

Tuesday, 3rd April, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the proposed Amendment of Mr. *Walkem* was resumed.

The proposed Amendment was put and negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Humphreys.</i> —9.
<i>Brown, W. M.</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith, R.</i>	<i>Milby,</i>	<i>Pimbury.</i> —14.
<i>Brown, E.</i>	<i>Mara,</i>		

The original Motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* was put and carried on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Brown, E.</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith, R.</i>	<i>Milby,</i>	<i>Pimbury.</i> —14.
<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>
<i>Brown, W. M.</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Humphreys.</i> —8.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to afford to owners and occupiers of land a summary remedy in certain cases of Trespass" was considered.

Mr. *Beaven* moved,—

"That this Act shall not apply to any Polling Division of an Electoral District of the Province unless upon an application being made in writing to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, signed by at least two-thirds of the resident land owners in such Electoral District, requiring the same to be applied to such Electoral District, and the proclamation of the assent thereto in the Government Gazette accordingly."

The Motion was put and negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—Messrs. *R. Smith, W. M. Brown, Evans, Williams, Beaven.*—5.

NAYS—Messrs. *Elliott, Smithe, Vernon, E. Brown, Tolmie, Dickinson, Gallagher, Mara, Gordon, Fisher, Milby, Armstrong, Davie, Pimbury, Walkem.*—15.

Report adopted.

*Ordered,* That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Insurance Company" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered,* That leave be granted for Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act for the relief of *Andrew Astrico*" was read a second time.

*Ordered*, to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Williams*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Alexandra Company*" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Douglas*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Friday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday, 4th April, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Smith* presented an amended Report from the Select Committee appointed to visit the Royal Hospital and Lunatic Asylum, which was read and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

The Committee was discharged.

On the motion of Mr. *W. M. Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Return of the amount of fees received for their personal use and benefit by the Registrar and Deputy-Registrars of the Supreme Court respectively, during the year 1876, may be sent down to this House.

On the motion of Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by Mr. *Smith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, for a Return showing, from 1st January, 1872, to 31st December, 1876, the amount of Expenditure in excess of Revenue for each year.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Act, 1872.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. *Davie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Evans*,—

Whereas in the present state of affairs in British Columbia it is desirable to promote, by all lawful means, the opening up and development of Quartz Mines in the Province, and to that end it is expedient to encourage the introduction of machinery in such mines by allowing the same to be admitted into the Province free of duty.

And whereas an Act affording pecuniary encouragement to the erection of Quartz Mills has lately passed this House; therefore, be it resolved—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to urge on the Dominion Government the propriety and expediency of exempting from Customs duties, for three years, all machinery for Quartz Mills imported into British Columbia.

Mr. *Ash* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*,—

To insert the following words after the word "Mills," "and for mining and agricultural purposes."

A debate arose, which, on the motion of Mr. *Gordon*, was adjourned until Friday next.

Mr. *Ash* moved, That the House do now adjourn.

The Motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* moved, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,—

That this House regrets that Lord Carnarvon's despatch of 23rd May, 1876, suggests the substitution of a money payment in lieu of the *Esquimalt* and *Nanaimo* Railway, "a modification, the principle of which His Lordship thinks reasonable," as such principle materially alters and disturbs the final Settlement made by His Lordship in 1874.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Motion was out of order.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps this year towards dyking the lands of *Chilliwack* and *Sumass*?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

"The Government will do whatever may be within its power to advance the important work referred to."

Mr. *Davie* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

Is it intended that a Supreme Court should be held at *Cassiar* this year?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

"It is very probable that a Supreme Court will be held at *Cassiar* this year."

Mr. *Tolmie* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

Whether in his opinion this Province can justly claim, under the action of the "Canada Customs Laws Adoption Act, 1872," to be exempt from any further change that may since have been made, or may hereafter be made, in the Dominion Tariff?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

"I am of opinion that, under the 'Canada Customs Laws Adoption Act, 1872,' the Tariff or Customs and Excise Laws in force in Canada at the time of the passing of the Act were extended and applied to British Columbia, not only as they stood at the time of the Act coming into force, but, in the words of the Act, 'until it is otherwise provided by lawful authority.'"

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act relating to minerals other than Coal and Gold" being read,

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

That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, said Committee to consist of Messrs. *Walkem*, *Davie*, *Evans*, *Gallagher*, and *Milby*.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to make Regulations with respect to Coal Mines."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Milby*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act, 1871.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *W. M. Brown*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Friday next.

