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## TO DESTROY LAND SPECULATION

UNDER THE PRESENT LAND SYSTEM IT IS MORE PROFITABLE IN WESTERN CANADA TO HOLD LAND IDLE THAN TO CULTIVATE AND IMPROVE IT. THE RESULT IS THAT MILLIONS OF ACRES OF WELL LOCATED AND FERTILE FARM LAND AND MANY THOUSANDS OF DESIRABLE HOMESITES ARE HELD VACANT BY SPECULATORS, WHILE FARMERS ARE COMPELLED TO GO MILES FROM THE RAILWAY AND CITY WORKERS TO LIVE IN OVERCROWDED TENEMENTS OR SEEK HOMES FAR FROM THEIR PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT AND FOREGO SANITARY AND OTHER CONVENIENCES. THE ADOPTION OF THE TAXATION OF LAND VALUES AS THE MEANS OF RAISING ALL REVENUES, FEDERAL, PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL, WOULD MAKE IT UNPROFITABLE TO HOLD LAND IDLE, AND WOULD MAKE ALL LAND AVAILABLE FOR USE. THE DESTRUCTION OF LAND MONOPOLY AND LAND SPECULATION WOULD BE AN INCOMPARABLE BOON TO ALL PRODUCERS.

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