

Tuesday, 19th March, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

Mr. *E. C. Smith* presented a Petition for leave to present a Petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate "The Kootenay Central Railway Company." (No. 70.)  
Received.

The following Petitions were received :—

From *John Letherdale, W. A. McDonald*, and others, lumbermen and loggers of the Province, *re* licences to cut timber on Crown lands.

From *Thos. Tubman* and 2,370 others, members of various fraternal and benevolent societies in British Columbia, *re* amendments to the Medical Act.

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

By Mr. *Martin*—Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, being the 'Fire Escape Act.'"

By Mr. *Martin*—Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, being the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

By Mr. *Martin*—Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 187 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, being the 'Trustees and Executors Act.'"

Mr. *Martin* asked the Government the following questions :—

1. Did the Government call for tenders for the timber required for cribbing purposes to save the bridge and townsite of *Quesnel Forks* from being washed away? If so, who secured the contract, and where were the notices published?

2. What does the Government estimate this whole work will cost when finished, and where is the appropriation for it?

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

"1. No.

"2. \$4,000 to \$5,000, for which there is yet no appropriation."

Mr. *Stables* asked the Government the following question :—

Is it the intention of the Government, at its present Session, to bring in legislation providing technical education for miners?

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

"No."

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

What amount of money does the Government of British Columbia lose by the present rebate of 20 per cent. on real estate, 20 per cent. on wild land, and 50 per cent. on personal property?

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

"The difference between high rate of taxation and the low rate, when taxes are paid on or before 30th June, is as follows :—

"*Real Estate*.—High rate,  $\frac{4}{5}$  of 1 %; low rate,  $\frac{3}{5}$ —a rebate of 25 %.

"*Wild Land*.—High rate, 3 %; low rate,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ —a rebate of  $16\frac{1}{6}$  %.

"*Personal Property*.—High rate,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of 1 %; low,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1 %—a rebate of  $33\frac{1}{3}$  %.

"Loss on the basis of revenue to 30th June, 1900 :

"*Wild Land*.—Value assessed, \$1,975,000; if at high rate would produce \$59,250; as collected, at low rate, produced \$49,375; loss, \$9,875.

“*Real Estate*.—Assessed at \$19,702,200; at high rate would produce \$157,616; as collected, at low rate, produced \$118,214; loss, \$39,402.

“*Personal Property*.—Assessed at \$14,688,400; at high rate would produce \$110,163; as collected, produced \$73,442; loss, \$36,721.”

Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Registry Act Amendment Act, 1900,’” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Placer Mining Act’ and amending Acts.” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to confirm certain Dyking Assessments” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Schools Act,’” was resumed.

The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government and any person, and of all reports with regard to fraudulent practices as to naturalization; and also all correspondence with reference to cancelling the commissions of *Walter J. Thicke* and *E. W. McLean*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:45 o’clock, P. M.

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## Wednesday, 20th March, 1901.

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TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

On the motion of Mr. *Martin*, Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to amend Chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, being the ‘Legal Professions Act,’” was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Helmcken* presented the Fifteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 20th, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders beg leave to report as follows:—

That they have considered Petition No. 70, Petition of the Kootenay Central Railway, and find that the rules with regard to publication were duly complied with, but that, owing to the absence of some of the petitioners, it was impossible to obtain the signatures of all the petitioners within time, so as to comply with the provisions of Rule 57.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the prayer of the Petition should be granted, and the Standing Orders suspended for that purpose, and beg to recommend the same accordingly. All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended and the Report adopted.

Mr. *Helmcken* presented the Sixteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 20th, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders beg leave to report as follows:—

That the time limited for the reception of Reports from Standing or Select Committees on Private Bills be extended until the 31st day of March, instant, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended and the Report adopted.

Mr. *Pooley* presented the Seventh Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
20th March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways beg leave to report as follows:—

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Crow's Nest Southern Railway Company," and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

Mr. *Garden* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Has any estimate been made of the cost of printing and publishing school books for the use of the public schools by the Government Printing Department?
2. Would it be possible to secure the copyrights for such books?
3. If no estimate has been made, will it be done?

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

"1. No; but I believe, from information received from the King's Printer, that the cost of printing alone would be 60% more than in Ontario.

"2. I think not.

"3. The question will be further considered."

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

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce legislation this Session to amend the "Small Debts Act"?

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

"Yes."

Bill (No. 51) "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Plate Glass Insurance Company" was read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company."

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Imperial Pacific Railway Company."

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company, Limited."