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The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Third Annual Report of the Minister of Mines. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on a Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of mechanics, machinists, and others," was discharged, and the Bill was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to prohibit the sale or gift of intoxicating liquors or drugs to minors, and to prevent the frequenting of liquor saloons by such persons" was read a second time.

*Ordered*, to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p. m.

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Thursday, 5th April, 1877.

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TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to prohibit the sale or gift of intoxicating liquors or drugs to minors, and to prevent the frequenting of liquor saloons by such persons."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, said Committee to consist of Messrs. *Armstrong, E. Brown, Evans, Fisher, Williams, and Tolmie.*

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented a copy of a letter from the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* to Mr. *C. A. Vernon.*

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the House will to-morrow proceed to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to make Regulations with respect to Coal Mines."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Milby*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Insurance Company."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 o'clock, p.m.

Friday, 6th April, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the Election Regulation Act, 1871," was considered.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on Mr. *Ash's* proposed Amendment to Mr. *Davie's* Motion, respecting the Customs Duties on Machinery for Quartz Mills imported into British Columbia, was resumed.

The proposed Amendment and the original Motion were withdrawn by leave of the House.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend sub-section 37 of Section 21 of the 'Municipality Act, 1872,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Pimbury*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Alexandra Company" was considered.

On the motion of Mr. *Davie*, the Bill was recommitted for the purpose of amending Section 19.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Douglas*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

*Resolved*, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

*Ordered*, That this House will, on Saturday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

*Ordered*, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province of British Columbia, for the year ending 31st December, 1877, and he recommends these Estimates to the House of Assembly. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

*Government House,*

*Victoria, 5th April, 1877.*

*Ordered*, That the said Message, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Standing Orders were suspended, and, on the motion of Mr. *Armstrong*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the circumstances attending the circulation of the Estimates before presentation to the House; said Committee to consist of Messrs. *Armstrong, Walkem, Davie, Ash, and Mara.*

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to make Regulations with respect to Coal Mines."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Milby*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Insurance Company."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 o'clock p. m., until 7.30 p. m.

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HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act for giving Appeals from Convictions or Orders of Justices of the Peace in certain cases to the County Court" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Dickinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the complete, without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the adjourned debate on the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys'* Motion, respecting the Carnarvon Settlement, being read,

Mr. Speaker ruled that the debate was out of order, as the judgment of the House had already been expressed in the present Session.

The Orders for the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Revised Laws of British Columbia," and of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act, 1871,'" were discharged, and the Bills were withdrawn by leave of the House.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ballot Act, 1873,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Evans*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10 o'clock p. m.

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Saturday, 7th April, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Armstrong* reported an amended Bill from the Select Committee to which Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to prohibit the sale or gift of intoxicating liquors to minors, and to prevent the frequenting of liquor saloons by such persons" was referred.

The Committee was discharged.



Mr. *Smith* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to visit the Public Schools in the City of *Victoria*.

The Report was referred back to the Select Committee.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Rule 34 of our Rules and Orders be amended by striking out the word "not" in the fourth line, and by striking out the word "negative" and inserting the word "affirmative" in the fifth line thereof.

Mr. *Smith* presented a Petition from *Thomas Chadwick* and others, which was read and received.

On the motion of Mr. *Mara*, seconded by Mr. *Smith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, for copies of all correspondence between the Superintendent of Education, the Deputy Superintendent of Education, and the Trustees of the *Cache Creek* Boarding School, relative to the dismissal of the Teacher of that School.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act relating to the powers of the Judges of the Supreme Court to establish a tariff of costs, and to make rules of practice."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

That an Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for the return to this House of a letter dated 13th June, 1876, from the Lands and Works Department to *William Sampson*, foreman *Saanich* Road.

Mr. *Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Mara*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to urge upon the Dominion Government the expediency of having the steamer "Sir James Douglas" utilized not only as a tender on lightships and light-houses, but also as a Revenue Cutter on the coast of British Columbia, in order to prevent the smuggling of whiskey among the Indians, as well as the prevention of crime.

Mr. *Tolmie* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*,—

That all the words after "That" be struck out, and the following substituted:—"an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to represent to the Dominion Government that large quantities of liquor are being smuggled into this Province by Indians,—to the great increase of crime, and to the degradation and destruction of the race,—and to respectfully suggest that means be adopted for remedying this evil."

