

that the world's troubles are economic and realizing that there has been too much generalizing and not enough study of facts, it is hoped that support will be found, making possible the conducting of a survey in some state where conditions are most favorable for a tryout of this Plan. . . .

"The association is organized for study and research and under no circumstances is it to take part in political discussions. It will make its researches and get the facts and then allow business men, industrialists, statesmen and labor leaders, to draw their conclusions."

The price of the booklet is fifteen cents, and it may be obtained from the Ben. Franklin Research Society, 511 Gravier Street, New Orleans, La.

Canada

A NEW NAME—At the annual meeting of the Single Tax Association of Canada, on March 30, it was decided to change the name of that body to the Henry George Society. This is the Society's third name during a career of sixty years. The first name was the Anti-Poverty Society. During its long career, it has accomplished important work in furthering the Georgeist cause in Canada. Several years ago, when a land grant of 10,000,000 acres to the Grand Trunk Railway was proposed for the building of a road, the Society urged the Government to build the road as a national undertaking, using the resulting rise in land values to pay its way. As a result, the land grant was refused, and instead the land was rented out to the Grand Trunk. One of the latest activities of the Society was in procuring one hundred French translations of "Progress and Poverty," and sending one to each member of the Quebec Legislature.

PROTESTING SPECULATION—Several Georgeist groups in Canada have adopted resolutions condemning the practice of speculating in timber during the present emergency situation. The particular cause of protest was the recent sale of a Vancouver Island timber limit for \$2,000,000.

THE FAME OF MILK RIVER—J. B. Ellert, Georgeist leader of Milk River, which is operated on the Single Tax principle, reports that it is working so well that neighboring towns in Southern Alberta are investigating the system. Two towns have invited the Milk River Councilmen to explain the application of the reform. One of the towns is Picture Butte, which possesses the largest sugar factory in western Canada. This town is planning to adopt the system.

GEORGEIST ELECTED—Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, active Canadian Georgeist, was elected, on March 26, to the House of Commons for Toronto-Trinity, with a majority of about 3,500 votes. Mr. Roebuck is Honorary President of the Henry George Society.

Great Britain

ANOTHER VICTORIOUS GEORGEIST—In a by-election held April 17, F. C. R. Douglas, Georgeist leader of London, was elected Member of Parliament, for North Battersea, on the Labor Party ticket. Mr. Douglas had been Mayor of Battersea, and member of the London County Council.

The vacancy in Parliament had been created by the retirement of William S. Sanders, also a Labor M.P., who was a Fabian Socialist. Mr. Douglas received the support of Hon. Herbert Morrison, M.P., leader of the L. C. C., and the unstinted support of the North Battersea Labor Party. The competing candidate was E. Joyce, who put forward an anti-war front, under the apparent inspiration of the Communist Party. Previous experience with Communist Members from Battersea, such as Saklatvala and Strauss, doubtlessly convinced the electors that the experience should not be repeated.

Mr. Douglas was born in Canada and raised in Scotland. He has been long active in the Georgeist cause and is the author of several books and pamphlets. He is the Assistant Editor of *Land and Liberty*. At the Henry George Centenary, which he attended, Americans were favorably impressed by his cogent talks and dignified appearance. In Battersea and in the L. C. C., he has been active in many progressive reforms, and has introduced Rating Reform Bills.

P. F. T. INVADERS PARLIAMENT—The Henry George Foundation presented Members of Parliament and candidates with complimentary copies of Henry George's "Protection or Free Trade." The gift also included the pamphlet "The Real Meaning of Free Trade," and extracts from Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speeches, wherein he declared that "there can be no lasting peace unless there is a full and constant flow of trade between the nations concerned." Many of the M.P.'s and candidates replied, acknowledging the gift, and endorsing George's views. Following are some of their remarks, as quoted in *Land and Liberty*:

From a Conservative M.P.: "I desire most cordially to thank you for that book. I have read the original edition and have a very large measure of agreement. You can count me in general a supporter."

From a Liberal Candidate: "I read George's 'Protection or Free Trade' many years ago. I know of no better presentation of the Free Trade case and I will read it again."

From a Labor Candidate: "I sincerely hope that we may be able to secure economic sanity and truth after this mad war is over. Anything which can be done to extend the knowledge of and truth about economic problems is well worth doing, and it is tragically true that a continuance of national economic systems based on a false idea of national sufficiency and the domination of selfish economic groups will always lead to recurring wars."