackling of Business.
Chairman: John Anderson, Montreal, late Vice-President, Standard Brands, Limited.
- 8:00 Chairman's Remarks.
- 8:15 Why Single Tax Should Appeal to Business—Charles H. Ingersoll, President, Manhattan Single Tax Club, New York.
- 8:45 Music.
- 9:00 International Trade—R. J. Deachman, M. P., Ottawa, Ontario.
- 9:30 Discussion.

THURSDAY

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00 The Disastrous Results of Taxing Buildings—Harold S. Battenheim, Editor *The American City*.
- 10:40 Slum Clearance and Housing in Canada—Hon. Norman M. Rogers, Ottawa, Canada, Minister of Labor.
Discussion.

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 12:30 Luncheon for Trustees and Advisory Commission of the Henry George Foundation.
Chairman: A. C. Thompson, Toronto, Ontario.
- 2:00 Conference on: How to Interest Businessmen.
(a) A. Laurence Smith, Detroit.
(b) Percy R. Williams, Pittsburgh.
- 2:40 Discussion.

EVENING SESSION

Theme: The Simplification of Government by the Single Tax.

- Chairman: A. C. Campbell, Ottawa, Ontario.
- 8:15 Harry Gunnison Brown, Professor of Economics, University of Missouri.
- 8:45 Music.
- 9:00 Discussion.

FRIDAY

MORNING SESSION

- Chairman: Clayton J. Ewing, Chicago.
- 10:15 Report of Committee on Organization—Col. Victor A. Rule.
Discussion.
Report of Resolutions Committee.
Discussion.

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 2:00 Trip Through the Island Lagoon.

EVENING SESSION

- Theme: Single Tax, the Key to Employment and Comfort.
- 7:00 Banquet.
Chairman: J. H. L. Patterson, President, Single Tax Association of Canada.
Address: Hon. Peter Witt, Cleveland, Ohio.
Music.
Address: Hon. A. W. Roebuck, K. C., ex-Attorney-General of Toronto.

Local Land Value Rating in Sydney

IN the September-October issue of LAND AND FREEDOM, there appeared an article by our good friend, Fred Cyrus Leubuscher, in which he referred to taxation of land values in Australia and New Zealand as follows: "In a small way the plan is being tried in Sydney, Australia, and in New Zealand, but cannot have lasting results until at least building and improvement taxes are entirely repealed." This has resulted in a series of letters between Mr. Leubuscher and Mr. A. G. Huie, editor of the *Sydney Standard* and representing the Henry George League of Sydney, N. S. W. The letters contain valuable statistics covering twenty-three cities in New South Wales, which are too extended to print, but which we have placed on file. They cover such items as population—land values (capital) rates levied, reductions and increases, and also some industrial figures showing the nature of manufacturing.

Mr. Huie states that since 1907 in thirty cities outside of Sydney all local taxation has been on unimproved land values only and that Sydney has collected her local revenues in the same way since 1916. There are, however, certain exemptions such as government lands, school lands and property of religious bodies, and "these have increased all too rapidly." They now amount to 15 per cent of the total and the ordinary ratepayers are "overrated" to make up the difference. With this exception it would look as if New South Wales has, for local purposes, the straight Single Tax. However, the levy is on a capitalized or selling price basis, and whether the whole ground rent is taken or whether all improve-