

**RICHARD CORDEN:—**

"I warn ministers, and I warn landowners and the aristocracy of this country, against forcing on the attention of the middle and industrial classes, the subject of taxation. For great as I believe the grievance of the protective system, mightily as I consider the fraud and injustice of the Corn Laws, I verily believe, if you were to bring forward the history of taxation in this country for the last 150 years, you will find as black a record against the landowners as even in the Corn Law itself. I warn them against ripping up the subject of taxation. If they want another league at the death of this one—if they want another Organisation and a motive—then let them force the middle and industrial classes to understand how they have been cheated, robbed, and bamboozled."

**ALFRED RUSSEL WALLACE ('Malay Archipelago,' 1868):—**

"We permit absolute possession of the soil of our country with no legal rights of existence on the soil to the vast majority who do not possess it. A great landholder may legally convert his whole property into a forest or hunting ground, and expel every human being who has hitherto lived upon it. In a thickly populated country like England, where almost every acre has its owner and occupier, this is a power of legally destroying his fellow-creatures; and that such a power should exist, and be exercised by individuals, in however small a degree, indicates that as regards true social science, we are still in a state of barbarism."

**THE PEOPLES NEED TO MONOPOLY**

"The assessment laws of Ontario specially favors monopoly and the monopoly of mineral resources. According to the Act, all mineral lands are valued and estimated at the same value as other lands in the neighborhood used for agricultural purposes. Why are not our mines developed? Because a few men are allowed to own who will not develop them, nor permit others to, until the 'owners' are paid a monopoly price for the privilege. Put a Single Tax on, then note the result."

**LORD COLERIDGE:—**

"I should myself deny that the mineral treasures under the soil of a country belong to a handful of surface proprietors in the sense that this gentleman appeared to think, they did (*i.e.*, to do with as he pleased)."

**General FRANCIS WALKER ('First Lessons in Political Economy'):—**

"It certainly is true that any increase in the rental value or selling value of land is due, not to the exertions and sacrifices of the owners of the land, but to the exertions and sacrifices of the community. It is certainly true that economic rent tends to increase with the growth of wealth and population, and that thus a larger and larger share of the product of industry tends to pass into the hands of the owners of land, not because they have done more for society, but because society has greater need of that which they control."