Amendment, and Motion as amended, put and carried.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Evans*,—

That as *Esquimalt* was fixed, in June, 1873, as the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway, on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer and by an Order of the Privy Council of Canada issued under authority of "An Act respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway," this Legislature considers that the remarks of Lord Carnarvon in his Despatch of the 18th December, 1876, in reference to the terminus, can be applicable only to the point on the Mainland portion of the Province at which that section of the Railway will terminate.

Mr. *Mara* moved, seconded by Mr. *Smith*,—

"That this question be now put," which was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Ash*,  
*Evans*,

*Williams*,  
*Beaven*,

*Humphreys*,

*Walkem*.—6.

## NAYS:

Messieurs

*Elliott,  
Smithe,  
Vernon,**Brown, E.  
Tolmie,  
Smith, R.**Mara,  
Fisher,  
Milby,**Armstrong,  
Pimbury,  
Morrison.—12.*

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to authorize certain Municipalities to retain and use the Court Fines, Fees, and Forfeitures as part of the Civic Revenue."

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill should be first recommended by a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. *Ash* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

What suggestions, on the subject of Indian Reserves, were forwarded to the Dominion Government which will hasten the completion of the labours of the present Commissioners, and provide for an easy and inexpensive means of settling all further questions respecting Indian lands?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

"I beg to lay the correspondence on the subject before the House."

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* laid on the table Papers connected with the Indian Land question. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Alexandra Company" was considered.

Report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Davie*, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*, the Bill was amended by inserting the word "Limited" after the word "Company" in the title of the Bill, and by inserting the word "Limited" after the word "Company" in the fifth line of the first section of the Bill.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act, 1871,'" was amended, by striking out all the words before the word "giving" in the second line thereof in the twelfth section, and inserting the following words in lieu thereof:—"Any candidate nominated may withdraw at any time after his nomination and before the day preceding the opening of the poll, but not afterwards, by" and by striking out the first four lines, and the word "and" in the fifth line, of section fifteen.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on Mr. *Ash's* Motion, respecting the Customs and Excise Duties, was resumed.

Mr. *W. M. Brown* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*.—

That the words "duly assented to" in the eleventh line of the original Motion, and the fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth lines of the original Motion, be struck out, and that the following words be inserted in lieu of the three lines proposed to be struck out:

"That the 'Customs Adoption Act, 1872,' was passed by the Legislative Assembly of the Province at an early period of its first Session, at a time when Members were imperfectly acquainted with the respective powers of the Dominion and Provincial Legislatures under the provisions of the British North America Act.

"That, in the opinion of this House, the Canada Customs Adoption Act is an Act not coming within the classes of subjects assigned by the British North America Act exclusively to the Legislatures of the Provinces, and relates to subjects altogether



within the exclusive legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada, and is, therefore, without force, and ought not to have, nor can have, any effect; and that the said Canada Customs Adoption Act conveys the only notice given by the Province to the Dominion Government of the desire of British Columbia to accept the Dominion Tariff."

Mr. *Fisher* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*,—

That all the words after the word "channel" in the third line of the original Motion be struck out, and that the following be added in lieu thereof:—

"That this House is strongly of opinion that the operation of the Customs Tariff ought to afford greater protection to the agricultural interests of this Province."

Amendment, proposed by Mr. *Fisher*, put and carried.

Original Motion, as amended, put and carried.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ballot Act, 1873.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Evans*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Resolved, That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee; said Committee to consist of Messrs. *Beaven*, *Elliott*, and *Pimbury*.

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 o'clock p. m.

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Monday, 9th April, 1877.

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TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

On the Motion being proposed "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,"

Mr. *Walkem* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "That" and insert the following:—

"In view of the present serious financial embarrassment of the Province, and of the very grave depression which exists in all branches of trade and industry, this House deems it essentially necessary, in the interests of the people, that the cost of the Civil Service should not, as a matter of provident economy, be increased."

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor forwards herewith a Bill to authorize certain Municipalities to retain and use the Police Court Fines, Fees, and Forfeitures as part of the Civic Revenues, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

9th April, 1877.

Mr. *Ash* moved 'That the House do now adjourn.

The Motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of copies of correspondence between the Manager of the Bank of British Columbia and the Honourable the Finance Minister, respecting the deposit of Debentures. (See *Sessional Papers*.)

The debate, on the Amendment proposed by Mr. *Walkem*, was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

*Ordered*, That the House will again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to prohibit the sale or gift of intoxicating liquors to minors, and to prevent the frequenting of liquor saloons by such persons," on Tuesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to authorize certain Municipalities to retain and use the Police Court Fines, Fees, and Forfeitures as part of the Civic Revenue."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.45 o'clock p. m, until 7.30 p. m.

