

DYKING ACT IS AN UNFAIR ONE

PRESSES UNEQUALLY UPON THE DISTRICTS

Farmers of Chilliwack Are Said to Be Unjustly Treated Under the Bill.

The bill to adjust the Dyking Assessment introduced by the government, in common with other financial measures, is prepared apparently without careful consideration...

The dyking district of Chilliwack is peculiarly situated as compared with the other lands in the dyked area. The former are protected, probably once in ten or fifteen years. The land was heavily timbered, and the cost of clearing alone is held to constitute a charge equal to the value of the property.

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But while the actual settlers of Chilliwack who are building homes for themselves are to have the assessment upon them increased from \$121,000 according to the act of 1898 to \$252,306, yet a reversed condition is to prevail with respect to the assessment districts in Dewdney owned in no small part by non-residents for speculative purposes.

The comparative figures with respect to dyking charges is set forth in the following table:

Table with 4 columns: District, Present Charges, Proposed Charges, Written Off. Rows include Chilliwack, Matsqui, and other districts.

ARE ACTING ON GREENLY'S ADVICE

ONTARIO FARMERS MOVING TO THE WEST

Exodus for the Present Week Amounts to Nearly Two Thousand - A. O. U. W. Rates.

Toronto, March 16.—The Pacific express left for the West last night in two sections with about 500 Ontario farmers, who purpose settling there. The exodus for the present week to Manitoba and the Territories amounts to nearly 2,000.

Toronto, March 16.—After discussion, which lasted all afternoon and evening, Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., last night decided to increase the rate of the voting standing 28,238 for, and 10,684 against. Under the old schedule the maximum was reached at the age of 45, from that date the insured rating being \$1.30 per thousand.

Toronto, March 16.—In an interview here, Sir Mackenzie Bowell expresses the opinion that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will not attempt to push the separate schools of the autonomy bill through parliament, but will submit them to the courts for decision as to their legality.

Toronto, March 16.—Rev. Dr. Deane, of Glasgow, has declined the invitation

SCHOOL CLAUSE HAS BEEN AMENDED

GIVES WHAT NORTHWEST LIBERALS HAVE ASKED

The Order-in-Council Providing for the Close Salmon Seasons Will Be Repealed.

Ottawa, March 16.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier will announce to-morrow in the House the new educational clause of the autonomy bill. It will give all the Northwest Liberals have asked for and will be supported by all Liberals in the House except one or two.

The usual number of petitions were presented to the House to-day against the educational clause.

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MRS. CHADWICK Selects More Than \$4,000 Worth of Personal Property From Her Old Home.

Cleveland, O., March 15.—Mrs. Chadwick, accompanied by two deputy marshals, left the county jail to-day and was driven to her old home to select \$4,000 worth of personal effects exempted from the claims of creditors.

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A SERIOUS CHARGE. Young Man Accused of Victimizing His Friends—Suspected Robbery.

There are several persons in town who would like to renew their acquaintance with Edward Haas. This individual, who is a young man from Tacoma about a year ago, and last Saturday night he abruptly left, after having exhibited a number of symptoms which the police are for.

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AMENDMENTS TO ASSESSMENT ACT

GOVERNMENT BRINGS DOWN PROMISED BILL

Changes Proposed in the Measure as a Result of the Commissioner's Report.

The government's bill to amend the Assessment Act was introduced Wednesday. It is in line with the recommendations made before the commission, coal and timber land have been given a special classification independent from wild lands.

"Coal land" is interpreted as all land, owned, leased, held under license, claimed or occupied by any person for the special purpose of mining coal therefrom, and which is not held or used for any other purpose, and which, for the purpose of assessment and taxation, shall be classified under two heads:

Class A includes land from which coal is being mined and in respect of the coal being mined therefrom, when the taxes and royalties paid to the crown on said coal, and on the coke produced therefrom for the year ending the thirtieth day of June preceding the date of assessment, shall amount to twenty-five cents per acre, at least to cover the area claimed by the owner, lessee or licensee as land from which coal is being mined, or from coal land owned, leased or held under license by him adjoining thereto.

Class B is coal land other than that included in Class A from which no coal is being mined or is not covered by the area ascertained under Class A.

The words "timber land" shall mean all lands owned, leased, held under license, claimed or occupied by any person for the special purpose of cutting or removing timber therefrom, or is held as an investment for the accruing value of the timber growing thereon, and which is not held for any other purpose; timber land from which timber has been cut or removed, but from which land the roots of the trees and the underbrush growing or remaining thereon have not been removed, shall be classed as wild land until the same is made fit for agricultural, pastoral or commercial purposes; provided, however, that where land is being cleared of timber, roots and underbrush for the purpose of making it fit for agricultural or pastoral purposes by a bona fide settler, such land shall not be classed as timber land.

"Wild land" is defined to mean all land, other than coal land and timber land, claimed by any person, on which there shall not be existing improvements to the value, when assessed, of two dollars and fifty cents per acre, in addition to the cash value of the land itself, on land situate west of the Cascade range of mountains, and of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre on land situate east of the said Cascade range, but improvements upon any part of the land owned or claimed by any person shall be deemed to be improvements upon the land to the extent of one hundred and sixty acres on land situate west of the said Cascade range, and of three hundred and twenty acres on land situate east of the said Cascade range. In the manner of the assessor, who shall be deemed to be a bona fide settler, who has had charge of the different physical classes throughout the winter, announces that many more have evinced an interest in these exercises than in the past. Not only have advances been made in the physical classes, but the financial income also has increased. The association's debt has been materially reduced and is now a matter of something less than \$500.

