

Friday, 29th April, 1898.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. Jenns*.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* presented a Return of all tenders for the supply of the various departments of the Government with stationery and other goods purchased by the Controller of Stationery.

Mr. *Graham* presented a Petition from *R. G. Sidley* and others, residents of the district between *Osoyoos* and *Rock Creek*, asking amendment of the Redistribution Bill, as affecting the *East Riding of Yale Electoral District*.

Received and Ordered to be printed.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Speedy Incorporation of Towns Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Williams* moved, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*,—

Whereas the attention of the members of this House has been called to an advertisement in the *London Times*, issued on 5th April, instant, by the "Klondyke and Columbian Gold Fields, Limited," the "Dawson City and Dominion Trading Corporation," with the "Klondyke and Columbian Passenger Agency," in which the following clauses appear:—

"On arrival of passengers at Pacific Coast, the voyager is ignorant of the best steamer on which to take his passage. In a strange country, he is at the mercy of the first canvasser. In a strange town, he is in the hands of the storekeeper, who undertakes to provide him with a miner's outfit for an exorbitant sum, omitting many of the most important and more expensive necessities. He is pressed into buying provisions utterly inadequate and unsuitable for a year's sojourn in a gold mining country. He is plagued by customs officials, and without experience and knowledge, is generally at the mercy of hacks all round.

"At Vancouver passengers will be met by the officials of the Klondyke and Columbian Passenger Agency, who will take them in charge to Victoria.

"At Victoria passengers will receive their outfit and provisions, properly packed by experienced packers.

"From Victoria to Dyea by Washington and Alaska Steamship Company. Dyea to Lake Lindeman by Chilkoot Railroad and Transport Company."

And whereas the Hon. *J. H. Turner*, Premier and Finance Minister, and Hon. *C. E. Pooley*, President of the Council, are local directors of the "Klondyke and Columbian Gold Fields, Limited," and the "Dawson City and Dominion Trading Corporation, Limited," and as such their names appear in said advertisement

And whereas many of the allegations contained in said advertisement are untrue and charges false, and are a reflection against the honesty and business integrity of the people and merchants of our Province not warranted by facts:

Therefore, be it Resolved, That this House regrets that the allegations and statements contained in said advertisement, and methods thereby adopted, should be endorsed and countenanced by the Premier and President of the Council, and that they should allow their names to appear in such advertisement.

Mr. Speaker *Booth*: The gist of the Resolution is practically the same as a former Resolution, the debate of which was laid over for six months. I think the motion is out of order.

Mr. *Williams* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Huff,*  
*Smith,*  
*Mutter,*  
*Helmcken,*

*Baker,*  
*Turner,*  
*Martin,*  
*Adams,*

*Stoddart,*  
*Walkem,*  
*Pooley,*  
*Eberts,*

*Bryden,*  
*Rogers,*  
*Hunter,*  
*McGregor—16.*

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

*Sword,*  
*Kennedy,*  
*Hume,*

*Forster.*  
*Macpherson,*  
*Kidd,*

*Vedder,*  
*Williams,*  
*Semlin,*

*Cotton,*  
*Graham—11.*

The Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing a Bill intituled "An Act to confirm an Agreement between Her Majesty, in right of Her Province of British Columbia, and Frank Owen and William John Stokes, and to Incorporate the Cariboo-Omineca Chartered Company," was considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Stoddart* in the Chair.

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to confirm an Agreement between Her Majesty in right of Her Province of British Columbia and Frank Owen and William John Stokes, and to Incorporate the Cariboo-Omineca Chartered Company."

The Chairman reported the Resolution and the Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act for the Redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts, and to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting the construction of certain Dyking Works" was read a second time.

To be committed on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to define the boundaries of the Corporation of the District of North Cowichan" was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Quesnelle Lake Dam Company Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Mountain Tramway and Electric Company," was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Skeena River and Eastern Railway Company" was read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Hunter* moved—That Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay and North-West Railway Company” be read a third time.

Mr. *Sword* moved—To amend section 31 by inserting after the word “deposited,” on lines 15 and 19, the words “and filed”; and by inserting after the word “deposit,” on line 16, the words “and filing.”

Carried.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Downie Creek Railway Company” was adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock.

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Order for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886,’ and amendments thereto,” was discharged, and the Bill recommitted.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act relating to the employment of Chinese or Japanese persons on Works carried on under Franchises granted by Private Acts,” was committed, with Major *Mutter* in the chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Legal Professions Act’” was committed, with Mr. *Rogers* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Wednesday next.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 10:50 o'clock, P. M.

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Monday, 2nd May, 1898.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, seconded by Mr. *Braden*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all correspondence had between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government, or between the *Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company*, or anyone on its behalf, and the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, relative to the obtaining of or requesting the assent of the Provincial Government to the disposition by the Dominion Government of nineteen acres of the *Songhees Reserve*, or any part thereof, in favour of the *Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company*.

(b.) Also copies of all Orders in Council (if any) passed by the Provincial Government, and copies of all Orders in Council (if any) passed by the Federal Government and forwarded to the Provincial Government, relating to any such disposition in favour of said Company.

(c.) Also for a copy of the plan referred to in the communication of *J. A. J. McKenna*, Esquire, to the Honourable the Premier, dated September 2nd, 1897.

(d.) Also for copies of all correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government, or between the *Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Co.*, or anyone on its behalf, and the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, relative to the obtaining or requesting the assent of the Provincial Government to the grant of the foreshore of the *Songhees Reserve*, or any portion thereof, by the Federal Government in favour of the *Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company*.

(e.) Also copies of all Orders in Council (if any) passed by the Provincial Government, and copies of all Orders in Council (if any) passed by the Federal Government and forwarded to the Provincial Government, relating to the grant of the foreshore of the said Reserve, or any portion thereof, to the said Company.