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HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

The adjourned debate on Mr. *Walkem's* proposed Amendment to the Motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair," was resumed.

Mr. *Ash* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*,—

That all the words after the word "That" be struck out, and the following be substituted therefor: "this House go into Committee of Supply on Thursday next."

Mr. *Walkem's* proposed Amendment was put and negatived.

Mr. *Ash's* proposed Amendment was put and negatived.

The original Motion was put and carried.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's Department, for the year 1877.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution, and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Tuesday next.

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to make Regulations with respect to Coal Mines" was considered.

Report adopted.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, the Bill was amended by inserting the following as Section 65 of the Bill:—

"This Act shall come into operation on and after the expiration of three months' notice having been given of the assent of the Lieutenant-Governor thereto in the British Columbia Gazette."

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act relating to the powers of the Judges of the Supreme Court to establish a tariff of costs, and to make rules of practice" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 10.50 p. m.

Tuesday, 10th April, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Evans* reported an amended Bill from the Select Committee to which Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act relating to minerals other than Coal," was referred.

The Committee was discharged.

Bill read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Armstrong* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the circumstances attending the circulation of the Estimates before presentation to the House.

The Report was received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved the adoption of the first Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Walkem* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*,—

That the figures "\$1500" be substituted for "\$1800" in the first Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply.

The proposed Amendment was put and negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Armstrong,*  
*Ash,*  
*Brown, W. M.*

*Evans,*  
*Douglas,*

*Williams,*  
*Beaven,*

*Walkem,*  
*Humphreys.*—9.

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Elliott,*  
*Smithe,*  
*Vernon,*

*Brown, E.*  
*Tolmie,*  
*Dickinson,*

*Smith, R.*  
*Mara,*  
*Gordon,*

*Fisher,*  
*Davie,*  
*Morrison.*—12.

Report adopted.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Ways and Means being read, and the Motion being proposed—"That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair," a debate arose.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented a Return of the Account Current between the Government of British Columbia and the Bank of British Columbia. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented, by command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of all Taxes remaining unpaid in each District on 31st December, 1876. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *Armstrong* presented the Evidence taken by the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the circumstances attending the circulation of the Estimates before presentation to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Evidence be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

The debate, on the Motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair," was adjourned until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 o'clock, p.m.

Wednesday, 11th April, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Smith* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to visit the Public Schools in the City of *Victoria*.

The Report was received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

The Committee was discharged.

Mr. *Fisher* presented the Second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Report was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly, for reconsideration, a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876,'" and suggests to the Assembly the advisability of adding the enclosed clause thereto.

*Government House,*

*Victoria, 9th April, 1877.*

[ENCLOSURE.]

"9. The Assessment Rolls prepared in the year 1876, and finally passed by the Courts of Revision and Appeal, shall be valid and bind all parties concerned, notwithstanding any omissions, defects or errors committed in or with regard to such rolls, or in or about the appointment of such Courts or the sittings of such Courts, or by reason of the sittings of such Courts being held after the 31st December, 1876; and the taxes due or collected thereunder shall be deemed to have been due and payable during the year 1876."

*Ordered*, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the said Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Williams*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Thursday next.

Mr. *Morrison* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consolidated Public School Act, 1876.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Mr. *Smith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to declare that Section 12 of the 24<sup>o</sup> Geo. II., cap. 40, is not in force in this Province so as to prevent the recovery of the price of spirituous liquors sold in bottles."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Thursday next.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the Motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair," for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Ways and Means, was resumed.

Mr. *Beaven* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*,—

That all the words after the word "That" be struck out, and the following inserted: "this House, taking into consideration the existing Liabilities of the Province, does not

consider that the Government are justified in expending the large sum, in excess of Revenue, contemplated by the Estimates of 1877."

The debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p. m. until 7.30 p. m.

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HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

The adjourned debate on Mr. *Beaven's* proposed Amendment to the Motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" was resumed.

Mr. *Beaven's* proposed Amendment was put and negatived.

The original Motion was put and carried.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor forwards herewith a Bill to authorize a Loan of £150,000, and recommends the same for the adoption of the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*Victoria, 10th April, 1877.*

*Ordered,* That the said Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

1. *Resolved,* That the Loan Bill be recommended to the House for adoption.

2. *Resolved,* That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the year ending 31st December, 1877, the sum of \$1,800 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of British Columbia.

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On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolutions, and asked leave to sit again.

Report adopted.

