

A black and white illustration of a woman with dark hair, seen from the side, looking into an open refrigerator. The refrigerator is a vintage model with a top freezer compartment and a larger bottom section. Inside, various food items are visible, including a bottle of milk and some produce. The scene is set in a kitchen with a window and a small framed picture on the wall.

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When the House assembled at 2 o'clock prayers were read by Rev. W. Leslie Clay.

Assessment Act.

On the third reading of the Assessment

Act the leader of the opposition asked for a division. The bill passed with the Conservative party supported by the Socialists and the Labor representative.

Coal Tax Act Amendment.—The **Coal Tax Act** amendment and the **Royal Inland Hospital Act** amendment passed their readings.

The Land Act.

On **thajadjoined** debate on the amendment to the **Land Act**, **W. Davidson** said that the reading of the bill by **Mr. Oliver** was no amendment. He was requesting the withdrawal of the bill. **John Oliver's** amendment was as follows:

Whereas **His Honor** approves of the principle of taxing to a reasonable extent the timber-cut on other crown lands, and is also in favor of securing its

lumber in the province of British Columbia, yet we consider that as this province is so very large, and the extent of the timber so large, that crown lands, and would result in closing up a number of promising industries which must draw their supply of timber from other than crown lands, and would also result in great hardship

to actual settlers who rely largely upon the sale of timber upon their homesteads for subsistence whilst clearing their land. I think that this bill so unreasonable in its provisions and so disastrous in its effects, that we are of the opinion that the government should withdraw this bill, and should submit a bill which would provide for

an increase of revenue and not cripple our industries, but distribute the burden of increased taxation equitably upon those called upon to bear it.

C. Munro said that he had a voluminous amount of correspondence on the matter. He had no conclusion that this bill would result disastrous to many. He described the situation in his own constituency. Many had gone in on the land and by small mills being

would be that the small mill men would be driven out of business. There were 90,000 acres held under long leases in the province which brought in \$7,000,000. This amount, if held under timberland leases, would bring in more than double that sum. Timber men wanted to know where they stood in their business. He was a new member and he was not sure that the government should not have a revenue estimate by the end of the month.

established, near them had found a market for the timber on the land. This act would have wiped out many of these small mills, and would have resulted disastrously to many of the farmers, who would vacate their land in consequence. The Chief Commissioner rose and announced that he was not prepared to remove uncertainty by stating what measure would be.

nounced that the government had decided to take the tax referred to off with the exception of timber exported from the province.

Mr. Munro was glad to hear this.

Mr. W. Peterson questioned very much Mr. W. Peterson questioned very much if the Province had the right to go in and collect from timber cut on lands granted by the Dominion government to the C.

P. R. and other railways. If the province could do that it could collect a second royalty off timber cut on lands from which the Dominion government collected a royalty. He held it was unfair to tax lands now which had before been exempted from taxation. It was proposed to make it only nominal, and had been said from the government side that

no attention should be paid to representations made by bodies to the members on such subjects. But it was quite apparent that the government had paid a great deal of attention to the representations of timber men, or the act would not have been brought to the great extent it had. The country was quite right to expect that the corporation would do that.

Dr. King said it was quite evident that the government when it attempted to pass this bill did not know what it was doing. Had the bill passed as it was introduced it would have killed the timber industry. The country had been told that this was a business government. They had found this was incorrect. The legisla-tion, he said, was a

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