On the motion of Mr. *Williams*, seconded by Mr. *Kennedy*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented by this House to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to move the Dominion Government to take into consideration the urgent need of a drill-shed in the *City of Vancouver*, where no suitable nor adequate accommodation for our Volunteers is provided, this House believing the Volunteer forces of our country should be encouraged and provided with suitable places in which to drill and acquire proficiency.

The Report on Bill (No. 44) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mineral Act’” was considered.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* moved to insert as section 2:—

“2. Section 2 of the ‘Mineral Act’ is amended by striking out of lines 15 and 16 all the words after ‘stone,’ down to and including the word ‘purposes.’”

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 57) intituled “An Act to define the Boundaries of the Corporation of the District of North Cowichan” was committed, with Mr. *Sword* in the Chair.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 59) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Small Debts Act’” was committed, with Mr. *Kennedy* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 58) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Railway Act’” was committed, with Mr. *Huff* in the Chair.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 62) intituled “An Act to further amend the ‘Quesnelle Lake Dam Company Act’” was committed, with Mr. *Hume* in the Chair.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Helmcken* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

(1.) Has the Provincial Government been requested by the *Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company*, or by anyone on its behalf (if so, by whom and when?), to give its assent to a disposition by the Federal Government of about 19 acres, or thereabouts, of the *Songhees Reserve* to the said Railway Company, or of any portion thereof?

- (2.) Has the Provincial Government given or agreed to give its assent thereto?  
 (3.) Has the Federal Government at any time requested the Provincial Government to give its assent to such disposition? If yea, the date or dates of any such application?  
 (4.) Has the Provincial Government given or agreed to give its assent thereto?  
 (5.) Has the Provincial Government been requested by the *Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company*, or by anyone on its behalf (and if so, by whom and when?), to give its assent to a grant or disposition by the Federal Government of a portion of the foreshore of the *Songhees Reserve* in favour of the said Railway Company?  
 (6.) Has the Federal Government at any time requested the Provincial Government to give its assent to such disposition?  
 (7.) If yea, the date or dates of any such application?  
 (8.) Has the Provincial Government given or agreed to give its assent thereto?

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* replied as follows:—

“1, 2, 3, 4, 5. No.

“6. Yes.

“7. September 2nd, 18th, 22nd, 25th, and October 15th, 1897, as laid before the House March 15th, 1898.

“8. No.”

Bill (No. 64) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Speedy Incorporation of Towns Act’” was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Adams* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Downie Creek Railway Company” was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 46) intituled “The Truck Act” was considered.

Mr. *Kellie* moved—To insert after the word “municipality,” in line 4, section 19, the words “or place.”

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 55) intituled “An Act to Incorporate Industrial Communities” was committed, with Mr. *Stoddart* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 56) intituled “An Act to amend the Law respecting the Marking of Cattle” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented a Supplementary Return of correspondence relating to the land grant to the *Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Company*.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o’clock to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented a Return to an Order of the House for a Return of the names of all companies which have complied with the “Companies Act, 1897.” Also a Return of the names of any companies which have rendered themselves liable to the penalties provided in the Act, and a statement of the steps taken against such companies.

And then the House adjourned at 5:05 o’clock, P. M.

Tuesday, 3rd May, 1898.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act.'"

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Act.'"

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Speedy Incorporation of Towns Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting the construction of certain Dyking Works" was committed, with Mr. *Graham* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to confirm an Agreement between Her Majesty, in Right of Her Province of British Columbia, and Frank Owen and William John Stokes, and to Incorporate the Cariboo-Omineca Chartered Company," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* presented a Return showing all official reports in respect to the "Burnaby Small Holdings," made since the one dated 2nd February, 1897.

Also a Return of copies of all Orders in Council, and all correspondence, agreements and papers relating in any way to the land grant under the "Cassiar Central Railway Aid Act, 1897."

Also a Return showing :—

(a.) The number of Chinamen who are tenants of the Crown.

(b.) Particulars of property occupied, together with the area thereof, and nature of tenure.

(c.) Amount of rent and when paid.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to accelerate the Incorporation of the Town of Revelstoke" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the South-East Kootenay Railway Company" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, as follows :—

THOS. R. McINNES,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that the following amendment be made in Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act for the Redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts, and to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'": That section 2 be amended to read as follows :—

"2. Section 20 of the 'Constitution Act' is hereby repealed, and the following section is substituted therefor :—

“20. The Legislative Assembly of British Columbia shall consist of thirty-eight members, to be elected in manner provided by the ‘Provincial Elections Act,’ and to represent the Electoral Districts constituted and defined by and in the said Act.”

*Government House,  
3rd May, 1898.*

Ordered, That the said Message be referred to the Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 48.

Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886,’ and amendments thereto,” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 65) intituled “An Act respecting the Profession of Medicine and Surgery” was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Great Gold Gravels Dredge Mining Corporation” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 46) intituled “The Truck Act” was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o’clock.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O’CLOCK, P. M.

The adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Helmcken* on 13th April, as follows:—

“Whereas negotiations were lately depending between the Dominion Government through its special representative, *J. A. J. McKenna*, Esquire, and the Provincial Government, touching the removal of the Indians from the *Songhees Reserve*, which were without result:

“And whereas it is highly desirable that negotiations should be resumed without delay, in order that the question may be definitely settled:

“Be it therefore Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to communicate with the Dominion Government, requesting that Government to instruct its Commissioner to proceed in accordance with the terms of the Resolution of this House, dated 28th January, 1896”—

was resumed.