*Ordered,* That leave be granted for Friday next.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to authorize a Loan of £150,000," introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

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THURSDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1877.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered,* That leave be granted for the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned, at 12.30 o'clock a. m.

Thursday, 12th April, 1877.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* laid on the Table the Rules and Orders regulating the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia sitting in Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, and the Forms relative to such Causes.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,530 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department, for the year 1877.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,320 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Printing Branch, Provincial Secretary's Department, for the year 1877.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,660 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Treasury Department, for the year 1877.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,940 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Audit Branch, Treasury Department, for the year 1877.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,260 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lands and Works Department, for the year 1877.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,320 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department, for the year 1877.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,905 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Registrar-General's Department, for the year 1877.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation for the year 1877.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,180 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Supreme Court, for the year 1877.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Sheriffs, for the year 1877.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,522 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Victoria*, for the year 1877.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolutions, and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Friday next.

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 12.50 p. m., until 2 o'clock p. m.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned, at 6 o'clock p. m., until 7.30 p. m.



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HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

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Friday, 13th April, 1877.

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TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* reported an amended Bill from the Select Committee to which Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to procedure at Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia," was referred.

*Ordered*, That the House will again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the said Bill, on Saturday next.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Second Report of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply was adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,832 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *New Westminster*, for the year 1877.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,404 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Kootenay*, for the year 1877.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,812 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Cariboo*, for the year 1877.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,998 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Cassiar*, for the year 1877.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Yale*, for the year 1877.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Kamloops*, for the year 1877.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,158 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Nanaimo*, for the year 1877.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,008 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Assay Office, for the year 1877.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,440 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lunatic Asylum, for the year 1877.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Toll Collectors, *Clinton* and *Cassiar*, for the year 1877.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1877.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Assay Office (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1877.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Printing Office (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1877.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1877.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1877.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Revenue Services (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1877.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lunatic Asylum (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1877.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,650 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Charitable Allowances, for the year 1877.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$46,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, for the year 1877.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Surveys, for the year 1877.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$384 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Rent, for the year 1877.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,350 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Transport for the year 1877.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Immigration, for the year 1877.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,495 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Interest, for the year 1877.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,104 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, for the year 1877.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$170,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Roads and Bridges, for the year 1877.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$90,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Graving Dock, for the year 1877.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$53,675 be granted to Her Majesty to defray miscellaneous expenses, for the year 1877.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray expenses of Municipalities, for the year 1877.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolutions, and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Saturday next.

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee on Saturday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 o'clock p. m., until 7.30 p. m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act for giving Appeals from Convictions or Orders of Justices of the Peace in certain cases to the County Court" was considered.

Report adopted.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, the Bill was amended by striking out the words "Appellate Court Act" in the last line thereof, and by inserting the words "Justices of the Peace Appeal Act," in lieu thereof.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend sub section 37 of section 21 of the 'Municipality Act, 1872,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Insurance Company (Limited)," was considered.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

On the motion of Mr. *Davie*, seconded by Mr. *Dickinson*,—

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Alexandra Company (Limited)," was referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Williams*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consolidated Public School Act, 1876,'" the Bill was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. *Morrison*, *Evans*, *Dickinson*, *R Smith*, and *Tolmie*.

The Standing Orders were suspended, and Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 45) intituled the "Gold Mining Court Act, 1877."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of correspondence between the Superintendent of Education, the Deputy Superintendent of Education, and the Trustees of the *Cache Creek* Boarding School, relative to the dismissal of the Teacher of that School. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act relating to the 24<sup>o</sup> Geo. II., Cap. 40," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act relating to Minerals other than Coal," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Williams*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:--

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits a Supplementary Estimate to provide for the Expenditure of the year 1876 for which no vote has been granted, which he recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

*Government House,*

*Victoria, 12th April, 1877.*

*Ordered*, That the said Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act relating to the powers of the Judges of the Supreme Court to establish a tariff of costs and to make rules of practice."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Dickinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Saturday next.

And then the House adjourned at 10.20 p. m.

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Saturday, 14th April, 1877.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Third Report of Resolutions, from the Committee of Supply, was adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee at the next sitting of the House.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$88,302 34 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of sums expended in 1876, being either arrears of previous years, or in excess of vote for 1876, or for which no vote was taken.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution, and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee on Monday next.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*,—

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to make Regulations with respect to Coal Mines," was amended by adding the following words to Section 65, at the end thereof: "which said notice shall be given within one month from the Lieutenant-Governor's assent hereto."

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act relating to Minerals other than Coal," was considered.

