

Mr. HERRIDGE: With the provincial government of British Columbia the taxation is almost confiscatory. It is the value of the timber standing each year which is treated as if it is land.

Mr. MACDONALD: If anyone is interested in the subject of taxation it is possible to get a copy of this book "Forestry Tenures and Taxes in Canada", published by the Canadian Tax Foundation, and published in 1957. It is a thorough study of property taxes and income tax by provinces.

Senator MACDONALD (*Queens*): Mr. MacDonald, have you got independent setups for each province? I am interested in the setup for Prince Edward Island. Is the book you mention dominion-wide?

Mr. MACDONALD: They have it province by province.

Senator MACDONALD (*Queens*): Where can I get it? All I am interested in is the province of Prince Edward Island. Where can I get a copy?

Mr. MACDONALD: I don't think it is published separately by province, but I can lend you this if you care to read the part on Prince Edward Island.

Senator MACDONALD (*Queens*): Can I get the whole thing?

Mr. MACDONALD: It is in the Parliamentary Library.

The CLERK OF THE COMMITTEE: Would you give the name to Senator MacDonald and the title of the author?

Mr. MACDONALD: "Forestry Tenures and Taxes in Canada".

There is another sentence that we probably should think about: "Forestry is not a 'get-rich-quick' scheme nor a way to make a 'fast buck'. It requires more long range confidence in government co-operation and the economic future than any other form of private enterprise." That was part IV, page 5.

This is a very important subject, the whole field of taxation, and we have deal with property tax, income tax and succession duties, and there are a few more references in here to other countries, this book on "Forestry Tenures and Taxes in Canada." It is the basis for an over-all program which requires the co-operation of the federal and provincial governments.

The CHAIRMAN: The Crown lands are mostly owned by the provinces?

Mr. MacDonald: Almost all of them.

The CHAIRMAN: Especially within the range of civilization.

Mr. MacDonald: All the Crown lands are provincially owned with the exception of the railway belt in British Columbia.

Mr. HERRIDGE: The federal Government also owns certain properties in the provinces.

Mr. MacDonald: There are federal parks in the provinces. It was in 1931 the federal Government turned over the lands to the provinces—the western provinces and British Columbia. They administered them until 1931.

The CHAIRMAN: I think it was in 1932.

Mr. MacDonald: The next section on forestry improvement will be of interest to anyone interested in the science of farming.

1. From time immemorial the importance of good seed has been respected in agriculture: procedures for the certification of seed have been in effect for many years. In the United States, it is said "The cost of breeding and improvement programs on such agricultural crop plants as cotton and corn is now in excess of \$5,000,000 annually." (1)

If there is a loss from seeding of wheat subject to rust, it is one year's loss only. The economic loss resulting from the planting of

(1) Frank H. Kaufert, Director, School of Forestry, University of Minnesota: Second Lake States Forest Tree Improvement Conference: Lake States Forest Experiment Station Paper 40: December, 1955: page 47.