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Having in mind the controversies over housing programs in Canada, it occurs that the success of slum clearance and cheap housing in England is in large measure due to the assessment policy. At least so far as private capital is concerned there is less risk to investment in low-cost housing, where the charges against it are levied in terms of the revenue-earning capacity of the property. It might easily be that reform, rather than revision and reduction, is the tax solution Canada seeks.

In view of the financial difficulties of provincial governments the plank are no more than hollow pledges. Saskatchewan cannot finance the program suggested. Political leaders would be well advised to concentrate on solving the financial problems of the province before outlining new social legislation. Any party's first plank should be restoration of Saskatchewan's credit and re-establishment of its finances on a sound basis.

A special prize will be given for the best decorated cage carrying out the Fair's theme "regal and imperial."

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Forget the subway unless there can be something done about it, and develop other beauty spots such as those which are referred to by Mr. Chapman, regarding the city dump. Mr. Chapman's remarks were constructive and deserve favourable consideration.

Here is a picture of the scene in Brussels when the representatives of many nations met to endeavor to solve the problem of peace between China and Japan. M. Spaak, former Belgian Foreign Minister, is standing addressing the gathering. It was decided not to make further welcome gestures to Japan, and hints were heard that sterner measures impended. Japan has twice refused to send a representative to the conference.