Mr. *Semlin* moved in amendment—To strike out all the words after “Whereas” and to insert the following:—

“various resolutions have been passed by this Legislature, urging upon the Dominion Government the desirability of securing the removal of the *Songhees Indians* from their present Reserve within the *City of Victoria*:

“And whereas the existence of the said Reserve in its present locality is a detriment to the said City:

“And whereas it is desirable, in the interests of the Indians, that they should be removed from the contaminating influences of city life:

“And whereas negotiations have been carried on between the Provincial and Dominion Governments, resulting in *J. A. J. McKenna*, Esq., duly accredited by the Dominion Government, visiting *Victoria* with a view to arranging with the Provincial Government equitable terms for the removal of the *Songhees Indians* and their Reserve:

“And whereas, as shown by his letter of 25th September, 1897, *J. A. J. McKenna*, Esq., was prepared to advise the Indians to accept their rehabilitation in another Reserve, and the funding for their benefit of the amount to be derived from the sale of the nineteen acres occupied within the Reserve by the *Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company* as a full and satisfactory settlement of their claims to compensation:

“And whereas the cost of such rehabilitation could not have been excessive;

“And whereas this proposed arrangement failed, through the refusal of the Provincial Government to give their assent :

“And whereas *J. A. J. McKenna*, Esq., on behalf of the Dominion Government, afterwards made the following proposal to the Provincial Government for the removal of the *Songhees Indians* and Reserve :—

“On the Provincial Government passing an Order in Council concurring, without prejudice to the claims of either Government to Indian Reserves in the Province, in the disposal by the Dominion of the *Songhees Reserve*, the Dominion Government would agree to secure, within two years (afterwards expressing his willingness to reduce this time to one year) from the date of the said order, the removal of the Indians, and to fund for their benefit, subject to the laws of the Dominion in respect to Indian trust funds, the proceeds derived from the sale of the lands comprised in the *Songhees Reserve*, less such amount as may be expended in procuring a new location and effecting the removal and rehabilitation of the Indians, and in disposing of the land in the present Reserve, the Provincial Government to be relieved of any expenditure or responsibility in the matter’ :

“And whereas, in the acceptance of either of these proposals, the Provincial Government could have secured the removal of the *Songhees Indians* and Reserve without relinquishing any reversionary right the Province may have to the said Reserve or the proceeds of its sale :

“Resolved, That this House regrets that the Government, in administering the affairs of the Province, failed to accept the reasonable terms offered for the removal of the *Songhees Indians* and Reserve by the Dominion, thereby injuring the best interests of the *City of Victoria* and the *Songhees Indians*, and neglected to carry out the expressed wishes and desires of this House.”

The amendment was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Vedder,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Graham—11.</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>McGregor—19.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	

Original motion resolved in the affirmative.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11:20 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 4th May, 1898.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. F. Swinnerton*.

Mr. *Higgins* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions :—

What were the amounts due the Bank of British Columbia on the following dates, viz. :—28th February, 31st March, and 30th April, 1898? Also, the cash on hand at the Treasury and in hands of agents on the same dates?



The Hon. Mr. *Turner* replied as follows :—

“ Amount due Bank of British Columbia on 28th February last . . . . .	\$225,240 69
“ “ “ “ “ 31st March last . . . . .	269,570 06
“ “ “ “ “ 30th April last . . . . .	287,485 00
“ Cash on hand at Treasury and in hands of Agents 28th February . . . . .	38,231 10
“ “ “ “ “ 31st March . . . . .	41,256 81
“ “ “ “ (Agents’ returns not in), 30th April . . . . .	5,088 00”

Mr. *Higgins* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions :—

How have the following sums received by the Province, and for which it is liable (*see* balance sheet 30th June, 1897, page 7, Public Accounts), been invested, and what interest is derived therefrom :—

Deposits (Intestate Estates, etc.) . . . . .	\$ 81,714 25
“ (Suitors’ Fund Act, 1890) . . . . .	49,436 48
Nakusp & Slocan Railway Co. (balance of Dominion Govern- ment subsidy and earnings of the road) . . . . .	46,987 02
Total . . . . .	\$178,137 75

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* replied as follows :—

“None of these is specially invested ; no interest is derived therefrom.”

Mr. *Williams* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions :—

1. Who has charge of the lepers on *Darcy Island*?
2. What precautions (if any) are taken to prevent intercourse between the lepers and other residents of the Province, and to prevent the exportation of vegetables or other produce from the island?

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* replied as follows :—

“1. *Darcy Island* was reserved from sale or pre-emption and set apart for sanitary purposes on the 13th May, 1891, at the request of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, and the lepers on the island are under the care of the said Corporation.

“2. Enquiries are being made in order to reply to this question.”

Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886,’ and amendments thereto,” was again committed.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Great Gold Gravels Dredge Mining Corporation” was committed, with Mr. *Kennedy* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act for the Redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts, and to amend the ‘Provincial Elections Act,’” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 61) intituled “An Act to confirm an Agreement between Her Majesty, in Right of Her Province of British Columbia, and Frank Owen and William John Stokes, and to Incorporate the Cariboo-Omineca Chartered Company,” was committed, with Mr. *Huff* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows :—

THOS. R. McINNES,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Public Works Loan Act, 1897,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*4th May, 1898.*

*Ordered,* That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of Bill (No. 68) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Public Works Loan Act, 1897.’”

Mr. *Hunter*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill.  
Report adopted.  
Bill introduced and read a first time.  
To be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Walkem* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into matters relating to log-scaling, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
4th May, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Committee appointed to enquire into the matter of log-scaling and matters in connection with logging beg leave to report as follows :—

Your Committee have held two meetings, at which the question of log-scaling was discussed with a delegation of loggers and Mr. R. H. Alexander, of the Hastings Saw-Mill Company.

We find that the B. C. scale is in use in this Province, but not in the manner contemplated in the adoption of the scale.

We would respectfully recommend that the Act of 1894 be re-enforced—that the scaling of all logs by a Government scale be made compulsory.

That some means be devised by which logs may be classified by the scaler, as well as numbered, so as to keep track of the quantity contained in each log.

