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Editorial Notes.

The Provincial Government have amended their Assessment Bill as we supposed they would when they discovered that the original draft was not likely to work advantageously.

When the Act as amended is put in force, it is more than probable that further amendments will be found necessary, and we have every confidence that the Government will then do whatever is deemed best in the interests of the mining community.

An Act of this kind cannot be made wholly satisfactory at one session of the Legislature and only when its effects upon the various mining industries will have been ascertained by a practical application of its provisions, can the bill in question be properly judged.

While speaking on the subject of amendments, we suggest one for the consideration of the Government which we think would be only an act of justice to a worthy class of men.

We allude to Miner's Licenses which are not objected to so far as they apply to prospectors or parties who are mining for their own benefit. But where a man who is working merely for wages has to pay a tax for so doing, it seems like an act of unfairness to that individual.

Why should a miner who receives only wages have to pay a tax for the privilege of working at his calling any more than the ordinary artisan in other pursuits. The license is no benefit to him. He has the right to be protected in the collection of his wages just as much as any other workingman without having to pay specially for it.

Where a man is prospecting or mining in his own interest there can be but little objection to his paying his license fee. Indeed we do not think there is any objection to miner's licenses of this description. But in the case of the wage-earning miner it is different, and the fee demanded from him is regarded as an injustice.

Our mining laws in British Columbia are acknowledged to be liberal, and the doing away with licenses such as we have described, would not only make them more so, but it would be an act of justice to the parties concerned.