

BUSTER BROWN AND TIGE



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OPPOSITION LEADER TAKES ACT

H. C. Brewster and Jo
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Farmers' Cause

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The legislature yesterday proceeded to the ordinary business of the day with a consideration of the Assessment Act. The committee brought into the assembly a bill which would amend the act in many places. He evinces a readiness to see points in proposed legislation which will result in the passage of what of late years have been laws ill-considered and brought down to the House. Macdonald's advice is then timely and in many cases he is advantageously to the general. Too often, however, the government rather than admit their own fault to accede to his suggestions which are anything but satisfactory. Yesterday the opposition in the proposal to minimum taxation on banks a wrong principle. He also government that they were on a wrong line and pointed to right the trouble the Minister of Finance complained of. The bill tended that some of the banks money deposited out of the country could not get at the true value. Mr. Macdonald showed that got out of their just dues in an injustice was done in letting off with \$1,000 in taxes. He should be paid. If a smaller amount not properly entitled to pay was an injustice to charge. He contended it was a simple matter for the government to deal with the banks that did not proper returns. They would accept the suggestion of the opposition and backed by following they will put the bill as it was introduced.

The debate called one of the members, H. C. Brewster, to the floor for Albert, into the fight. He is a large farming population. He is slow to take early opportunity after their interests. He has on the order paper an amendment to the act whereby improvements lands up to \$1,000 would be exempted from taxation. He pressed for the bill to be borne down by the members government side. Not to be he has given notice to move in the same direction when the bill is introduced.

His views expressed on the taxation of canneries shows he is to be a live member. John another new member, ably to in the debate.

Before the House rose H. Young, the Provincial Secretary, was elected by acclamation by-election in Atlin. He took his seat. Pending the writ a telegraphic communication was accepted by the speaker. He was introduced accordingly he was introduced speaker being escorted by the Hon. R. G. Tait and from both sides of the House.

MINISTERS ANSWER MANY QUESTIONS

The House was late in opening about 20 minutes after the Speaker entered.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Beaudin.

The following petitions were read:

By A. H. Macgowan, from Bloomfield and others, for a bill to incorporate the Ex. Smelting & Mining Co.

By Fred Davey, from the city of Victoria, for a bill granting additional power.

By Price Ellison, from A. for a private bill to incorporate the Imperial Fire Underwriters.

By H. B. McGuire, from Bloomfield and others, for a bill to consolidate certain mining and mining claims.

By Mr. Macgowan, from the Hydraulic Mining Co., for a bill to consolidate certain mining and claims.

By W. J. Bowser, from F. and others, of Vancouver, for a bill to incorporate the "Stock Exchange."

By Mr. Macgowan, from the Gold Mining Co., for a private bill to amend its Corporation Act.

The petition from the Queen's Islands Railway Co., for a private bill to amend its Corporation Act, was received.

On the motion of Hon. R. Brewster the formal motion that the House do now adjourn was taken into consideration on next was passed.

J. Garden asked the Hon.