

to the grand army of indolent malcontents, communists and "dead-heads," who try to live on such sympathy!

When governments have the management of land property, it becomes a source of corruption to the state, through trading politicians. When the "ins" attempt to compel delinquents to pay their debts, the "outs" sympathetically cry "Shame on your tyranny,"—and even go so far as to say they (the delinquents) should have their lands for nothing! Hence it is that when private individuals have the management of these affairs, there will be more fair play and honesty practiced. The really industrious class will rule then, instead of the drones and delinquents, while none will escape the payment of just debts, through the influence of their votes.

Governments, whether state or federal, should be free from the direct management of matters in which the vote of a certain clique of malcontents will influence those governments, in a great measure to legislate against, instead of for the welfare of the really worthy masses of a country. As the present property tax in this Island is much heavier proportionally than the old "land tax," there will be a proportionate increase in the number of delinquents under its operation, and will thus be an additional source of corruption by trading politicians for ages. Only think of governments assuming the collection of house and land rents in towns and cities—under universal suffrage—instead of allowing the tenant and proprietor to make their own bargains and the latter to collect his own rent. Why the upshot would be if such were the case, that a greater number of "dead-heads" would never make an effort to pay their rents! They would depend upon political sympathy and on their votes, as many are now doing in this Island, while evading the payment for their lands, and of their poll and property taxes. In Ireland the same principle would exist, if the lands became Crown property, instead of the property of private individuals.

We have seen in our towns and villages, numerous instances of men purchasing "town lots" under a five years-term of agreement