On the motion of Mr. *Davis*, the Bill was amended by adding the following words to Section 13, at the end thereof: "except Gold not in lodes or veins."

On the motion of Mr. *Milby*, the Bill was amended by striking out the words "registered voters of" in third line of Section 15, and inserting the following words in lieu thereof: "persons holding free miners certificates in."

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11 o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 4.45 p. m.

Monday, 16th April, 1877.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Fourth Report of a Resolution from the Committee of Supply was considered.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of a copy of a letter, dated 13th June, 1876, to *William Sampson*. (See Sessional Papers.)

Mr. *Walker* moved in amendment to the said Resolution from the Committee of Supply, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*,—

That the following payments of salaries over votes be struck out as not having been authorized by this House:—

"Deputy Provincial Secretary .....	\$ 265 00
"Auditor .....	340 00
	\$ 605 00

And that the sum of "\$88,302 34," mentioned in the Resolution, be reduced by the above sum to "\$87,697 34."

Mr. *Douglas* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Ash*,—

That the following words be added to the proposed Amendment of Mr. *Walkem*:—  
"and that in future no sum shall be paid to any officer of the Government in addition to the salary of his office, as provided in the Estimates of the year, without the consent of this House."

The Amendment, proposed by Mr. *Walkem*, was put and negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Gallagher,*  
*Brown, W. M.*

*Ash,*  
*Evans,*

*Williams,*  
*Beaven,*

*Walkem*.—7.

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Elliott,*  
*Smithe,*  
*Vernon,*  
*Tolmie,*

*Dickinson,*  
*Mara,*  
*Davie,*

*Gordon,*  
*Fisher,*  
*Milby,*

*Morrison,*  
*Douglas,*  
*Pimbury*.—13.

Mr. *Douglas*'s proposed Amendment was withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. *Milby*, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*, it was Resolved,—

That the following words be added to the original Motion: "and that no sums shall be paid to any official, in addition to his salary, unless with the previous consent of this House."

Original Motion was adopted, as amended.

And then the House adjourned at 12.45 p. m., until 2 o'clock p. m.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to authorize a Loan of £150,000," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Williams*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

*Order'd* That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Standing Orders were suspended, and

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

That this House is of opinion that an account in detail of all Debentures of the Province, issued or cancelled, should be placed before the Legislature within the first five days of the next Session.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a further Estimate of sums required for the year 1877, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

*Government House,*  
*Victoria, 14th April, 1877.*



*Ordered*, That the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be referred to the Committee of Supply.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p. m., until 7.30 o'clock p. m.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,575 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses specified in the Further Estimate.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1872,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Morrison*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act relating to the powers of the Judges of the Supreme Court to establish a tariff of costs and to make rules of practice," was considered.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to procedure at Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Evans*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to authorize certain Municipalities to retain and use the Court Fees, Fines, and Forfeitures as part of the Civic Revenue" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Dickinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to prohibit the sale or gift of intoxicating liquors to minors, and to prevent the frequenting of liquor saloons by such persons."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to consolidate the Laws relating to the Legal Professions in this Province," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Morrison* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the Consolidated Public School Act, 1876."

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Tuesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon*, asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to repeal the Land Act Amendment Act, 1876."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 17th April, 1877.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to take evidence and enquire into the manner in which Lands within the Province, and any applications therefor, have been dealt with during the past year by the Land Department.

The Report was received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

The Committee was discharged.

Mr. *Tolmie*, from the Select Committee to which Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the Consolidated Public School Act, 1876," was referred, reported amendments to the Bill.

The Committee was discharged.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Fifth Report from the Committee of Supply was adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, for the year ending 31st December, 1877, the sum of \$625,932 50 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of British Columbia; and that a further sum of \$88,302 34, to make good the expenditure defrayed by the Officer in charge of the Treasury of the Province from the 1st day of January to the 31st of December, 1876, as detailed in the Supplementary Estimates laid before the House on the 13th day of April, 1877, be granted, to be charged against the said Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to authorize a Loan of £150,000" was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled

"An Act for granting certain sums required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the year 1877, and for making good certain sums expended in the Public Service in 1876, and for other purposes," and recommends the same for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*Victoria, 16th April, 1877.*

The said Bill was read a first and second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Williams*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to consolidate the Laws relating to the Legal Professions in this Province."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Morrison*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1872,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to prohibit the sale or gift of intoxicating liquors to minors, and to prevent the frequenting of liquor saloons by such persons" was considered.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to provide for the better administration of Justice" was considered.

