fraudulent, that they are not recorded for settlement, but to obtain land and

of wild lands, or in the proportion of

country and climate advertised and

Definition of Speculator.

The premier seemed to be consider

the stakes of the speculator?

italist

one item is from the development of our raw materials, \$18,000 from the mining ment to see that the law is fulfilled in Simpson, making that the permanent **GOVERNMENT RECORD** of coal. Mr. Davey's assumption is regard to these pre-emptions. There Pacific port? thus shown to be altogether unwarrant-ed by the facts. Is ground to believe that a considerable proportion of these pre-emptions are

Decrease Not Increase

On the other hand we have a decrease in land sales of \$115,000 in land revenue f \$43,000, in mining of \$25,000, and in ernment reserve until lands were sur- to draw attention, in answer to Mr. veyed, and he is evidently sincere when Davey's opinion, that our timber resournber royalties of \$23,000, a loss of \$48,-000 on the last two items. Deducting he thinks that policy tends to settle- ces are well administered, to a recent the increase in business in coal mining ment. But he should remember that statement of W. J. Sutton, an excelto offset that and we still have a deall lands not open to settlement are lent authority on such matters, of to offset that and we still have a de-crease of \$30,000 on the development of our natural resources during the year instead of the increase the seconder tried to make out.

The seconder hoped the government no lands sold, there is nothing to show same as on the mainland, and Mr. Sutwould decrease or abolish the personal that the bulk of it is not staked out ton tells us of the wanton and wasteful Legislative Press Gallery, Jan. 28. Red-hot shot was poured into the government entrenchments to-day, and synte of the anaron of the sources. Some of his most im-portant figures and deductions are not the forst the data time of the staked of the wasted to the wasted to the wasted to the wasted to the wasted of the staked in spite of the apparent great strength of its position there is reason to be-lieve that a breach has been made in its defences, which will ere long be- of even the member for Delta to find a he believed the income tax was the staked? Mr. Davey followed up by experts, and many have said that the of even the member for Delta to nind a ne beneved the income avenue, grievance against the government. He most equitable way of raising revenue, what I believe to have been an inspired statement. He says: "In order to encome practicable and admit the Liberal grievance against the government. He must equitable way of faising relation way of faising relation of the most equitable way of the most party to the citadel, from whence they may administer the affairs of the pro-cince wisely and in the best interests of the people at large. John Oliver, of Delta, the first lieu-tenant of the speaker, the only one of the day, the speaker, the only one of the day.

and delivered a speech which extorted At the Conservative convention in Rev- it is in times of stress, when he has a elstoke in 1902 one of the planks adopt- large increase in revenue to provide, ed, and upon which they were elected that a chancellor, taught by experience, If he were a man of considerable means

as it received the unstinted applause of in the following year, was that in every puts on an extra sixpence or shilling on coal area there should be reserved a the pound as most equitable portion so that state mines could be Municipalities Need Money,

operated. But in the records we find The personal property tax amounts to The personal property tax amounts to that when they had a chance every member on that side voted against it in the revenue tax to \$207,000. The leader of the opposition in his speech took the acre he improves for himself he im-

duced by one of the Vancouver mem- the municipalities. He took the ground bers last session calling on the Domin-that the revenue is now large enough actual settlers, as against 760,000 acres the investor identical with those of the on to investigate. We on this side took to meet the legitimate expenditures of the stand that it was a matter for the the province, while it is necessary that three to one. How long are we to have the principles advocated by Dr. Judson the province, while it is necessary that province to deal with and proposed that a committee of this House should be appointed to examine into the facts and his ground was good and his proposi-levise a remedy without delay. But levise a remedy without delay. But tion sound. In my own riding, com-Mr. Davey, with the other Conservative posed largely of municipalities, it is mbers, voted down this proposition found that to keep the roads in shape we have to pay a higher rate of taxa-ind that the country is blanketed by to bring the facts to the light of day. Are his present remarks to be consid-ered in earnest in view of his record?

ipalities have not half enough revenue A Conditional Coal Tax.