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Chilcat and Klahini Railway and Navigation Company."

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act Incorporating the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada."

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Lake Bennett Railway Company."

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Midway and Vernon Railway Company."

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Upper Columbia Navigation and Tramway Subsidy Act, 1892,'" was discharged.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Upper Columbia Navigation and Tramway Subsidy Act, 1892," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House, Victoria, B. C.,  
12th March, 1901.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Upper Columbia Navigation and Tramway Subsidy Act, 1892,'" and recommend the introduction of the same.

Resolution reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act' and Amending Act," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to Accelerate the Incorporation of the City of Trail" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Traffic Regulation Act'" was discharged, and the Bill referred to the Agricultural Committee.

Mr. *Gilmour* moved—"That Bill (No. 33) intituled 'An Act to amend the Legal Professions Act' be read a second time now."

A debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

Mr. *Hall* presented the Second Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
19th March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Printing beg leave to report as follows:—

That your Committee recommend the following documents be printed, viz.:

1. Petition asking that the Medical Act be amended.
2. Return of correspondence regarding fraudulent naturalization of Japanese.
3. Petition of the lumbermen and loggers of the Province of British Columbia, *re* timber licences.

Respectfully submitted.

RICHARD HALL,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

And then the House adjourned at 5:20 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 21st March, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

Mr. *Pooley* presented the Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Reports from the Railway Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
21st March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways beg leave to report as follows:—

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Crawford Bay Railway Company," and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,  
*Chairman.*

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
21st March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways beg leave to report as follows:—

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Coast-Kootenay Railway Company, Limited," and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,  
*Chairman.*

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
21st March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways beg leave to report as follows :—

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver and Grand Forks Railway Company," and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,  
*Chairman.*

The Reports were received.

Mr. *Garden* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hayward*,—

That this Government request the Dominion Government to place as great a duty on lumber coming into Canada from the United States as that country imposes on Canadian lumber entering the United States.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Curtis*, seconded by Mr. *Martin*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all Supreme Court and County Court suits begun in each Supreme Court and County Court Registry of this Province during the past year; of the amounts claimed for which actions were brought at each Registry; of the number of cases tried and disposed of by each Judge at the respective places throughout the Province where Courts were held, and the amounts of debt and costs (separately) for which judgments were given at each Registry; also the amounts of debt and costs (separately) for which judgments were signed by default at each Registry; also the amounts of debt and costs (separately) for which judgments were given on summary applications at each Registry; also of the number of times each County Court Judge held Court at each place where actions were tried.

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

Whereas a Bill is now pending before the House of Commons of Canada to amend the "Elections Act," and it is desirable that the said Act should be so amended as to prevent the franchise being exercised by naturalized subjects of Japan and China :

Be it, therefore, Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to communicate with the Dominion Government, pressing upon that Government the necessity which exists for amending the said Act so as to accomplish the above object.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the Maintenance of Wives deserted by their Husbands" was read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act'" was resumed.

The debate was adjourned until Thursday next.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act, 1900.'"

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to regulate Maternity Boarding Houses, and for the Protection of Infant Children."

Mr. *Martin* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, being the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

Mr. *E. C. Smith* presented a Petition from *Hugh Watt* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate the "Kootenay Central Railway Company." (No. 70A.)  
Received.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Collection of a Tax on Persons," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*21st March, 1901.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to provide for the Collection of a Tax on Persons."

Resolution reported and adopted.  
Bill read a first time.  
To be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act,'" was committed.  
Progress reported.  
Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act'" was committed.  
Reported complete without amendment.  
Report adopted.  
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act' and Amending Act" was committed.  
Progress reported.  
Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:40 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, 22nd March, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. Baugh Allen*.

Mr. *Helmcken* presented the Seventeenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 22nd, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders beg leave to report as follows :—

That the Standing Orders in connection with the under-mentioned Petition have not been complied with :

Petition No. 70A, Petition of Kootenay Central Railway, inasmuch as while publication was sufficient, the provisions of Rule 57 were not complied with, but have since been. Your Committee are of the opinion that, as the proposed Bill is presumably in the public interest, the Standing Orders should be suspended, so as to admit of the Bill being introduced, and recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and the Report adopted.

Mr. *Pooley* presented the Eleventh Report from the Railway Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
22nd March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways beg leave to report as follows :—

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Arrowhead and Kootenay Railway Company Act, 1898,'" and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *E. C. Smith*, Private Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Central Railway Company" was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Railway Committee.