*Ordered* to be re-committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Dickinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned at 1.15 p. m., until 2.30 o'clock p. m.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Mara* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the circumstances connected with the refusal, by the Assistant Commissioner of Lands in the *Osoyoos* Division of *Yale* District, of an application made by *James McConnell* to pre-empt a piece of land in *Osoyoos* District.

The Report was received and *Ordered* to be printed, together with the evidence taken by the Committee. (*See Appendix.*)  
The Committee was discharged.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consolidated Public School Act, 1876,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Douglas*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Land Act Amendment Act, 1876,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a third time

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Mr. *Fisher* presented the evidence taken by the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

*Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

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

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Return be sent down to this House showing the names, service, and remuneration paid, either by salary or fee, to all employés under the Government of British Columbia, during the year 1876; and that the same be printed in the Sessional Papers. (*See Sessional Papers*)

On the motion of Mr. *Ash*, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House, having considered the terms of the original Resolution of the House relating to the Crown Lands at *Ogden Point*, is of opinion that the foreshore at *Ogden* and *Nias Points* should be kept free and open for the use of the people of *Victoria*.

On the motion of Mr. *Milby*, seconded by Mr. *Mara*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas the following Resolution passed this House last Session, namely:—

"That whereas the miners and settlers residing in the District of *Kootenay*, owing to the isolation of their position and their proximity to the United States boundary, cannot rely upon this Province for protection in case of any outbreak among the aborigines, and are powerless to protect themselves from depredations committed by any evilly disposed persons in the absence of an organized Mounted Police force; therefore, be it *Resolved*:—

"That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will urge upon the Dominion Government the immediate necessity of carrying out the recommendation of Major-General *E. Selby Smyth*, commanding the Militia of Canada, by the establishment of a Mounted Police post at *St. Mary's Prairie*, or some other suitable location in the District of *Kootenay*, with a view to the security of the life and property of all classes of the community, and to encourage the further development of the stock-raising and farming interests of this extensive and important agricultural and mining section of British Columbia."

And whereas no steps have been taken by the Dominion Government to comply with that recommendation; be it therefore *Resolved*:—

That His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council be again respectfully requested to urge upon the Dominion Government the desirability of such an establishment at *Kootenay*, which, from its position of isolation from the rest of the Province and its proximity to United States territory, is in a position of defencelessness against either an outbreak among the Indians or depredations of lawless persons from the adjacent country.

On the motion of Mr. *Evans*, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Return be sent to this House shewing the names of all persons who have died intestate within the Province, and whose estates have been administered by the Registrar of the Supreme Court since the 1st of May, 1868, giving in each case,—

1. The gross amount received;
  2. The amount of expenses and costs of administration;
  3. The amount paid into the Treasury;
  4. The instances in which moneys have been paid to the relatives, and the amount;
- And that such Return be printed in the Sessional Papers. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

On the motion of Mr. *Ash*, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the correspondence on the subject of the non-fulfilment by the Contractors, Messrs. *Nicholson & Baker*, of their contract to build the road from *Comox Wharf* to *Courtenay River Bridge*, be printed and bound with the Sessional Papers. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *Gordon* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

Whether the officers and men from H. M. S. *Rocket*, who recently aided Mr. *Sheriff Harris* in the ejection of certain miners from houses belonging to *Dunsmuir, Diggle & Co.*, at *Wellington*, were acting under orders from the Government?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

“I understand that the officer and men, who assisted the Sheriff, volunteered for the purpose.

“They were not acting under the orders of the Government, who were not even aware that the ‘*Rocket*’ was going to *Departure Bay*, or *Nanaimo*.”

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

That this House is of opinion that, when Orders in Council are necessary to carry out the provisions of an Act of Parliament, a copy of such Order in Council should be published at once in the *British Columbia Gazette*; and, if issued whilst Parliament is in Session, that they should be placed before the House within five days from the making thereof, or five days after the next meeting of Parliament should the Order in Council have been issued in the recess.

On the motion of Mr. *Mara*, seconded by Mr. *Milby*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Return be presented to this House showing the annual cost of maintaining the *Barkerville Assay Office*, the amount of fees paid to the said office, and the amount of gold assayed; and that the same be printed in the Sessional Papers. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

And then the House adjourned, at 6 o'clock p. m.

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Wednesday, 18th April, 1877.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

His Honour the Honourable *Albert Norton Richards*, Lieutenant-Governor, having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair.

The Clerk of the House read the Titles of the following Bills:—

An Act respecting Municipal Elections.