JOHN OLIVER RIDDLES

the admiration of political adversaries,

his own side. Every feature of the gov-

ernment policy was assailed with irre-

futable arguments, backed by figures

from government sources and facts that

are common property. Coming from an

agricultural community and himself

one of the most successful farmers in

the province, Mr. Oliver gave a good

deal of attention to provincial affairs

as they affect the settler, exposing the weakness and ill-effects of the McBride

government's land and timber policies,

and contrasting them with the statesmanlike proposals of the Liberal party

for dealing with these sources of na-

The position was put very clearly by

Mr. Oliver in the suggestion that the

government policy is allowing land and

vimber speculators to get such a hold on the lands and forests of the pro-

vince that it will be shortly in a worse

stead of the revenue from natural

framed his regulations and instructed

his officers to act in such a manner as

would precipitate a conflict between

the province and the Dominion, but

that when he got the chance he did not

tutionality.

after the House met.

Consideration for Members.

which he represents last year-

capabilities of the valley.

grandeur

Mr. Bowser-In the Dominion elec-

get the Dominion out of his head,

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tion that ever Ireland was. In-

tural wealth.

Retarding Development---Revenue From Natural

Sources Decreasing---Bowser the Inflexible and

the Fishery Tangle---Investigation Demanded.

the House.

and delegations are coming here all the to remedy that state of affairs, and the time, forced into the position of beg-I think this House is in duty bound stead of the revenue from natural to remedy that state of affairs, and the gars, to ask the government for help remedy is to be found in the govern-in the debate have asserted ment amending the Miner Act to the speakers in the debate have asserted, the member for Delta proved from the effect that there shall be imposed a tax, Delta, though one of the oldest settled parts of the country, the roads are so bad in places that when I started out public accounts that there has been in addition to the present tax, of one actually a decrease. At the same time dollar a ton on all coal exported, to be there has been an alarming increase in rebated in full conditional on the operthe last fiscal year in the amount of ators satisfying the government that and a new buggy, I had to get out and and held for speculation only, to the coal is being supplied to the consumers will the buggy to places getting it out exclusion of the genuine settler and in British Columbia at as low a price pull the buggy to pleces getting it out as to those outside. (Hear, hear.) Thus of the mud-holes. The municipalities

Mr. Bowser is not thin-skinned, in regard to timber and would work as present taxation to meet this state of affairs, which has not all been brought about by the fault of the government. and is too good a politician to mind successfully in regard to coal. The and is too good a pointcian to mine successfully in regard to coal. The It is largely the result of the condi-attacks, but he grew visibly restless other side has rejected our proposals in the hammer-like blows of the smatter. At may now expect the district in some portions, four-fifths of member for Delta. His administration support of the second member for Viction and the lord is held by absente. Largely the result of the lord is held by absente. It is largely the result of the condiof the fishery laws was reviewed in toria, if we propose a resolution later, detail. Mr. Oliver charged that the in the session, demanding that the govthe land is held by absentee landlords. We have to keep up altogether too many miles of road for the population. attorney-general had deliberately ernment take this step. I am going to ask the members to as-Mr. Hayward's criticism,

sist before the session is over in meet-The member for Cowichan also had a ing this condition. The first step is for complaint to make against his own the government to provide that these government. No member has offered municipalities shall be put in posses-more severe criticism of the govern- sion of their own revenue from the dare take his legislation to the Privy ment than he has. When the school sources I have mentioned, give them Council for a decision as to its consti- act was before the House we took de- power to increase the wild land tax and

cided objection to many of its features, to require a large amount of improve-Serious charges were made by Mr. but the government said the matter ments to gain exemption from that tax. Oliver concerning the conduct of the had been given full consideration. Yet Do that and you have gone a long way onver concerning the conduct of the had been given full consideration. Fet Do that and you have gone a long way and as to the cases tried at New the next session, after the act had been in operation only six weeks we found the members to leave party out of the question of the waterfront the province, and as to deal with them. The them bringing down a bill of 87 sections the next set of the next