Mr. *Pooley* presented the Twelfth Report from the Railway Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
22nd March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways beg leave to report as follows :—

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Comox and Cape Scott Railway Company," and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.



On the motion of Mr. *Martin*, Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 34 of the Statutes of 1900, being the 'Shops Regulation Act, 1900,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Turner*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Dunsmuir*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, to consider the Ways and Means to be granted to His Majesty.

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

1. Is it the intention of the Provincial Board of Health to make regulations under the provisions of the "Health Act," dealing with pulmonary tuberculosis?
2. What was the result of the Sanitarium Convention recently held at *Ottawa*?
3. Will the Government take into consideration the question of granting assistance to a Sanitarium in this Province?

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

"1. The question has not yet been considered?"

"2. In answer to this question, I beg to say that the Report of Dr. C. J. Fagan, Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, who attended the Convention, will be laid before the House.

"3. The matter is under consideration."

Mr. *Houston* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to bring down legislation to suppress the delegation nuisance during Sessions of the Legislative Assembly?

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

"No."

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented the Report of Dr. C. J. Fagan, Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, who attended the Sanitarium Convention held at *Ottawa*.

The adjourned debate on the third reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting certain Railway Land Grants," was resumed.

Bill read a third time on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Green,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Mounce—26.</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Munro—9.</i>
<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>			

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act' and amending Acts" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools 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 5:10 o'clock, P. M.

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## Monday, 25th March, 1901.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*.

The following Petitions were presented :—

By Mr. *Tatlow*, from the Local Council of Women of *Vancouver*, re "Children's Protection Bill."

By the Hon. Mr. *Dunsmuir*, from *Isaac Harris* and others, of *South Wellington*, re Government ownership of railways.

By Mr. *Green*, from *J. E. Skinner* and others, of *Slocan City*, re Government ownership of railways.

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act, 1898,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Hall* presented the Third Report from the Printing Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
22nd March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Printing beg leave to report as follows :—

That they recommend the following Report be printed, viz :

Report of Dr. C. J. Fagan, Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, who attended the Sanitarium Convention held at Ottawa on 14th February, 1901.

Respectfully submitted.

RICHARD HALL,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

Mr. *Pooley* presented the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Reports from the Railway Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
25th March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways beg leave to report as follows :—

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 73A) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Yale Northern Railway Company," and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,  
*Chairman.*

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
25th March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways beg leave to report as follows :—

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company," and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,  
*Chairman.*

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
25th March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways beg leave to report as follows :—

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Victoria Terminal Railway and Ferry Company," and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,  
*Chairman.*

The Reports were received.

On the motion of Mr. *Curtis*, seconded by Mr. *Martin*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all the moneys (under classified heads) collected during the past fiscal year by the Gold Commissioners and Mining Recorders of *Trail Creek, Grand Forks* and *Kettle River Mining Divisions*, respectively.

On the motion of Mr. *Martin*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

1. What security was deposited by the *Arrowhead and Kootenay Railway Company*, under section 36 of their charter, with the Minister of Finance, and date of deposit.
2. Was said security returned to said Company? If so, when and why?
3. Copies of any documentary evidence produced to the Minister of Finance showing that said Company had done \$10,000 worth of work in surveys or construction on or before 30th June, 1899.

On the motion of Mr. *Martin*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause to be laid before the House—

1. A statement showing the names of all Railway Companies, with number of chapter and year of incorporation, in whose charter it is provided that security shall be put up with the Minister of Finance to secure the expenditure of certain amounts on surveys or construction before a certain time.
2. A statement showing which of said companies have complied with said provision, manner and date of compliance.
3. A statement showing as to what companies such security has been returned, and in each case why.
4. A statement showing as to what companies said security has been forfeited to the Government.
5. A statement showing as to what companies security remains in the hands of the Minister of Finance, and amount and nature of such security.
6. Copies of all Orders in Council passed with regard to said matters.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be laid before this Honourable House all reports made by a member of the Provincial Government to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and any report made by any member of the Dominion Government, upon the Statutes passed by the Legislature of this Province at the last Session, together with all correspondence relating to all of the reports.

Mr. *Martin* asked the Government the following question :—

Why men working on Government road work in *North Victoria* are only paid two dollars per day, while men similarly employed in *South Nanaimo* receive two dollars and fifty cents per day?

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

“Because it was understood to be the current rate of wages.”