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Provided further, that if the assessed owner or tenant residing upon any land of not less than twenty acres in extent which is cultivated or is being brought into cultivation, and which is assessed as improved land for a taxable value not exceeding one thousand dollars, and who shall pay the taxes thereon for the current year on or before the thirtieth day of June in each year, but not otherwise, the collector is hereby authorized to allow such person, in lieu of the ten per cent. discount, a discount at the rate of forty per cent. upon said current year's taxes.

LANDS BELONGING TO THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT IN THE PROVINCE, CLAIMED OR OCCUPIED BY ANY PERSON UNDER AGREEMENT, LEASE OR PERMISSION FROM THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT SHALL BE ASSESSED AND TAXED AS REAL PROPERTY, WILD LAND, COAL OR TIMBER LAND, AS THE CASE MAY BE, AND SUCH PERSON SHALL BE PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE TAXES THEREON, BUT THE LAND ITSELF SHALL NOT BE LIABLE THEREFOR, NOR SHALL THE RIGHTS OF THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT TO SUCH LAND BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY BY SUCH ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION.

THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO EXEMPT INCOME UP TO \$500 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ASSESSMENT COMMISSION, BUT WERE FORCED BY THE COUNCIL TO PUT IT BACK TO \$1,000 AGAIN.

On exemption of pre-emptions the section has been made to read as follows: So much of the personal property of the owner or lessee of any farm, orchard or ranch as consists of the direct produce of such land, which has been reaped or garnered therefrom and which may be in his possession on the land at the date of assessment of his other personal property, and so much of his income as may be derived from such land: Provided, however, that his real and other personal property and income from all sources other than from such land shall be assessed and taxed.

Other amendments exempt the unsecured debts due at the date of assessment. Money deposited in the bank in the province, whether on deposit or upon current account, is also exempted. Dividends, matured or ballion in course of treatment at any smelter shall also be exempt.

The taxpayer is not to be assessed on both his personal property and income. He is to be taxed on whichever gives the larger return to the government.

Banks are to be assessed and taxed on income under the regular schedule of rates instead of by a special one. The assessed value of townsite lots shall not be less than \$25.

The government has introduced a section to allow of the rolls being gone into and revised even for ten years after it has been prepared. The section reads as follows: If, after the final revision of the current year's roll, the assessor should discover that any person has escaped taxation (other than upon land), for which such person would have been liable had he been assessed and taxed under the Assessment Act as herebefore, he shall, upon any supplementary roll for the current year, assess and tax such person for the amounts omitted, according to the information then had and obtained, but for a period limited to ten years preceding the date of such supplementary roll; and due notice of such assessment shall be given to such person, who shall have the right to appeal to the special court of revision at its next or some subsequent meeting after said notice of assessment has been given, and such appeal shall be lodged with the assessor within fourteen days after the date of the notice of assessment. Before making such assessment, the assessor shall have the right to examine the taxpayer on oath or otherwise, and to demand and obtain production of the taxpayer's books, papers and accounts, and to examine the same. If, after such examination, it is proved that the taxpayer has wilfully evaded just taxation, or withheld correct information for the due assessment for which he would have been liable under any portion of said period, the taxpayer shall be liable in the penalties provided in the Assessment Act; but if the omission has been caused unintentionally by the taxpayer, he shall be liable for the correct taxes only, and he shall have no right to claim that all the taxes for which he had been assessed had been paid in full by any official receipts which he may produce, if the omitted amounts, or any balance thereof, are not included therein.

There are a number of amendments dealing with the assessor's duties.

SALT SPRING ISLAND NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) The new Methodist church at the Central Settlement will be dedicated on March 19th by Rev. J. P. Westman, of the Centennial Methodist church, Victoria.

A. Ward and wife and Miss Cavendish are expected to return from California some time this month.

J. C. Scovell returned on Wednesday from a visit to Ireland.

Nan Patterson will be put on trial once more to answer a charge of murdering Caesar Young, the wealthy bookmaker. The second trial of the case will begin on April 20th.

BORN. LASBURY—At Vancouver, on March 12th, the wife of Geo. Lasbury, of a daughter, BEFIELD, the 14th inst., the wife of C. P. Bandfield, of daughter.

MARRIED. OLSEN-KARROSEN—At New Westminster, March 15th, by Rev. A. C. Quale, John Olsen and Miss Petra Karroben.

FULTON-LAWRIE—At the residence of the bride's mother, 25 Kane street, on March 14th, by Rev. G. K. B. Adams, Miss Mary Lawrie, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Lawrie, to Mr. Ernest E. Fulton, of Victoria.

CACCHINI—At Vancouver, on March 15th, by Rev. R. J. Wilson, Rico Christie Cao and Violet Ellen Christie.

DIED. GREEN—On Sunday, March 12th, at the family residence, Stanley avenue, Theophilus Turner Green, eldest daughter of I. S. J. Turner, Ipswich, England, and widow of the late A. A. Green, aged 64 years.

MARCOFF—At St. Joseph's hospital, on the 12th instant, of appendicitis, Joseph Charles, youngest son of Mr. X. Marcoff, of South Spanish, aged 24 years.

SENKLEB—At Vancouver, on March 14th, Mrs. E. J. Senkler, aged 74 years.

CLYDE—At Vancouver, on March 15th, John Clyde, aged 64 years.

EUSTON—At Yernon, on March 5th, Mrs. Euston, aged 80 years.

BRAYERSMAN—On the 14th inst. at the family residence, 1722 Yates street, Isidor Brayerman, aged 76 years, and a native of Pleschen, Germany.

Advertisement for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, describing its benefits for various ailments like kidney