the magistrate to deal with them. The proceedings he declared disgraceful and un-British, and the magistrate incap-an investigation into these charges from the attorney-general, as he had red the municipalities have nower to raise a solution in the municipalities have nower to raise a solution in the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections the municipalities of a revenue bringing down a bill of 8 sections thefrom the attorney-general, as ne had had already demanded one from the premier in vain. "I do not have they are thrust upon me by Conserva-tive speakers and press," said Mr. Oliver, in reference to the comforting of the dimension of justice in a stream of the public accounts show, that there of the speakers and press," said Mr. Oliver, in reference to the comforting of the as would bring in. Diver, in reference to the comforting of the as would bring in. Diver, in reference to the comforting of the as would bring in. Diver, in reference to the comforting of the as would bring in. Diver, in reference to the comforting of the as would bring in. Diver, in reference to the comforting of the as would bring in. Diver, in reference to the comforting of the as would bring in. Diver, in reference to the comforting of the as would bring in. Diver, in reference to the comforting of the as would bring in. Diver, in reference to the comforting of the as more that to hand over \$250,000 of the as the public accounts as the public accounts show, that there is a surplus of \$1,300,000, how can the is a surplus of \$1,300,000 feet in the press. The club licenses and press, that the government has acquired the province's share in five different is a surplus of \$1,300,000, how can the is a surplus of \$1,300,000 feet in the press. The club licenses and press, that the government has acquired the prived of the right of earning a livelireflections of government supporters Revenue From Natural Sources. that even such an experienced critic as The seconder attributes the increased would not be able to find anything evenue to development of natural reagainst the administrative work of the sources. If he had analyzed the public Dast year. In fast Mr. Oliver found so accounts he is too honest to have made many grievances that are voiced by this statement, so his figures must have to provide an alternative solution. the townsite. Conservatives that life must be a bur- been supplied to him. He told us that (Applause.) The government has imden as he said the revenue from timber licenses, in-The galleries were crowded all afterposed additional duties on municipalicluding fees, and penalties, amounted toon, and the occupants rivalled the to \$2,302,000 as against \$1,263,000, and members of the House in close atten-tion to Mr. Offiver during the two \$206,000. These figures are inaccurate to but has not provided for a corresponding increase of revenue. hours and a quarter that he spoke. The Capital's Streets.

The seconder referred to the timber sources of the province and to the

> sibility of an over-zealous, newly-apbeen removed." What more do you want? The inspec-

eral party is to give security of tenure That seitler is a man of small means. to the men who have invested their money in our timber lands, and at the he would locate in a well-settled dis- same time to pass legislation which trict where he could have the comforts should preserve our forests from this he is used to. But this man of small wanton waste and destruction, pre-means waits till the survey is completserve them from fire by a thorough

Timber Resources

portions at any time when required for This was a real grievance, such a grievance that a resolution was intro-duced by one of the Vorcevure more than a resolution was introthere would be 250,000 acres occupied by try, and in short make the interests of province. If the premier will compare ago, he will find the two practically paid for by the province, and travelling identical, and yet he and his colleagues hundreds of miles to get in there, to are on record less than a year ago as voting down a proposition similar to that made by Dr. Clark, and which he now tells the House is receiving the serious consideration of the govern-

> ment. Challenge to Bowser.