Mr. *McInnes* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions :—

1. Did the Council of Public Instruction issue a Manual of School Law last November?
2. Did it require all Public Schools to be conducted according to the provisions thereof?
3. Were the books authorised for reading thereby then published? If not, are they now published, and when were they published?
4. Was drawing made compulsory in all grades?
5. Were the drawing books authorised then published? If not, are they now published, and when were they published?
6. Has the said Council sent notice to the Teachers, at any time since November last, permitting them to teach reading or drawing in any other books than those authorised in the Manual? If so, when.
7. Did the Council order *Sykes' Composition* to be taught?
8. Can the lessons in *Sykes' Composition* be taught without a Bible?
9. Can the said lessons be learned without a Bible?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. Yes.
- “3. No. Neither are they yet published.
- “4. Yes.
- “5. No. Neither are they yet published.
- “6. No.
- “7. Yes.
- “8. Yes.
- “9. Yes.

Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Schools Act’” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* presented the Report of the Hon. *James Dunsmuir* and the Hon. *D. M. Eberts* on their mission to *Ottawa* as a delegation from the Government of British Columbia.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented a Statement of Special Warrants signed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the expenditure incurred thereon between 1st July, 1900, and the 25th March, 1901, required by the “Revenue Act,” Cap. 102, sec. 42.

And then the House adjourned at 5:45 o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, 26th March, 1901.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*.

The Petition from the Local Council of Women of *Vancouver*, re "Children's Protection Bill," was received.

Mr. *E. C. Smith* presented a Petition from *Ames Buck* and others, residents of *Fernie*, re amendments to the "Coal Mines Regulation Act."

Ruled out of order, the Petition not being addressed to the House.

Mr. *Helmcken* presented the Eighteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 26th, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders beg leave to report as follows:—

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Mining Association," and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act' and amending Acts" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act' and Amending Act" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act for the Protection and Reformation of Neglected and Dependent Children," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*26th March, 1901.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act for the Protection and Reformation of Neglected and Dependent Children."

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

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to Accelerate the Incorporation of the City of Trail" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.  
Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Wells* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Upper Columbia Navigation and Tramway Subsidy Act, 1892.'" A debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:50 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 27th March, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*.

Mr. *Martin* presented a Petition from *Ames Buck* and others, residents of *Fernie*, re amendments to the "Coal Mines Regulation Act."

Mr. *A. W. Smith* presented the First Report from the Mining Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
27th March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Mining beg leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee is of the opinion that no amendments should be made to the Mineral Act during the present Session.

Which is respectfully submitted.

A. W. SMITH,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Curtis*, seconded by Mr. *Martin*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all reports received to date from the Inspectors of Coal and Metalliferous Mines of accidents occurring in the mines of the Province during the year 1900.

Mr. *E. C. Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gilmour*,—

That the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended, to enable Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Crow's Nest Southern Railway Company" to be proceeded with now.

Objection being taken, the motion failed.

The Report on Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act empowering the Corporation of the City of Victoria to lease the Market Building Premises and otherwise carry into effect the 'Victoria Terminal Railway By-Law, 1900,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Imperial Pacific Railway Company" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company, Limited," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Chilcat and Klahini Railway and Navigation Company," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act Incorporating the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Lake Bennett Railway Company" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Midway and Vernon Railway Company" was 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.

With reference to the Petition from *Ames Buck* and others, residents of *Fernie*, re amendments to the "Coal Mines Regulation Act," Mr. Speaker gave the following ruling:—

"I ruled this Petition out of order yesterday, because it was addressed to the Government and not to the House.

"The address has been changed since yesterday, but it is not now the Petition of the persons who signed it, as they are all residents of *Fernie*.

"I do not think it is competent or proper for a Member to change a Petition in this way.

"The Petition, in its altered shape, should not have been presented to the House.

"The Petition is also out of order under Rule 92."

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

A debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

*Brown,*  
*Munro,*  
*Kidd,*  
*Green,*  
*Houston,*  
*McPhillips,*

*Helmcken,*  
*Dunsmuir,*  
*Eberts,*  
*Smith, A. W.,*  
*Ellison,*

*Clifford,*  
*Hayward,*  
*Garden,*  
*Prentice,*  
*Wells,*

*McBride,*  
*Pooley,*  
*Rogers,*  
*Taylor,*  
*Mounce—21.*

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NAYS :

Messieurs

*McInnes,*  
*Gilmour,*  
*Stables,*

*E. C. Smith,*  
*Oliver,*

*Hawthornthwaite,*  
*Neill,*

*Martin,*  
*Curtis—9.*

And then the House adjourned at 5:45 o'clock, P. M.

