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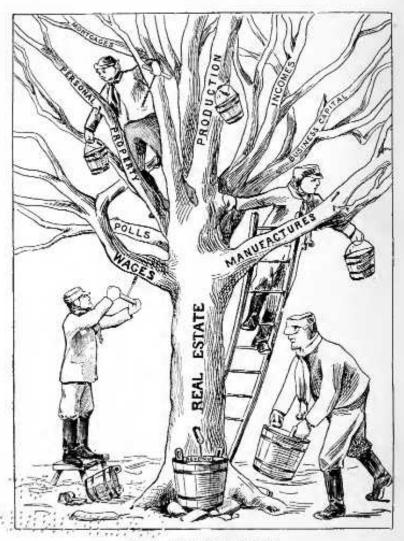
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PREFACE.

This volume is in part a compilation of matter collected from various sources, but the several papers possess a unity of purpose, and it has been the aim of the editor so to arrange his contributions as to present a simple and consecutive discussion of the principles upon which depends a wise system of local taxation. It is believed that the reader unfamiliar with the subject of taxation will be able to obtain from this book a correct and practical understanding of its main principles. Various systems are considered; their effect upon the community as a whole and upon various classes of the community is set forth, and what is believed to be a scientific and equitable method is presented (unencumbered by figures) for the judgment of the tax-payer. The census and the various comptrollers' and commissioners' reports, with the works cited in the addenda, will furnish abundant statistics for the student. Wherever it has been possible, credit has been given for material; but a discussion and argument of this nature necessarily involves extensive utilization of data from unknown or unacknowledged sources.

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