We think, also, that some more efficient check should be put on the distinction between dutiable and non-dutiable logs, and with that object in view we would recommend that the Government should supply the masters of all tugs engaged in towing logs with blank forms, to be filled in in duplicate on every tow, with the following information :—The amount, or approximate amount, in the boom ; the licence, lease or other description of property on which the logs were cut ; the name of the logger ; the name of the tug and the master thereof ; the day and date

A copy (in the form specified) of this information to be given to the Timber Inspector, and another copy to the mill authorities where the boom is delivered.

We are confidently of the opinion that if a fair trial is given to the foregoing suggestions, that it will result in an increased revenue to the Government and a more satisfactory business understanding between the logger and mill-men.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. WYMOND WALKEM,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock.

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to accelerate the Incorporation of the Town of Revelstoke" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act respecting the Profession of Medicine and Surgery" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act relating to the employment of Chinese or Japanese persons on Works carried on under Franchises granted by Private Acts" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act respecting Liens of Mechanics, Wage-earners, and others," was discharged.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act'" was discharged.

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the Law respecting the Marking of Cattle" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10:40 o'clock, P. M.

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Thursday, 5th May, 1898.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. F. Swinnerton.

On the motion of Mr. Forster, seconded by Mr. Macpherson, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be laid before this House a Return showing the quantity of land granted or applied for by the *Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company*, under the provisions of the Island Railway Act (47 Vic., chap. 14), in lieu of land alienated in the Island Railway Belt. Such Return to show in detail:—

(a.) The several districts, settlements, reserves, towns and townsites situate in the belt; what lands are claimed, or alleged by the Company for the purposes of their application, to have been alienated by Crown grant:

(b.) What by pre-emption:

(c.) What by agreement for sale:

(d.) What by lease:

(e.) What as highways or road allowances:

(f.) What in any other way alienated.

Mr. Kellie asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following question:—

Why were the applications of *Manuel Dainard* and *G. S. McArthur* refused for an extension of time to do work on four mineral claims in *East Kootenay District*?

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* replied as follows:—

“With two exceptions, all applications for extension of time to perform assessment work have been refused, Geo. S. McCarter's among the number, there being no unusual depth of snow, or early winter, as last year, when an Order in Council was passed empowering the Gold Commissioners to grant extension of time. No application for extension of time has been made by Manuel Dainard.”

Mr. *Forster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What amount has been paid to the Government, as rent and fees, by the *Quesnelle Lake Dam Company*, since the incorporation of the said company in 1881?

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* replied as follows:—

“\$4,900.”

Mr. *Kellie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What has been the cost of protecting the river bank at *Revelstoke*?
2. Were contracts for supplying materials called for?
3. What firms furnished the supplies, and amount each firm received?
4. The cost of shovels, and by whom furnished?
5. Amount of salary paid engineers on the work?

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* replied as follows:—

“The particulars of expenditure in connection with the works have not yet been handed in to the Department. The total estimated cost is \$16,000.”

Mr. *Graham* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:—

1. Has the Government taken any steps looking towards the immediate construction of a waggon road to *Teslin Lake* or vicinity?
2. If so, what steps have been taken?

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. The representative of the Government at Telegraph Creek has been instructed to employ a large force of men to get out timber and build bridges and corduroy swamps.”

The Order for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 56) intituled “An Act to amend the Law respecting the Marking of Cattle” was discharged and the Bill recommitted.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act relating to the employment of Chinese or Japanese persons on Works carried on under Franchises granted by Private Acts” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 43) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Creditors’ Trust Deeds Act,’” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 63) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Game Act,’” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 64) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Speedy Incorporation of Towns Act,’” was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved—To strike out the words “made no provision for,” in the first and second lines of the second preamble, and to substitute therefor the words “did not require.”

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved—To insert after the figures “1897,” at end of fifth line of second preamble, the words “or in consequence of no rate having been struck thereupon, if the same were prepared.”

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved—To add at the end of the second preamble the words: “and also to exercise the general borrowing powers, with the consent of the property holders.”

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved—To add at the end of section 2 the following words:—“or in the alternative an amount equal to 15 mills on the dollar of the value of land or real property within the municipality, according to the last revised municipal assessment roll, whichever amount may be the larger.”

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved—To insert in the third line of section 3, after the word “money,” the words: “and there is no such roll in existence in the municipality.”

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned.

The Report on Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act respecting the construction of certain Dyking Works” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled “An Act to confirm an Agreement between Her Majesty, in Right of Her Province of British Columbia, and Frank Owen and William John Stokes, and to Incorporate the Cariboo-Omineca Chartered Company,” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 66) intituled “An Act to accelerate the Incorporation of the Town of Revelstoke” was committed, with Mr. *Adams* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 67) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Jurors Act’” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 65) intituled “An Act respecting the Profession of Medicine and Surgery” was committed, with Mr. *Stoddart* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again this evening.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Kidd* presented two Reports from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the methods adopted in other countries to help farmers to obtain loans on easy terms, and to which Bill No. 49 was referred, reporting the Bill and proposed amendments.

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Bill (No. 65) intituled “An Act respecting the Profession of Medicine and Surgery” was again committed.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10:40 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, May 6th, 1898.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. F. Swinnerton*.

Mr. *Semlin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sword*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Orders in Council and all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any other Government, or any person whatever, in reference to the construction of any railroad or railroads from the coast to *Teslin Lake, Cassiar or Omineca District*.

The motion was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Vedder,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Stoddart—14.</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	<i>McGregor—17.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>			

Mr. *Kidd* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions :—

1. Is there a royalty collected on cordwood cut on lands acquired previous to the year 1896 ?

2. If so, by what authority is the same collected ?

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* replied as follows :—

“1. Yes ; on lands held under pre-emption record.

