

GLASGOW ELECTION.

The recent municipal elections in the city of Glasgow, Scotland, resulted in the election of 40 candidates who are pledged to the single tax on land values. There are 77 aldermen, two of whom are appointed by the council. As will be seen the single tax candidates have a clear majority of 23. Mr. John Paul, writing to Henry George, says, "everybody admits it was a single tax victory. Three years ago there were not a dozen reliable men in council favorable to the single tax. He continues "Thus, to the single tax." He continues, "Thus we have converted to the single tax, the second city of the empire;" and from this citadel we can talk to the rest of the country. We feel absolutely sure of our ground, for our question has become the great public question here. A petition will now be presented to Parliament, asking for power to raise the revenue of the city by the taxation of land values only.

Hon. Jas. G. McGuire, present representative in Congress, from San Francisco, was again elected for his district by a popular verdict.

Judge McGuire is perhaps the most popular and respected man in California, and his statesmanlike conduct in Congress has endeared him to thousands everywhere. His work for the single tax is recognized wherever the English language is spoken.

Mr. Thomas Cooper writing to The National Single Taxer, says: "The Parliament of New South Wales, meeting in September, has passed a very important measure, which permits municipal local option in matters of taxation. The Province of Ontario! Oh! how slow it is to adopt any progressive legislation.

When a man remarks after a fifteen minutes' "single tax" address, "I have listened to what has been said and I cannot see anything in the theory," or, "I have heard several single tax men try to explain how it would abolish poverty, but they have failed to make it clear to me," it is time to inform that man that after a three years' university term with our best professors teaching political economy some of the students get plucked. The single tax theory and political economy are the same thing. To understand single tax is to understand political economy. What professors of political economy have failed to impart to students in three years, surely single taxers can be excused if they fail to make the single tax clear to a man in a fifteen minutes' discourse.

Would it not be better to give the unemployed the unused land on which to raise food, rather than half starve them with charity? Idle land always means idle men.—G.W.

Glasgow, "the second city of the Empire," has just done what no other city in the world has yet been able to accomplish. It has secured in the recent municipal elections for aldermen, forty-seven successful candidates out of a total of seventy-seven necessary to elect, who are pledged to vote and support in council the abolition of all taxes on the products of industry and the substitution of a single tax on land values only.

The campaign from the beginning to the close was an aggressive one. The main issue was the Single Tax, and the victory was won on that ground. The Single Taxers in the Council have a clear majority of twenty-three over all. The first step necessary to adopt the above program will be to secure the required power from Parliament, which will be done without delay. The probable result of this demand is difficult to foretell, for the House of Lords usually manage to stave off any reforms that interfere with their "interests."

Mr. Edward McHugh, of Birkenhead, England, who is in New York for the purpose of organizing a union among the longshoremen, addressed the Manhattan Club the other night, in which he related an incident of Mr. George's visit to England some years ago. Rev. Sam Small, a former partner of the Rev. Sam Jones, well known in this vicinity, wrote a book on "Land Nationalization." The friends of Mr. George drew his attention to it and urged him to make a public reply. Mr. George agreed, and at a large public meeting, held in Liverpool, made it the subject of an address. Sam Small and his work failed badly at the hands of Mr. George, and at the close of the address there was little of the left—that is, Mr. George's hands. But it was observed that the audience Mr. George faced was particularly cold and unappreciative as he mounted the lecture platform, and no one but the chairman accompanied him. When he had finished his speech it took the audience just one hour and thirty minutes to get through shaking hands with the speaker.



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