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PLAIN VIEWS.

In launching the "RADICAL" upon the great ocean of life, we are actuated by one controlling motive, which is, to work for some alteration in the existing state of society. The wrong in existing conditions is glaring, the evils are so deep rooted, that effort of a vigorous nature will have to be made if labor is to obtain what is its admitted right, the reward of human toil distributed among the toilers.

He that will not work neither shall he eat, is a command which was spoken of old, and to-day it receives the approval of nature, and bears the stamp of truth. Unfortunately for those who do work, the class that will neither toil nor spin, is the one that eats most and usurps the wealth of others. The most idle, useless, profligate and mean members of the human family seem to be the most honoured and worshiped. In our own colony we have everything necessary to national greatness, and yet we are like a strong man staggering beneath a heavy load, our men cannot find work, and large numbers of our people are in actual need of the necessaries of life. Why should there be want, while hundreds are willing to work to satisfy those who want? Why should able workmen be out of work when there are thousands in want of what they could produce? Clearly the restraint is an artificial one. The avenues of production are closed, and they have been closed purposely and deliberately, by those who aim at low wages for laborers and great profits for capitalists. Give the aboriginal savage

him land enough, and he can support himself in a more civilized condition than can the aboriginal. On great reform is necessary, and that is to unlock to labor the land. Until the forces of nature are made accessible to labor, it is sheer folly to think of bringing more into the country. Assisted Immigration must be opposed whenever it is mooted. That it will be brought on again is certain; where there are large land syndicates legislation tends to the influx of population, as population grows so does the value of land.

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Europe to form a company to buy our land some time ago. This proposal should be met with vigorous and untiring opposition. Every man, woman, and child, has an equal right to the forces of nature, for the maintenance of life. The present inhabitants of the world hold the land for their time only; they have no right to sell or dispose of it, for if they dispose of the land, they dispose of the inheritance of future generations.

In our schemes of Taxation, there is urgent need of reform; Indirect Taxation is fraud; let the people know what they have to pay, let them see where their money goes, and for what, and one half of the sham in the world will soon be swept out of it.

Our Civil Laws are simply abominable. All our laws seem to have been framed with a special regard to lawyers; this is not to be wondered at when there are so many lawyers in parliament. The rich man can generally ruin his poorer neighbour at law; simplification is necessary so that justice may be accessible to all.

These and other reforms will be freely treated on these pages, and while the Radical lives it will be our name.