“2. By authority of section 58 of the ‘Land Act’ (Rev. Stat., 1897), pre-empted lands being the property of the Crown until a Crown grant has been issued.”

Mr. *Helmcken* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions :—

Is it the intention of the Government to pay the claim of the beneficiaries under the will of the late *Martha McNeill*, arising out of the acts of *James Charles Prevost*, the late Registrar of the Supreme Court ? If not, why not ?

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* replied as follows :—

“The Government has not recognised, and cannot recognise, any claims arising out of defalcations committed by *Prevost*, except in his official capacity. In those estates in which he was appointed trustee, administrator, or guardian, the Government had not control over

his appointment or knowledge that he was being appointed without the ordinary security being given in every case where he was so appointed by the Court ; or, if the Court dispensed with such security, it was presumed that it was on account of the precautions called for by section 29 of the ‘Supreme Court Act’ (C. A. 1888, cap. 31) having been complied with.”

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* moved—“That Bill (No. 68) intituled ‘An Act to amend the British Columbia Public Works Loan Act, 1897,’ be read a second time now.”

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act for the Redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts, and to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was considered.

Mr. *Kellie* moved—To amend section 5 by striking out all the section after the word "lake," in line 16, and inserting in lieu thereof the words: "thence northerly along the summit to the head-waters of the Duncan River; thence due east to the eastern boundary of West Kootenay District."

Carried.

Mr. *Semlin* moved—To strike out clause 7.

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

*Sword,*  
*Kennedy,*  
*Hume,*

*Forster,*  
*Macpherson,*  
*Kidd,*

*Vedder,*  
*Williams,*  
*Semlin,*

*Cotton,*  
*Graham,*  
*Kellie—12.*

NAYS :

Messieurs

*Huff,*  
*Smith,*  
*Mutter,*  
*Helmcken,*  
*Baker,*

*Turner,*  
*Martin,*  
*Adams,*  
*Higgins,*  
*Walkem,*

*Pooley,*  
*Eberts,*  
*Bryden,*  
*Rogers,*

*Hunter,*  
*Irving,*  
*Braden,*  
*McGregor—18.*

Report, as amended, adopted.  
Third reading on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to confirm an Agreement between Her Majesty, in right of Her Province of British Columbia, and Frank Owen and William John Stokes, and to Incorporate the Cariboo-Omineca Chartered Company," was adopted.

Third reading on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem* seconded by Mr. *Kennedy*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Report of the Select Committee on Log-scaling, &c., presented on the 4th inst., be adopted.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Great Gold Gravels Dredge Mining Corporation" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Metalliferous Mines, Iron, Steel, Timplat and Metal Company," was discharged.

The Report on Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to Incorporate Industrial Communities" was considered.

Mr. *Sword* moved to insert as a new section:—

"The provisions of this Act shall not apply to the incorporation of any company or association whose capital stock is in shares, or in which the interest of the members in such company or association is transferable."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.  
Third reading on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the Law respecting the Marking of Cattle" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5:55 o'clock, P. M.

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## Monday, May 9th, 1898.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Hunter* presented a Petition from *R. Hodson* and others, residents of *Comox*, re railway from *Glenora* to *Teslin Lake*.

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Helmcken* presented a Petition from *Lenz & Leiser* and others, wholesale and retail traders of the *City of Victoria*, opposing amendments to the "Municipal Clauses Act" to increase trades licences and the tax on real estate, proposed by the Mayor and Aldermen of the *City of Victoria*.

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, seconded by Mr. *Braden*, it was *Resolved*,—

That, in the opinion of this House, if and when any negotiations take place touching the future disposition of the *Songhees Reserve*, in any agreement or disposition touching the same, provision should be made providing for road allowance and guaranteeing free access for passenger or vehicular traffic for all time across any railway or other bridge that may be now or hereafter erected connecting the *City of Victoria* with the said Reserve.

Mr. *Kennedy* moved, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*,—

That the sale of intoxicating liquors within this building is in direct violation of both the letter and spirit of the "Liquor Traffic Regulation Act," and has a tendency to lower the dignity of the House, besides being very unfair to those outside who have paid a licence for the privilege of selling such liquors, and therefore should be at once stopped, and proper steps taken to prevent any such breach of said Act in the future.

The previous question was moved by Mr. *Helmcken*, and carried.

Original motion negatived.

The House then proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Public Works Loan Act, 1897,'" was resumed.

Mr. *Semlin* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,—

That all the words after "That" be struck out, and the following be substituted therefor: "whereas it is the duty of the Dominion Government, as recognised by it, to provide communication by means of a railway from an ocean port in British Columbia to *Teslin Lake*:"

"And whereas this Government has refused to place this House in possession of the correspondence between it and the Dominion Government relative to the construction of such railway, so that this House is unable to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion as to the ultimate intentions of the Dominion Government:



“And whereas it is evident that the Provincial Government has so acted as to justify the Dominion Government in counting on substantial financial assistance from the Province to the proposed railway, and that it is now hopeless otherwise to expect immediate construction of this railway this year :

“And whereas this House, while recognising the importance to this Province of immediately opening up channels of trade with the *Yukon* country through British Columbian territory, would not be justified in assuming the responsibility of aiding the entire proposed railway from *Teslin Lake* to an ocean port in British Columbia, which should be, and is, a Dominion undertaking :

“And whereas it is believed that, within the time allowed by this Act for the construction of the southern section, the Dominion Government will construct the said section, or at least will give such aid as will enable that section to be constructed on terms much more advantageous to the Province than proposed by the present Bill :

“Therefore, be it Resolved, That the present Bill be withdrawn, and one substituted dealing only with the section of the railway between *Glenora* and *Teslin Lake*, without any increase of the subsidy per mile, and that if any cash subsidy be given it shall exclude the right to profit by any land grant already provided for a railway over this route, and that the question of the construction of a railway from *Glenora* to the coast be left to the decision of the House to be elected at the forthcoming elections.”

