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## LYDD GEORGE ON HOUSING PROBLEM

Predicts Much Good by Government's Project

### CONDITIONS NOW A SCANDAL

Future Generations Shall Regard Present Living With as Much Horror as we do Human Sacrifice—What it is Proposed to Do

In a recent speech in Manchester Mr. Lloyd George, after dealing with the government's land policy, said that when the government's proposals came into operation they would be able to say in inspired words—

"They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat of the fruit thereof. There are some houses at present unfit for human habitation, and there are others which would have been fit enough if it had not been for the number of people there. I could multiply these cases, and I say for the greatest, richest empire the world has ever seen to house its workers under those conditions is a scandal that cries to the skies. (Loud cheers.) I say to all these patriots who wave the Union Jack at Mr. Bonar Law's meetings, first of all cleanse that stain from the flag—(Cheers.)"

#### The Effects of Overcrowding

I need not dwell here upon the effects of overcrowding. It depresses the vitality, it poisons the blood. Men who live under these conditions, in this vitiated atmosphere, have the energy neither to enjoy life nor to resist death. In Shoreditch, out of 1,000 boys born into the world in five years—400 of them under the sod—(Shame.) I want to know this: Are the children of the workers of this land as important to the state as the children of the opulent? There is plenty of room in England if the room is properly utilized. (Loud cheers.) Why is Germany becoming more and more potent and formidable? The population is leaping up. It is absorbing the population of the British Empire. So could Britain if the land were put to its proper use—(Cheers.) There is plenty of useful ground for work for the soil of this country, and there are millions of acres within the Empire thirsting for more British muscle and brain to go there to cultivate it. (Cheers and a voice: "Why don't you tax it?") I thought I had done so. (Laughter and cheers.) Then all this destruction of child life. Leave alone its tortures, leave alone its cruelty and inhumanity—it is a waste, it is a weakening of the strength of the Empire. Did I say that these children were as important? I wonder whether some of these "housewives"—these women of the section of the people who are very well housed in this country—men who spend their lives in hunting and shooting and game, and stepping the social treadmill, and who are not a bit more interested in the life of the nation than I am, would they not say that if it had been born in the planet Mars, and if you cannot say it would have made any difference to this country if they had been born in the planet Mars, (Laughter.) No one could say that of the worker. Take, if you like, the agricultural laborer, who is badly housed today, who is the least intelligent of them, if you like. Still, they work hard. They have ploughed, they have sown, they have mowed; they have garnered; they have shepherded pyramids of food for the people of this country—(Cheers.) And yet they are badly housed. Their houses are absolutely unfit even to put animals in. What equity, what justice, is there in that? The men who labor in the slums, the men who live through life, you put them in palaces. The time will come when we shall be regarded with amusement regarding the conditions under which life is conducted in a country like this. Our descendants will regard with a feeling of horror as we contemplate human sacrifice with. The code of law, the government, the social and economic system, which tolerates such iniquity has all the brand of folly on its brow, and ought to be torn down quickly—(Cheers.)

#### The Excuse of the Municipalities

The great trouble is the pressure on the centre of the great cities. Men want to be somewhere near their work, and the pressure is great, and every legislation you will admit, must be in the direction of relieving that congestion in the centre of your towns. There are two kinds

## EAT LESS MEAT IF BACK HURTS

Take a Glass of Salts to Flush Kidneys if Bladder Bothers You

Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well-known authority, because the uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked, get sluggish; clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly headache and misery in the kidney region; rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation. The moment your back hurts or kidneys aren't acting right, or if bladder bothers you, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity; also to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders. Jad Salts cannot injure anyone; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take now and then to keep the kidneys and urinary organs clean, thus avoiding serious kidney disease.

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### slums.

One of the absolutely insupportable dwelling that ought to be pulled down. The second is the overcrowded house. Overcrowding ought to be forbidden. But municipalities cannot do that until there is provision made for substituting other dwellings within reasonable access of a man's work. Why don't you pass Town-planning Acts? You must leave them without excuse, and they have got to excuse now. The first excuse is, "How?" Build. "How are we going to build?" You must submit a plan. Town-planning ought to be compulsory in these cases. There ought to be a scheme of building. There has been too much haphazard flinging of streets about as if you had thrown them out of a draught box, rolling them here and there, higgledy-piggledy. That is not the way to build a city. Let's have a little more order in our towns. They talk about drilling a nation, making them stand to do—have a plan; have several plans. Don't you tell them where you are going, otherwise the price goes up—(Laughter.)