ably exercised in his mind as to the meaning of speculator. Without ever I venture to say that the attorneyhaving a university education I would have thought he knew what it meant or general, who is advertised to follow what it stood for to the ordinary individme and tear me to pleces, will not take ual. To my mind the speculator is the up the facts I have laid before the House. I challenge him now to take man who acquires any property not for use but for the profit to be made in them up and controvert them if he turning it over again, and holds it for can. We do not want any rehashed an advance in price. That is my opin-ion of what a speculator is, both in re-tion or any drawing of a red herring of the mud-holes. The municipalities cannot raise revenue enough with the present tavation to meet this state of it is the definition as commonly understood in British Columpia. I de not is in the interests of this province hold the speculator up to scorn but I do say the policy is bad and the results The premier tells us as a proof that the license law is being administered are bad for the country. What enimpartially, that 23 licenses were cut ables the few to enrich themselves at off and that most of them were held by Conservatives. What are the legitithe cost of the many in British Columbia should be abandoned and abandonmate deductions from that statement? ed for all time. (Cheers.) The first is that the large majority of holders are at least nominally since Mr. McInnes-How about the capthe changes in the law Conservatives. Mr. Oliver-I think the capitalist is They could not profitably be otherquite able to take care of himself. He wise, The government takes care to needs no special care from the legislaascertain the political predilections of Prince Rupert Townsite,

applicants, and the fact that they can tell us that a majority of the cancel-led licensees were Conservative is proof that they have gone to the trouble to discover this information. (Hear, hear.) Why have they gone to the trouble? There is but one answer: to bring litical advantage by false represent political pressure to bear.

Line of Respectability.

Licensing of Clubs.

regard to immigration, as an adminis-trator of the fisheries, and in his amendments to the fisheries laws. Let us examine what the wisdom of this

modern Solomon has done. Many of The notorious Railway Porters' Club my constituents work as fishermen on Vancouver is just as "respectable" the Fraser river, and he compelled to the class who frequent it as the Vancouver Club is to its members. I say respectability is a question of de-besides cutting out a considerable numgree, not of principle. What the Union ber of hours during which they Club in the city of Victoria is to its work. His officials encouraged the fishfrequenters the Railway Porters' Club ermen to violate the Dominic regula in Vancouver is to its, and if we are tions in regard to fishing on the Fraser going to deal with this matter let us river.

class legislation in the interests of so-mote a conflict between the Dominion called "respectable" clubs in this prov- and provincial officers in regard to ince. (Applause.) Then I notice, to these fisheries. For the purpose of p make assurance doubly sure, the con- moting this fishermen refusing to take trol of the whole machinery is kept in out a provincial license were persecuted the hands of the attorney-general. We and fined by the stipendiary magisfind the attorney-general sticking out trate, according to instructions from everywhere in connection with liquor the attorney-general, for not having a licenses in this province. (Hear, hear.) "The control of the whole machinery has been designedly kept within the both governments in one instance the hands of the attorney-general's depart- same man was persecuted, not prosment, under whose guidance the super- ecuted by the attorney general for fishintendent of provincial police and the ing during prohibited hours, according, inspector will act. In this way all pos- to provincial regulations.

There is every reason to believe that pointed official going officiously outside the attorney-general deliberately framthe spirit of the new enactment has ed the regulations as to hours of fishing so as to bring on a conflict between

I know of several instances where men were summoned, appeared before

I do not have to look for grievances venience of the prosecuting attorney. They were thus deprived of their day's they are thrust upon me by Conservative members of the House and by the work. Instead of fixing a day for the Conservative press. There are so many hearing when there was no fishing it was fixed for a time when they had to thrust upon me that life is a burden. lose another day. Finally the cases were heard.

Bowser's Inflexibility. We are told, Mr. Speaker, that the A more disgraceful condition of afattorney-general is inflexible as adam-ant. Not being a geologist, I do not court in a British country. I heard the know how inflexible adamant is, but if it will be any relief to the attorneygeneral I will admit that he is as inflexible as adamant. (Laughter and time. I heard the prosecuting attorney cheers.) I will also admit that he is put words into witnesses' mouths infallible, because we have a witness to his infallibility. Less than a year ago he stated that if the Dominion ing questions from a witness and when government would only keep hands off his bill not another Jap should land changed "fish" into "salmon."

in British Columbia. The matter has been in the courts and probably he will say the magistrates, county court, supreme court and full court judges were politically biassed and he did not receive fair treatment, But I would point er mentally nor physically capable of out that he has had ample time to carry an appeal to the privy council, but he has not done so.

tor is not to darken the doors. The so-

called respectable clubs are not to sufer from the interference of the inspec-

(Laughter and applause.)