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned until this evening.

The Report on Bill (No. 64) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Speedy Incorporation of Towns Act’” was further considered and adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 61) intituled “An Act to confirm an Agreement between Her Majesty, in right of Her Province of British Columbia, and Frank Owen and William John Stokes, and to Incorporate the Cariboo-Omineca Chartered Company,” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 67) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Jurors Act’” was committed, with Mr. *Rogers* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* presented a Return showing the quantity of land granted or applied for by the *Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company*, under the provisions of the Island Railway Act (47 Vic., chap. 14), in lieu of land alienated in the Island Railway Belt. Such Return to show in detail :—

(a.) The several districts, settlements, reserves, towns and townsites situate in the belt; what lands are claimed, or alleged by the Company for the purposes of their application, to have been alienated by Crown grant :

(b.) What by pre-emption :

(c.) What by agreement for sale :

(d.) What by lease :

(e.) What as highways or road allowances :

(f.) What in any other way alienated.

Bill (No. 49) intituled “An Act for the encouragement of Trades and Agriculture by the establishment of Mutual Credit Associations” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the South-East Kootenay Railway Company,” was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886,’ and amendments thereto,” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Great Gold Gravels Dredge Mining Corporation" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to Incorporate Industrial Communities" was read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

THOS. R. MCINNES,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*9th May, 1898.*

*Ordered,* That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Mr. *Huff*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

THOS. R. MCINNES,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*9th May, 1898.*

*Ordered,* That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act respecting the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Mr. *Hunter*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented the correspondence *re* the all-Canadian route to the *Yukon*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

Debate resumed on the second reading of Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Public Works Loan Act, 1897,'" and Mr. *Semlin's* amendment.

After some hours' debate, the same was further adjourned until to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11:20 o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, 10th May, 1898.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Investment and Loan Societies Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Benevolent Societies Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Kennedy* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:—

What has been the cost of the following to May 1st:—

1. Retaining wall and steps in front of buildings and stone-work around the flagstaff?
2. Concrete and stone-work for fence around grounds?
3. All work in or on the buildings not included in answers to my questions of February 24th?
4. Moving and demolishing old buildings, and levelling and improving grounds?

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* replied as follows:—

"The replies are being prepared by the Finance Department, and the answers cannot be given until the information has been extracted from the public accounts."

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Public Works Loan Act, 1897,'" and Mr. *Semlin's* motion in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,—

That all the words after "That" be struck out, and the following be substituted therefor:

"whereas it is the duty of the Dominion Government, as recognised by it, to provide communication by means of a railway from an ocean port in British Columbia to *Teslin Lake*:

"And whereas this Government has refused to place this House in possession of the correspondence between it and the Dominion Government relative to the construction of such railway, so that this House is unable to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion as to the ultimate intentions of the Dominion Government:

"And whereas it is evident that the Provincial Government has so acted as to justify the Dominion Government in counting on substantial financial assistance from the Province to the proposed railway, and that it is now hopeless otherwise to expect immediate construction of this railway this year:

"And whereas this House, while recognising the importance to this Province of immediately opening up channels of trade with the *Yukon* country through British Columbian terri-

tory, would not be justified in assuming the responsibility of aiding the entire proposed railway from *Teslin Lake* to an ocean port in British Columbia, which should be, and is, a Dominion undertaking :

“And whereas it is believed that, within the time allowed by this Act for the construction of the southern section, the Dominion Government will construct the said section, or at least will give such aid as will enable that section to be constructed on terms much more advantageous to the Province than proposed by the present Bill :

“Therefore, be it Resolved, That the present Bill be withdrawn, and one substituted dealing only with the section of the railway between *Glenora* and *Teslin Lake*, without any increase of the subsidy per mile, and that if any cash subsidy be given it shall exclude the right to profit by any land grant already provided for a railway over this route, and that the question of the construction of a railway from *Glenora* to the coast be left to the decision of the House to be elected at the forthcoming elections”—

was resumed.

Mr. *Kidd* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macpherson*,—

That Mr. *Semlin's* amendment be amended by adding after the word “Government,” in the fifth line, the words “or any other person or persons.”

Ruled out of order.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Vedder,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kellie—12.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>McGregor—19.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	

Debate on the main question resumed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

Debate resumed and continued until 11:55 P. M., when the same was adjourned until to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. *Helmcken* presented a Petition from *Spratt & Macaulay* and others, *re* railway from *Glenora* to *Teslin Lake*.

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

And then the House adjourned at 11:58 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 11th May, 1898.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay*.

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to further amend the Act 44 Victoria, Chap. 19, and Acts amending the same," was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

With leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts for the protection of certain Animals, Birds and Fishes," was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Graham* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question :—

What was the total cost of the waggon road between *Enderby* and *Sicamous*?

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* replied as follows :—

"\$18,615."

Mr. *Kidd* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question :—

Is there a royalty collected on cordwood cut on lands for which Crown grants were issued previous to 17th April, 1896?

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* replied as follows :—

"No."

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the British Columbia Public Works Loan Act, 1897," was resumed.

Bill read a second time on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

*Huff,*  
*Williams,*  
*Smith,*  
*Mutter,*  
*Helmcken,*

*Baker,*  
*Turner,*  
*Martin,*  
*Adams,*  
*Higgins,*

*Stoddart,*  
*Walkem,*  
*Pooley,*  
*Eberts,*  
*Bryden,*

*Rogers,*  
*Irving,*  
*Braden,*  
*McGregor—19.*

NAYS :

Messieurs

*Sword,*  
*Kennedy,*  
*Hume,*

*Forster,*  
*Macpherson,*  
*Kidd,*

*Vedder,*  
*Semlin,*  
*Cotton,*

*Graham,*  
*Kellie,*  
*Hunter—12.*

To be committed to-morrow.

