

Maine

THE Secretary of State informs me that figures as to our vote in the State will not be forthcoming until the returns have been canvassed by the Governor and Council, which will be about Nov. 30. We have not unofficial figures for this part of the State except Androscoggin County, containing about one-tenth of the population, where our vote was 119. I do not look for the same ratio throughout the State which if kept up would give us a vote of over 1,000.

From reports I judge that very many ballots were spoiled owing to voters marking an X on the Republican or Democratic and an X in the Single Tax column, the voters being apparently under the impression that the Single Tax was up for referendum.

Maine is so sparsely populated that with the resources at hand much of a campaign was not feasible, but we are well satisfied with our efforts despite the small vote, for the cause has received much publicity. A. W. PLUMMER

Delaware

THE vote in this State was negligible, so far as can be ascertained at this writing. But the campaign gave us an opportunity to appeal to persons who would not otherwise have given the Single Tax the same attention. We held but one meeting, but we gave away quite a number of platforms and other literature. At this meeting Mr. Macauley made a splendid speech.

The old parties still hold their grip upon the people, and it will be difficult to dislodge them. It is instructive to note that the so-called Single Tax colony of Arden cast 4 Single Tax votes and 30 Socialist votes. One prominent Single Taxer did not vote.

Mr. Samuel Melville, one of our presidential electors, is 83 years old, and is a member of the Dover Jail Club. It will be recalled that in the early days of the movement a campaign for the Single Tax was waged in Delaware, and a number of our speakers were imprisoned in the Dover jail. Mr. Melville works every day, takes care of an invalid wife, and has never relinquished his enthusiasm for the cause.

Mr. James R. Brown addressed the Kiwanis Club at its weekly meeting at the Hotel DuPont. The afternoon papers gave a splendid account of the lecture with large headlines. The Club is composed of local business men and meets once a week. LOUIS KRAMER.

The Single Tax Vote--Summary

FROM the very fragmentary returns of the Single Tax vote so far vouchsafed us by the authorities there is little to enthuse over. But on the other hand, there is little cause for depression. We appear to have cast not a few significant votes in certain localities. The vote cast for John Cairns in South Manchester, Connecticut, of 897 may be in part a gratifying testimonial to the man, but Mr. Cairns made an active canvass for the Single Tax, and told his hearers that the greatest hope of his life was to be

elected the first Single Tax representative in the Connecticut legislature. This ambition would seem in a fair way of being gratified at some future election when the question which we are endeavoring to popularize may be considered on its merits.

In the little city of Plainfield, N. J., where no canvass for Macauley was made and no literature circulated, we have cast a vote of 118, and we know of but one Single Taxer in the town.

In Massachusetts where we were not on the ballot there were voters who insisted on voting the Single Tax ticket, and four voters in the little town of Sandwich wrote in the names of Single Tax Presidential electors.

In Ohio one Single Tax candidate for the judiciary, George Cook, has received the surprising vote of 9,144, against a vote for his Democratic opponent of 5,840. This vote was cast in the county where Cleveland is situated. G. D. Hersey, candidate for the judiciary in the county where Youngstown is located, received a vote of 3,714, and Joseph W. Gottlieb, standing for Chief Justice, receives 2,980 votes. It is to be remembered that the ballot for the judiciary in Ohio is non-partisan, but as these men were attacked as Single Taxers in the press of Ohio the voters were under no misapprehension, and the vote is clearly a Single Tax vote. It would seem that the voter had no hesitation in voting for Single Tax candidates where he was not asked to relinquish his desire to do as much harm to the Democratic ticket as possible.

Nothing can be given at time of going to press of the New York votes, which are still being counted, and will not be forthcoming in several weeks.

The same is true of the vote in other States. In Chicago Macauley received 600 votes. In Cuyahoga County, Ohio, in which Cleveland is located, our presidential ticket received 817 votes. Peter Witt, Edmund Vance Cook, H. P. Boynton, H. M. Holmes, and a good many of the old line Single Taxers cast their votes for Debs.

Ontario

AT the annual meeting of the Single Tax Association of Ontario, recently held in Toronto, a strong executive committee was elected, with J. B. Watson, President and D. B. Jacques, Secretary-Treasurer.

Many plans were devised to make the "Municipal Tax Exemption Act" apply to Toronto, and to this end petitions to the City Council were prepared to be signed by the citizens, so that the influence of these may induce the civic authorities to send a by-law to the ratepayers on January 1st, 1921.

In addition to this work much literature has been prepared and distributed, showing the effect of the proposed reduction of 25% of the assessed value of improvements, business and income.

A noticeable feature of the campaign is the number of letters our citizens are sending to the papers, in which the arguments of our opponents are being effectively answered.