- An Act respecting the Appointment of Coroners.
- An Act respecting the Appointment of Magistrates.
- An Act respecting short forms of Mortgages in British Columbia.
- An Act for revising and consolidating the Laws of the Province of British Columbia.
- An Act for providing, in certain cases, for the distribution of the estates of persons dying intestate and leaving property in the Province.
- An Act respecting the qualification for the offices of Mayor and Councillors in certain Municipalities.
- An Act to amend the "Assessment Act, 1876."
- An Act to enable Municipal Corporations to pass By-laws for the sale of Land for Taxes.
- An Act to prevent the spread of Thistles.
- An Act to prevent the destruction of pasturage on the Islands in the Gulf of Georgia.
- An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of certain Municipal Elections.
- An Act to encourage the Mining of Gold-bearing Quartz.
- An Act to repeal the "Licences Amendment Act, 1876," and "An Act to further amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867.'"
- An Act for the relief of Andrew Astrico of Victoria.
- An Act to afford to owners and occupiers of Land a summary remedy in certain cases of Trespass
- An Act to incorporate the Alexandra Company.
- An Act to amend the "Election Regulation Act, 1871."
- An Act for giving Appeals from Convictions or Orders of Justices of the Peace in certain cases to the County Court.
- An Act to amend Sub-section 37 of Section 21 of the "Municipality Act, 1872."
- An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Insurance Company, Limited.
- An Act relating to the 24<sup>o</sup> Geo. II., Cap. 40.
- An Act to make Regulations with respect to Coal Mines.
- An Act relating to Minerals other than Coal.
- An Act relating to the powers of the Judges of the Supreme Court to establish a tariff of costs and to make rules of practice.
- An Act to amend the Law relating to Procedure at Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.
- An Act to authorize certain Municipalities to retain and use the Court Fines, Fees, and Forfeitures as part of the Civic Revenue.
- An Act to authorize a Loan of £150,000.
- An Act to prohibit the sale or gift of intoxicating liquors to minors, and to prevent the frequenting of liquor saloons by such persons.
- An Act to consolidate the Laws relating to the Legal Professions in this Province.
- An Act to provide for the better Administration of Justice:
- An Act to amend the "Consolidated Public School Act, 1876."
- An Act to repeal the "Land Act Amendment Act, 1876."
- His Honour was pleased, in Her Majesty's name, to give the Royal assent to these Bills.
- The same was announced, by the Clerk of the House, in the following words:—  
 "In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."



The Clerk of the House read the Title of the following Bill:—

An Act to amend the "Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1872."

His Honour was pleased to reserve his assent thereto.

The same was announced, by the Clerk of the House, in the following words:—

"His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor reserves his assent to this Bill, until the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada has been signified in respect thereto."

Then, the Honourable the Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour, at the close of our labours, with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present, for Your Honour's acceptance, a Bill intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money required for defraying the Expenses of Civil Government for the Year 1877, and for making good certain sums expended in the Public Service in 1876, and for other purposes."

To this Bill, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

"In Her Majesty's name His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

Then, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following Speech:—

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:*

It is now my duty and pleasure to relieve you from your legislative labours, and I thank you for the attention you have bestowed upon the several questions of public interest that have been submitted to you.

The Session at present closing has been somewhat protracted, and I trust the results will prove to be commensurate with the time and care you have so cheerfully devoted to your duties.

I am gratified to observe that several Acts of a private and local nature have been passed, which indicate an increasing tendency to foster and encourage Provincial interests and enterprise.

The Act for revising and consolidating the laws of British Columbia I consider to be a useful and necessary measure, and shall receive earnest attention during the recess.

I am hopeful that the sum you have, with prudent consideration, provided for encouraging the erection of a quartz mill in Cariboo will induce capitalists to invest in an undertaking which will give a permanent character to mining operations and tend to develop in an eminent degree the latent wealth of that important district.

The probable completion of the Pacific Railway Surveys at an early period of the present year will, I trust, enable the Dominion Government to commence construction at the seaboard of this Province within the period intimated by Lord Carnarvon, and thereby inaugurate that season of prosperity to which the inhabitants of the Province have so long looked forward.

I thank you, in Her Majesty's name, for the provision that you have made for the requirements of the Public Service, and I assure you that the utmost economy and care shall be exercised in the expenditures which will be necessary during the year.

The Honourable Mr. Elliott, Provincial Secretary, then said,—

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—*

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until Wednesday, the Twentieth day of June next, to be then here holden, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Wednesday, the Twentieth day of June next.