Mr. *Bryden* presented a Petition from *D. R. Haggart* and others, residents of *Nanaimo*, re railway from *Glenora* to *Teslin Lake*.

Mr. *Semlin* objected to the reception of the Petition, on the ground that the expenditure of public money was involved in the same.

Mr. *Speaker Booth*: The Petition is similar to several others already received by the House, and which I have held to be in order.

Mr. *Semlin* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Speedy Incorporation of Towns Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors Act'" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to accelerate the Incorporation of the Town of Revelstoke" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act for the encouragement of Trades and Agriculture by the establishment of Mutual Credit Associations" was committed, with Mr. *Kellie* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again this evening.

Mr. *Macpherson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What was the rate of interest charged by the Bank of British Columbia on Government overdrafts during the year 1897?

2. What is the present rate of interest charged by the same bank on present Government overdrafts?

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* replied as follows:—

"1. 5% per annum.

"2. 4% per annum.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

House again in Committee on Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act for the encouragement of Trades and Agriculture by the establishment of Mutual Credit Associations."

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. *Helmcken* presented a Report from the Select Committee on Municipal Matters, which was received and *Ordered* to be printed.

The following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Investment and Loan Societies Act.'"

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Benevolent Societies Act.'"

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act respecting the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company."

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11:10 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 12th May, 1898.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay*.

Mr. *Bryden* presented a Petition from *John A. Thompson* and others, residents of *North Nanaimo*, re railway from *Glenora* to *Testin Lake*.

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Kellie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Were tenders for supplying materials for the protection works on river bank at *Revelstoke* called for?
2. What firms (if any) furnished supplies, and amount each firm received?
3. The cost of shovels and by whom furnished?
4. Amount of salary paid engineers on the work?

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2. Robert Gordon, \$1.75; W. M. Lawrence, \$133.90; Bourne Bros., \$53.60; Canada Drug and Book Co., \$21.10; Revelstoke Lumber Co., \$55.92; Hume & Co., \$473.29; James McMahon, \$26.75; Canadian Pacific Railway, \$879.72; Dominion Wire Manufacturing Co., \$617.52.

"3. \$7.50, \$12 and \$13 per dozen, according to size and quality. W. M. Lawrence and Hume & Co.

"4. \$10 per day, with \$2.50 sustenance allowance, in all \$12.50 per day."

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act respecting the Profession of Medicine and Surgery" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Order called for the third reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act for the Redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts, and to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

Mr. *Macpherson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*,—

That the Order for the third reading be discharged and the Bill referred back to Committee of the Whole, to consider the following amendments:—To strike out sections 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Vedder,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kellie—12.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	<i>McGregor—18.</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>		

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved—To add the following as section 22 :—

“22. It shall be the duty of each Collector of Voters to transfer to and enter upon his Register of Voters the names of all persons who on or prior to the date of the issue of the Writ of Election for a general election, shall have sent in their claims to vote, and shall have complied with the requirements of sections 14 and 15 of the ‘Provincial Elections Act,’ notwithstanding that such names may not have been posted for two months as required by subsection (c) of section 11 of the ‘Provincial Elections Act.’

“(1.) Each Collector shall forthwith post up in his office a list of all names so transferred to the Register of Voters, and a copy thereof shall be placed in some conspicuous place on the outside of the door of such office :

“(2.) Any voter may, by written notice to the Collector to be given not less than eighteen days before the election, object (stating the ground of such objection) to the retention of any name or names entered under authority of this section upon the Register, and it shall be the duty of such Collector forthwith to cause written notice of such objection to be mailed to the person whose vote is objected to, and that he will hear and decide such objection on a day to be named by the Collector in such notice.

“(3.) The Collector shall hold a Court on the tenth day before the election (not being Sunday, and if Sunday then on the ninth day) for the purpose of hearing and deciding all objections, notice of which have been given as aforesaid, to the retention of names on the Register under authority of this section, and at such Court shall retain the name upon the Register of Voters or erase it therefrom according to law. Compliance with sections 14 and 15 of the ‘Provincial Elections Act,’ shall be *prima facie* evidence entitling the voter to have his name retained on the Register.

“(4.) Any person dissatisfied with the decision of the Collector of Votes in leaving any name off, or placing any name on the register, may, within forty-eight hours after the decision complained of, give written notice to the Collector of appeal to the County Court Judge having jurisdiction in the district, and such Judge, or any acting Judge, shall thereupon forthwith hear and determine such appeal, and may direct the name in question to be retained or omitted, as the case may require. The Judge, or acting Judge, shall be at once notified of such appeal, and the same shall be brought on for hearing at the earliest time when the Judge can sit to dispose of the same, which he may do in a summary manner; and in default of being so brought on shall be deemed to have been abandoned. An appeal shall not stay the Collector in completing or certifying his register, or in doing or completing any other matter or thing required by law, but after so completing or certifying his register he shall amend the same if the decision of the Court of Appeal shall require it.”

Carried.

Clause read a second time and added to the Bill.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 66) intituled “An Act to accelerate the Incorporation of the Town of Revelstoke” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented further correspondence *re* the *Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Company's lands*.

Bill (No. 68) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Public Works Loan Act, 1897,’” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 69) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Investment and Loan Societies Act’” was committed, with Mr. *Huff* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.



Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Benevolent Societies Act'" was committed, with Mr. *Kennedy* in the Chair.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act respecting the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company" was committed, with Mr. *McGregor* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to consider suggested amendments to the "Companies Act" (reporting two Bills), as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
11th May, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Committee appointed to consider any amendments suggested to chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia (the "Companies Act") and report the same to this House, have the honour to report that they have considered the provisions of the said Act and suggested amendments, and have embodied the same in two Bills, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897,'" and "An Act respecting the voluntary Winding up of Joint Stock Companies," submitted herewith, and which they respectfully recommend to the consideration of the House.