The Forged Telegram. I am also willing to admit that George Washington's record is over-

shadowed by Mr. Bowser's reputation. We have witnesses to his truthfulness. Every day during the present week a great deal of adverse criticism has been levelled at the Colonist, the organ of the government, because it published a forged telegram in the interest of the Conservative candidate in the recent federal election of this city. I notice he does not regret this any more than the Colonist story of a Liberal con-spiracy with the G. T. P. to import 50,-000 Japanese. I notice under the staute laws of the land that if a man by false representation obtains what is not his he is liable to prosecution for obtaining goods under false pretensions. He is

also liable to pay damages for making false statements. The man who held Dominion and respectable citizens to scorn and execration by means of an sition of attorney-general of British Columbia. (Hear. hear.) Is it not a question of expediency

Where is the principle involved? What is the difference between obtaining potions and statements and telegrams and the obtaining of goods by false pre-

the province and the Dominion. the magistrate, and were told that the court was adjourned to suit the con-

court in a British country. I heard the officials swear that the men had no licenses and had not produced any li-censes when they had licenses all the

An Investigation Demanded. I say that the magistrate who tried the case is an old man who, from infirmity brought on by old age, is neithdeciding cases of this kind. I say that on the same day this took place, in presence of a man who had been persecuted, not prosecuted, as I assert, I presented these facts to the premier of

this province, and demanded an investigation from him. I stand now on the floor of parliament and demand from the attorney. general that these charges shall be examined into and an inquiry made. I

So intent was the attorney-general on persecuting these men that he had three or four cases against each of fishing without a license or fising with-in prohibited hours. He had all the evidence to test the constitutionality of his act if he wished to do so, but he deferred the matter. His attorney so handled the case that the men should not get an appeal. The magistrate decided that they must pay a fine or go to jall. The men did not pay the fine up the Liberals of this province and so as to be able to take habeas corpus proceedings and raise the whole question of the constitutionality of the law. untruthful statement, made for poli-tical effect, is rewarded with the podeliberately gave from one to two months for the payment of the fine, so that the men could not even bring the matter up by habeas corpus proceed-ings before the fishing season was over

What Are Bowser's Intentions?

This was how the law was carried out

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a considerable extent. Instead of an There was little routine, and the hon. increase of \$98,000 in royalties there was gentleman began to speak very shortly a decrease of \$23,000, a difference of \$121,000 on this item alone.

The increases in revenue are derived ities as to the financial condition they being navigable or not; and I would from four sources principally. In tim- are in. Right here in Victoria they are Mr. Oliver. In the first place, a year br licenses there is an increase of \$1,- asking for money to beautify the city. though Prince Rupert has been the ago, when I refrained from inflicting a 125,000. Can it be argued that the alien-The streets in this city are a disgrace ch on the House, my good exam- ation of our timber assets to an extent to the capital of the province of British is no record available as to soundings, ple was followed by the attorney-gen- so great is to be credited to the devel- Columbia. You will hear people else- as to depths of water, whether navigable eral, but during the session he inflicted upon the members by instalments the increase is simply an advance of so same lengthy speech which he had pre- much greater a sum than the year be- rain all the time because on the streets its larger block. pared to deliver on the address. It is fore by timber speculators to secure a they were up to their knees in mud. Is to avoid that series of inflictions upon hold on resources to be exploited in the it not a fact that if any municipality the House this session that I rise now future. There was an increase of wants to make permanent improve-in the endeavor to induce him to make \$115,000 in the annual subsidy from the ments they have to borrow money to the spirit, because there is not sufhis speech at this time. My second Dominion and besides there was the do it? If you investigate you will find ficient information to enable the house reason is that there are many import- special subsidy of \$100,000. There was that not five per cent of such works to judge as to the relative value of ant questions of policy which should re- a most extraordinary increase of \$326,- can be done out of the ordinary revenue this block. But it strikes me as a pecuceive attention from this House at this 600 from the Chinese head tax. Was of the current year. (Hear, hear.) If liar arrangement that the government session. (Hear, hear.) I must com- that a development of natural re- this condition is true, and I believe it is becoming the financial backer of the

