

land, which the Creator has provided for everyone, without paying some other man for the privilege. The community has a natural right to collect the ground rent it produces by its presence and activity, and use it to pay community expenses. If this were done the selling value of land would disappear. Land could be free of purchase price as air and sunshine are now, and it would be possible to abolish the taxation of wealth if the ground rent were equal to the normal expense of the government. In a later chapter I estimate the ground rent at about seventy-five billion dollars per year within the United States at the present time. Stopping the gigantic legal stealing our man-made laws make possible will produce an improved society, and I quote two chapters from Henry George's *Progress and Poverty*, the first to show how collecting of ground rent by the community would affect the distribution of wealth, and the second to show the kind of world we would live in if justice were done and natural law obeyed. The last chapter shows that experience, as far as it has gone, demonstrates that we would have a better world if the community collected the ground rent for community expenses and abolished the taxation of wealth.

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