### The First Condition of Good Housing

Have you any notion how much more London has paid during the last fifty years for its land than it was worth? (Laughter.) I am going to tell you. I have been out of the most distinguished authorities on this subject. There is no man in this great metropolis who could give me a more authoritative and reliable answer, and I asked him, "How much more money has London, in your judgment, paid during the last fifty years for land than it was worth, between man and man, not between landlord and municipality?" (Laughter.) He reckoned it up carefully. He had been doing it for a long time. Thirty millions! (Shame.) That is a nice sum, and the rates of London are burdened now with the whole of that huge excess, and when the rate collector comes round to collect your rates you will know that a good slice of them goes to liquidate debts that you ought never to have been compelled to incur—(Cheers.) Municipalities are crippled with all that burden, and the first condition of good housing is a fair, just, equitable price for the land which you secure, and now we mean to get that first of all—(Cheers.)

The next thing is, you must secure a reduction in the rates. You must first of all see that everybody in the city contributes his fair share. You have got millions of pounds' worth of property in this city that does not contribute a penny at the present moment towards the rates that have made its value. It is time they should put their shoulder under the burden. The next thing is, you must have a larger share of the burden of certain services borne by the Imperial Exchequer. Having done those things, clearing the way for the municipalities, given a cheap expeditious method of acquiring land at just fair value—that is the first thing.

Secondly, these great ground landlords must contribute their fair share towards the taxes. If they do that we will forgive them their arrears. And the third thing is a contribution from the Imperial Exchequer towards some of this national service. Having done that, we shall then call upon them to press forward.

What have you got to do? I will tell you what we will do. We will have a national survey of the national housing conditions. Under the Town-planning Act every municipality ought to be de-

ing it now, and there is no excuse for their not doing that. Landlords cannot prevent their surveying, except landlords that are on the council—(Cheers.) Those are the ratenayers must look after. We ought to be able to get it quickly. Having done that you will then say to them, "You must put this right; there is a slum here, it is a bad property. You must have that done. Here is an overcrowded area, and you must at once relieve the pressure." They will say, "How?" Build. "How are we going to build?" You must submit a plan. Town-planning ought to be compulsory in these cases. There ought to be a scheme of building. There has been too much haphazard flinging of streets about as if you had thrown them out of a draught box, rolling them here and there, higgledy-piggledy. That is not the way to build a city. Let's have a little more order in our towns. They talk about drilling a nation, making them stand to do—have a plan; have several plans. Don't you tell them where you are going, otherwise the price goes up—(Laughter.)

### Town Workers and the Country

That is one thing we propose to do. Municipalities are to spend huge sums of money upon opening up new areas, developing them, trams, wide thoroughfares, arrangements with railway companies for the purpose of taking people out. Then those municipalities who all spend the money ought to get the benefit for the ratepayers contributing—(Cheers.) That is one thing we must have to do, and I think, in fact, that is better than the old principle of better-

ment. The other thing is—there is an increment tax. In future these people have to pay at least 20 per cent of that increment to the state. It is to be considered whether in these conditions municipalities ought to get the whole of the increment where it is created by their enterprise. That is what we have got to do. Pay prices for the land; the price of the land to be fixed at the date of notice which precedes the scheme—areas by municipalities. Wide streets are only to be allowed to put so many houses to the acre—plenty of sunshine—there is healing in the rays of the sun, especially for little children, and you must think of them; and then I hope we shall be able to carry out in this country the great scheme which has been in operation in Belgium, where you get arrangements for town workers to live in the country.

### INCREASED COST OF SHOES.

Shoeman says Shortage of Cattle Means Fewer Hides and Skins, and High Prices for Leather and Shoes.

A Montreal authority on the conditions in the shoe business has made the following statement: "That the present scarcity of stock in the leather market will, undoubtedly, result in further advances in all leather goods, is the opinion expressed on all sides by manufacturers, who are in close daily contact with the raw material markets. Hides and skins are decreasing in supply, as measured by consumption, and a compensating advance in the

prices of all leather cannot be prevented. "This scarcity and high cost of hides is not a local issue, but exists all over the world. The imports of hides for eight months of this year, as compared with the same period in 1912, as reported by the U. S. government of statistics, show a decrease in hide and calf skin importation of over 8,000,000 pounds, while the average price has advanced fourteen per cent. "Statistics further show that there are in the U. S. alone, over eleven million more consumers of meat and wearers of shoes than we had in 1906, whereas there are 10,000,000 fewer head of cattle to yield beef and hides than in 1906. "That the conditions in the leather market will result in considerable advances in the prices of shoes, especially those of the better grades, is apparently inevitable, and those of us who have up to the present been content to pay \$3.00 and \$3.50 for our footwear, will now, no doubt, find it necessary to pay \$4.00 and over, or be satisfied with a much inferior pair. "Leading shoe retailers, when interviewed, state that they are now paying from ten per cent to twenty per cent more for shoes than a year ago, and it is a common opinion among them, that prices of shoes will advance during 1914, and in future years, until a better market is struck between the demand for leather and the supply of hides and skins."

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