liment the mover of the address on sources? (Laughter). Even the attor- is, how can the government escape its G. T. P., or the townsite company, what I believe is his maiden effort in ney-general with all his ingenuity, plain duty of providing more adequate whichever you like to call it, and with-this legislature. I had the privilege of would not venture to assert that, and revenue for municipalities? Hand them out authority of parliament to give ravelling through the constituency we can expect almost any kind of an over these taxes and give them the \$200,000 by special warrant for immeans of improving these conditions. provements. I do not say that it was institutions." assertion from that gentleman. Mr. Davey thought the farmer has not right that there should not be con-Not a Benefit to Province.

There was an increase of \$76,000 from that he is getting good prices. The lots are offered for sale, but why Mr. Oliver-The attorney-general can- the wild land tax. The opposition have crops last year were not full and should the government provide \$150,00 them. That would be worse lese macondemned and will condemn the policy prices were low, but I suppose the as a loan to improve the property of jeste than any in Germany. It must be that the honorable gentleman ever hatever else he may retain in it. which favors the speculator against the farmer should be thankful that he has as good as he has and sufficient to I hope the chief commissioner will the G. T. P., or the townsite company. I hope the chief commissioner will to know this on the authority of the to know this on the authority of the to know this on the authority of the to not remember any record of any Laughter.) Having gone through the cautiful valley of the Columbia I think meet the necessities he is subject to, Another cause of thankfulness was that ment was made before the debate is eral. is to be regretted that my friend a benefit to the province. The attor-Parson) has allowed two sessions ney-general said a year ago that the though in the Fernie district a most over. It seems to me it would have "But the attorney-general's departelapse without calling the attention speculator must be given a chance and destructive fire took place it was not attended with greater loss of life, and inshed us with reasons at an early pere House to the immense resources the government has certainly given him (Hear, a chance. The increase, at ten cents an that there is to-day a finer town jod in the session as to the causes parts of the province, about alleged will take place sometime, maybe in the ar.) It possesses a great deal of val- acre on wild lands, means that 760,000 agricultural land, and at an ele- acres more than in the previous year springing up. Fraudulent Pre-emptions. n of 3,000 feet has produced excel- have gone into the hands of speculat-

The seconder told us that there had of the townsite company. It is alleged record, have been refused licenses have lent fruit. Its scenery cannot be sur-rassed in the world for majesty and ests of British Columbia. (Hear, hear.) been 1,600 pre-emption records taken in may quarters that this will not be irequently started these clubs, and it We spend thousands of dollars to ad-vertise our agricultural lands, but when the number of bona fide settlers. I lieve that myself, but you cannot tell. chinery is inadequate to cope with the

In 'regard to the arrangement con-

cerning the Prince Rupert townsite the

tion as to what the arrangement was.

premier did not give us any informa-

true that to hand over \$250,000 of that of Seal Island. There is another 1,500 act will ensure that every club in would brankrupt the province? It is feet right in the centre of the town, I which liquor is sold or supplied to the duty of the government to realize find another block of 1,500 feet to the members will be obliged to take out an is ambitious as Napol- if he intends to continue this persecuthe financial position of the municipali-right of the entrance of the harbor, and annual license of \$100, which may be eon. According to the newspapers he tion. I am not going to allow the selfties of British Columbia, and if they reject this proposition we ask them is at the extreme southeast portion of general."

I do not think, knowing that gentle-Having been in the harbor I will man as I do, that he will even take the admit that the block in the centre is trouble to consult the Conservative as- in the province and devote himself to to the intelligence of men on both sides ties, notably with regard to schools, the most valuable portion of the sociation, waterfront, but I will point out that

the government has received 3,000 feet. or approximately two-fifths of its en-I would ask the finance minister or tire waterfront, on a channel between commissioner of lands and works the island and the mainland, on water sold or supplied without this license." to get information from any municipal- which we have no record of as to its point out too that up the present timethose patronized by the upper-ten, chosen terminus for four years-there "It is, perhaps, needless to say that this legislation is not aimed at re-Vancouver Club."

