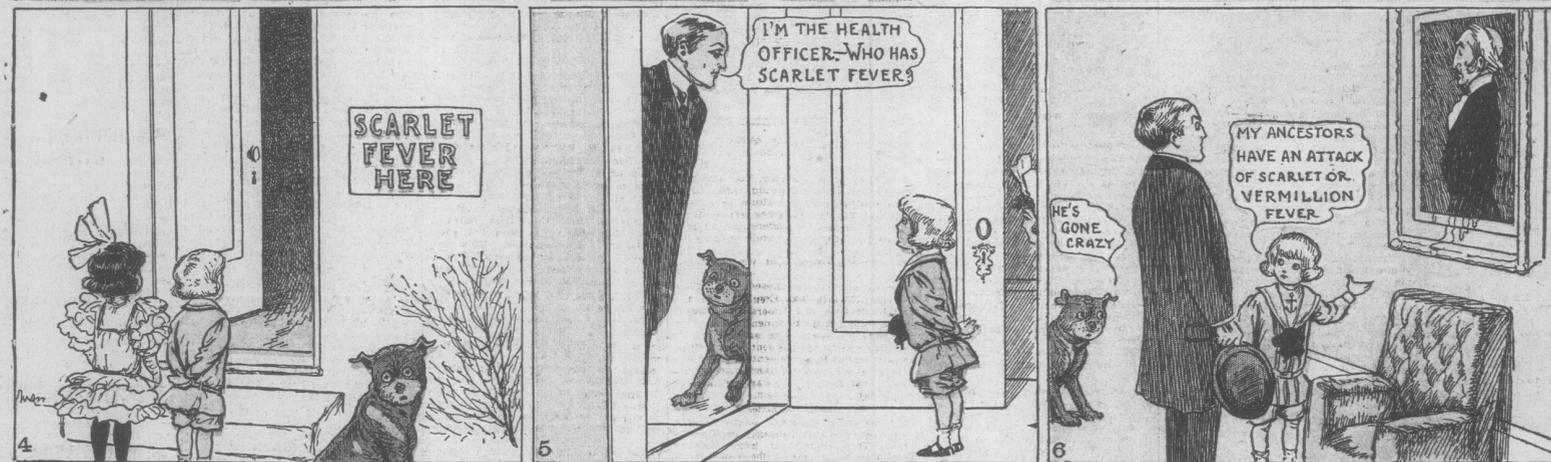


BUSTER BROWN AND TIGE



ASSESSMENT BILL DE OPPOSITION LEADER TAKES ACT

H. C. Brewster and Jo
Among the New Memb
Farmers' Cause

(From Thursday's De
The legislature yesterday
proceeded to the ordinary b
occupied nearly all of the
with a consideration of am
the Assessment Act. The
committee brought into rel
ceptual ability of the lea
opposition as a legislator
donald ever since he enter
has shown that he posse
peculiar degree the man
which go to make an ideal
He evinces a readiness to se
points in proposed legislati
difficulties which will resul
passage of what of late ye
have been laws ill-consider
ing brought down to the H
Macdonald's advice is ther
timely and in many cases h
advantageously to the gene
Too often, however, the s
rather than admit their wo
fuse to accede to his sugge
results which are anything
factory. Yesterday the lea
opposition in the proposi
minimum taxation on bank
a wrong principle. He al
government that they were
on a wrong line and point
to right the trouble the M
Finance complained of. The
tended that some of the ban
money deposited out of th
and so the officers of the s
could not get at the true
Mr. Macdonald showed tha
got out of their just dues in
an injustice was done in le
off with \$1,000 in taxes w
should be paid. If a smaller
not properly entitled to pa
was an injustice to charge
amount. If false returns w
he contended it was a sin
for the government to deal
as was done with mining
and others. This was to pu
up high enough and let the
that it was taxed unfairly.
The Minister of Finance
sponsor, the president of
undoubtedly saw the force
ment. They did not answer
to reiterate that they want
with the banks that did not
proper returns. They woul
cept the suggestion of the le
opposition and backed by
following they will put the
as it was introduced.
The debate called one of
members, H. C. Brewster, th
for Alberni, into the fight
ing a constituency in whic
large farming population. He
slow to take early opportu
after their interests. He h
on the order paper an am
the act whereby improve
lands up to \$1,000 would be
taxation. He pressed for th
be borne down by the memb
government side. Not to b
he has given notice to mov
same direction when the bill
ered on report.
His views expressed on th
taxation of canneries show
is to be a live member. Joh
another new member, ably to
in the debate.
Before the House rose H
Young, the Provincial Secre
was elected by acclamation
bye-election in Atlin the da
took his seat. Pending the
the writ a telegraphic comm
was accepted by the speak
sleat upon which the new
should be accorded his seat
cordingly he was introduc
speaker being escorted by th
and Hon. R. G. Tatlow amid
from both sides of the House.

MINISTERS ANSW MANY QU

The House was late in open
ing about 20 minutes after t
the Speaker entered.
Prayers were read by the Re
Beanlands.
The following petitions were
ed:
By A. H. Macgowan, from
Bloomfield and others, for a
Bill to incorporate the Ex
Smelting & Mining Co.
By Fred Davey, from the co
of the city of Victoria, for
Bill granting additional pow
city.
By Price Ellison, from A.
for a private bill to incorp
Imperial Fire Underwriters
By H. B. McGuire, from
Bloomfield and others, for
Bill to consolidate certain min
and mining claims.
By Mr. Macgowan, from th
Hydraulic Mining Co., for
Bill to consolidate certain min
and claims.
By W. J. Bower, from F.
and others, of Vancouver, for
Bill to incorporate the "S
Stock Exchange."
By Mr. Macgowan, from th
Gold Mining Co., for a priva
consolidate certain mining le
claims.
The petition from the Que
Brie Islands Railway Co., f
vate bill to amend its Corp
was received.
On the motion of Hon. R
new the formal motion that t
of His Honor the Lieut-Gov
the opening of the present
taken into consideration on
next, was passed.
J. Garden asked the Hon.