

Mulhall puts the matter in this way (a):—

Land Owners	Acres Owned	Average
34	6,211,000	183,000
841	3,156,000	3,760
179,649	60,912,000	336

And he compares the average holdings in the United Kingdom and France this way.

	Land Owners	Average Holdings in acres	Percentage of Ownership to Population
United Kingdom.....	180,000	390	0.5
France.....	3,226.00	32	9.

Mr. Lloyd George, in the House of Commons (2 April, 1912) speaking of the amounts realized by the death duties for the preceding year, said:

"The total property passing at death was £270,000,000. Half of the property belonged to 970 persons..... Three-fourths of the property that passed last year belonged to persons who owned £5,000 and over. The number of those persons last year was over 7,000" (b).

In other words, in one year 970 persons died worth an average of nearly \$700,000. That happens every year. How many are there of them?

Dr. Spahr estimating for the year 1891, and including in his figures all kinds of property, said (c):—

"If we sum up, therefore, the results of our enquiry, we find that less than 2 per cent. of the families of the United Kingdom hold about three times as much private property as all the remainder; and that 93 per cent. of the people hold less than 8 per cent. of the accumulated wealth."

As to incomes he said:

"In brief, about 1 per cent. of those having incomes receive over 35 per cent of the national income, while about 10 per cent. receive half as much again as the remaining 90" (d).

(a) Dic. of Statistics, 1886, pp. 266,7. Mulhall does not include cottiers, or persons owning less than 5 acres.

(b) Hans., p. 1061.

(c) The Present Distribution of Wealth in the United States, p. 23.

(d) Quoted in *The Encyclopedia of Social Reforms*, p. 1389.