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a city wherein they are privileged to do business and make a living, enjoying all the advantages of its protection and institutions at the expense of the property owners. A business tax should be imposed on income derived from business within the Province and exemption or allowance made to those who otherwise contribute as property holders. In this way the revenue of the city would be increased by the payment of a just share of taxes by all who benefit business operations therein.

The Wild Land Tax is a further burden on some property holders. It is clearly not possible or rather feasible to bring all land under cultivation, timber, marsh, stoney and such like, nor to build houses on vacant lots, for which there is no demand, why then should owners be penalized beyond the ordinary taxes charged, and coerced into doing that which common sense warns them against. What is the sense of producing if there are no buyers or building if there are to be no prospective occupants. Would Point Grey or South Vancouver look any better to-day to a visitor with miles of houses standing empty? It would produce the effect of a deserted city. Moreover, the building of unnecessary houses means the opening up of useless streets, the extension of sewer systems, etc., and would land the municipalities into enormous expense without any return and consequent increase of taxes for those already overburdened.

The object at the root of the tax is to penalize speculators lest some of them may, perchance, profit by holding, whereas the profit to be derived from holding land under ordinary rate of taxation and loss of interest is illusory.

This is not the place to discuss the subject fully; it is only mentioned for the object of directing attention to one of the disabilities under which property owners suffer, and being likely

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