Why Should We Finance?

I am not going to criticise in a hos ing to take that, and I am not interfrequenters of these clubs,

Well, that is one good thing. We canabundant cause for thanksgiving and siderable improvement made before not afford to think he would question which influenced the government to be-come the bankers of the G. T. P., or dives. Men who, on account of their

I have to compliment the seconder I have to compliment the seconder (Mr. Davey) not so much upon the al-leged facts contained in his speech as upon the manner in which he made use Upon the manner in which he made use

A Sorry Exchange.

I will admit that the attorney-general servative party that the present premier should withdraw from public life (Hear, hear.) I am going to leave it federal politics as the lieutenant, if not of this House to say whether I have to "The license will be granted by the the leader, of Mr. Borden. (Laughter.) resort to any ingenuity to discover superintendent of provincial police on My friend opposite may imagine for grievances against this government. the written instructions only of the at- the moment that the people cannot see (Applause.)

torney-general, and no liquor may be the reason why this course of action is pursued by that gentleman. I want I am sorry to say the government seems to think that though there are man of so great ability he is needed many Conservative clubs in British Co- here; the very best we have is none the opposition? I challenge him to lumbia the only respectable clubs are too good for British Columbia. (Hear, hear.) The province's interests are which has not been improved to a important to us, as a community than those outside. , Therefore, spectable clubs, such as, for instance, if our present premier is a man of so in point. They taxed the farmer or the Union Club, the Pacific Club or the great ability let us keep him here in land and personal property and crops. the interest of the province. I am sure and rejected the help that the oppo

Columbia would say it would be a sorry the expense of a royal com I do not know how the Nelson Club and other clubs in the interior are go- day that the present premier should sisting of my friend, the president of ested, but I am interested in desiring eral. (Laughter and cheers.)

to know, and we have a right to know, Bowser and Duncan Ross. where the government will draw the I am willing to admit, too, he has line of respectability. There are work-all the qualities of the Iron Duke magingmen on the streets of Victoria or nified many times in his constitution. Vancouver just as respectable as any He is brave. We remember him a year ago stating on the floor that certain statements made by Duncan Ross were "It is not anticipated that the inspector will ever darken the doors of these false, and that he would take good care

he would meet that gentleman in Cari- nothing. boo and make him retract his words, and I do not know what was not going the respectability of those who frequent to happen when the two gentlemen met. But I do not seem able to recall

> meeting between Duncan Ross and the ibility and bravery of the attorney-gendim and distant future. I do not know when; it may be in this life, it may be in some other life. (Laughter and cheers.)

> > His Fishery Legislation. I am willing also to admit that my done since it took office.

bood during a large portion of the last fishing season and I am going to ask to have their grievances redressed Advice Was Not Taken.

What did the premier mean by the want of hearty suport of measures by show me any important measure sition. The Assessment Act is a case the majority of the people of British tion offered, with the result that after -supplanted by the attorney-gen- the council, and two business men, they had to change their act almost

beyond recognition. Regarding the loan bill, we did not say that the interest was too much, but that the period was too long at such a rate. We said the conditions would change inside three years, and we find that by the change in conditions in five years the loan is wiped out.

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Mr. Oliver-No. but that does not alter the fact that we said that conditions would improve. (Hear, hear.) If our help has not been taken adment's timber policy was going to give relief in five years. In two years after attorney-general in Vancouver. But I have no doubt whatever of the inflexcessary to depart from the eral. I have no doubt that this meeting will take place sometime, maybe in the 1908, while the principle introduced in 1905 has worked so disastrously that inside of three years the government was forced to put a reserve on the balance of the timber. If the policy of 1905 was good why was it not good in 1908? That reservation was the wisest thing that the government has