D. M. EBERTS,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act respecting the voluntary Winding up of Joint Stock Companies" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897,'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Kennedy* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:—

What has been the cost of the following to May 1st:—

1. Retaining wall and steps in front of buildings and stone-work around the flagstaff?
2. Concrete and stone-work for fence around grounds?
3. All work in or on the buildings not included in answers to my questions of February 24th?
4. Moving and demolishing old buildings, and levelling and improving grounds?

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* replied as follows:—

"1. \$7,324.40, exclusive of stone-work around flagstaff. The cost of the latter was not kept separately; it is included in the general expenditure of improving grounds.

"2. \$3,807.

"3. \$46,331.

"4. \$10,237.70."

And then the House adjourned at 5:55 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, 13th May, 1898.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay*.

On the motion of Mr. *Sword*, seconded by Mr. *Kennedy*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing:—

- (a.) The amounts paid to *J. C. Callbreath*, or others, by the Provincial Government during 1897, on account of opening up the trail from *Stickine River* to *Teslin Lake*.  
 (b.) Copy of instructions given to Mr. *Callbreath*.  
 (c.) Number of men employed by him.  
 (d.) Date of starting work; the time occupied in reaching *Teslin Lake* and returning to *Telegraph Creek*, and the number of the party who returned to *Telegraph Creek*.  
 (e.) Any report the Government may have received on the work done.

Mr. *Seulin* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Has the Government yet taken any steps applying for special leave to the Privy Council to appeal against the judgment of the Full Court in the case of *Madden v. The Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Company*?
2. Has the Government taken any other steps towards maintaining the rights of the Province to legislate in regard to the responsibility of railway companies for injury to stock?

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* replied as follows:—

“1. A petition for special leave to appeal to the Privy Council, together with instructions to have the same presented and counsel instructed to make the application, was forwarded to the London agents of the Department on the 27th April last.

“2. Pending the appeal, I am not aware of any steps which can be taken with advantage.”

The Report on Bill (No. 68) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Public Works Loan Act, 1897,’” was considered.

Mr. *Sword* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kennedy*, the following amendments:—

Section 3, sub-section (e)—Strike out the words “four hundred” and substitute “one hundred and fifty.” Strike out all the words after the word “seaport” and substitute “the *Stickine River*.”

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Seulin,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Vedder,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Hunter—13.</i>
<i>Forster,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McGregor—16.</i>

Mr. *Sword* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kennedy*, to add the following as sub-section (f) of section 3:—

“(f.) So far as the grant in aid of the railway mentioned in sub-section (e) is concerned, the amount of any subsidy which may be granted by the Dominion Parliament shall be deducted from the amount hereby provided for, and only so much thereof be granted as will suffice to make up the amount to \$4,000 per mile.”

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Kellie—10.</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Vedder,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McGregor—19.</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	

Mr. *Macpherson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*, to insert as a new section :—

“7. No Chinese or Japanese person shall be employed or permitted to work in the construction or operation of any undertaking hereby subsidised, under a penalty of five dollars per day for each and every Chinese or Japanese employed in contravention of this section, to be recovered on complaint of any person under the provisions of the ‘Summary Convictions Act.’”

Carried on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>McGregor—27.</i>
<i>Vedder,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Bryden—2.</i>
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Mr. *Macpherson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*, to insert as a new section :—

“8. Any Act hereafter passed for the purpose of controlling railway companies incorporated by or subject to the Legislative Assembly, as to running powers over or other rights in connection with the railway of any company by any other company, and the exercise of powers conferred upon railway companies, shall apply to any company which receives any subsidy under this Act from the time such Act goes into effect ; but this section shall not be construed to imply that such Act would not apply to the company without the enactment of this section.”

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Vedder,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kellie—12.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	<i>McGregor—18.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Stoddart</i>		

Mr. *Macpherson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*, the following as a new section :—

“9. Any company receiving any subsidy under this Act shall enter into an agreement with the Government that if at any future time any Government should decide to purchase such railways, the amount paid in subsidy shall be considered as part payment thereof.”

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Vedder,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Kellie—11.</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	<i>McGregor—18.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>		

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* presented a Return showing :—

1. Total amount due the Government on account of land sales.
2. Total amount due the Government on account of lands pre-empted.
3. Amount of municipal indebtedness guaranteed by the Provincial Government.
4. Amount of railway indebtedness guaranteed by the Provincial Government.
5. Number of acres of land set apart for subsidizing railways within the Province.

The Report on Bill (No. 72) intituled “An Act respecting the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company” was considered.

Mr. *Sword* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kennedy*, to strike out section 3.

Negatived.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 71) intituled “An Act to amend the Land Registry Act” was committed, with Mr. *Huff* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 76) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act, 1897,’” was read a second time.

To be committed this evening.

Bill (No. 75) intituled “An Act respecting the voluntary Winding up of Joint Stock Companies” was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Great Gold Gravels Dredge Mining Corporation” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 42) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Provincial Elections Act,’” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again this evening.

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897,'" was committed, with Mr. *McGregor* in the Chair.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

THOS. R. McINNES,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Supplementary Estimates (No. 1) for the year ending 30th June, 1899, and Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) for the year ending 30th June, 1898; also Schedule A, unprovided items of expenditure for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1897; and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*13th May, 1898.*

*Ordered,* That the said Message, and the Supplementary Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply on Monday next.

*Resolved,* That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Helmcken* moved—"That Bill (No. 73) intituled 'An Act to further amend the Act 44 Victoria, Chap. 19, and Acts amending the same,' be read a second time now."

Mr. *Sword* raised the objection that the Bill was not in order, as it was not competent for a private member to introduce a Public Bill to amend a Private Act.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 11:45 o'clock, P. M.