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Thursday, 28th March, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell.*

Mr. *Helmcken* presented the Nineteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 28th, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders beg leave to report as follows :—

That with regard to Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the District Power and Telephone Company," your Committee have materially altered the preamble as follows, viz. :—By striking out the words "and of construction and operation of telephone lines for the transmission of messages for hire," in the third and fourth lines, and inserting the said words after the word "Victoria," on the sixth line, together with the words "within the Electoral Districts of North Victoria and South Victoria," as your Committee are of the opinion that the promoters did not establish by evidence the expediency of granting so much of the preamble which asks for the construction and operation of telephone lines for the transmission of messages for hire within the Electoral Districts of Esquimalt and Victoria City.

Your Committee beg to call your attention to clause 8 as amended, as it contains provisions which do not appear to have been contemplated in the notice for the same, but as it appears to your Committee to be a proper power to grant to the promoters, your Committee beg to recommend that the said clause, as amended, be incorporated in the Bill.

Your Committee beg to submit the Bill herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

Mr. *Pooley* presented the Sixteenth Report from the Railway Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
28th March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways beg leave to report as follows :—

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Central Railway Company," and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.



Mr. Pooley presented the Seventeenth Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
28th March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways beg leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee have the honour to recommend that the Model Railway Bill adopted by this House on 27th August, 1900, and set out in Rule 65A, be amended so as to conform to the Bill hereunto annexed. (See Resolution of 2nd April on page 58.)

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,  
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The adjourned debate on the appeal from the ruling of the Chair with reference to the Petition from *Ames Buck* and others, residents of *Fernie*, re amendments to the "Coal Mines Regulation Act," was resumed:—

The Chair was sustained upon the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Green,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Mounce—25.</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Curtis—10.</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>		

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Dunsmuir*, it was Resolved,—

That the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended and the Petition from *Ames Buck* and others, residents of *Fernie*, re amendments to the "Coal Mines Regulation Act," be received, notwithstanding the irregularities in said Petition.

Mr. *Curtis* moved the adjournment of the House, to discuss the conduct of the Government in refusing to give the House its policy regarding proposed Provincial railways, while continually giving fragments of its policy to various deputations, and by an advertisement in the public press, and also to discuss the railway policy as thus disclosed and in general.

Mr. Speaker *Booth*: No previous notice of this motion has been given me, and I do not think the motion is of sufficient urgent public importance to justify me in submitting the same to the House. (*May*, page 240.)

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

The Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Green,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Mounce—26.</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>		

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Curtis—8.</i>

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Villages Fire Protection Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 176 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, being the 'Summary Convictions Act.'"

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, being the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 187 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, being the 'Trustees and Executors Act.'"

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, being the 'Legal Professions Act,'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Mounce—22.</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>		

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Munro,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Helmcken.</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Wells—9.</i>
<i>Green,</i>			

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

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented a Return of all the moneys (under classified heads) collected during the past fiscal year by the Gold Commissioners and Mining Recorders of *Trail Creek, Grand Forks* and *Kettle River Mining Divisions*, respectively.

And then the House adjourned at 5:50 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, 29th March, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Magistrates Act,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Clifford*, seconded by Mr. *Ellison*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted to have printed in pamphlet form the Report and appendix in full, including maps, notes and documents, of Mr. Justice *Martin*, the Special Commissioner appointed under the "Porcupine District Commission Act, 1900."

The Report on Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to Accelerate the Incorporation of the City of Trail" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company, Limited," was considered.

Mr. *Martin* moved to strike out section 34.

Motion lost on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Garden—9.</i>
<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Tailow,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Mounce—20.</i>

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Chilkat and Klahini Railway and Navigation Company," was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act Incorporating the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Lake Bennett Railway" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Midway and Vernon Railway Company" was considered.

Mr. *Ellison* moved the following as a new section :—

“ 23. The construction of said railway shall be begun at Vernon and shall be carried on from Vernon towards Midway. The main line of said railway, or a branch thereof, shall be built to Kelowna, upon Okanagan Lake.”

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 56) intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company ” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 63) intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the Imperial Pacific Railway Company ” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 68) intituled “ An Act relating to certain By-Laws of the Municipality of the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks.”

Bill (No. 69) intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the Crow's Nest Southern Railway Company.”

Bill (No. 52) intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the Crawford Bay Railway Company.”

Bill (No. 72) intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver and Grand Forks Railway Company.”

Bill (No. 58) intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the Coast-Kootenay Railway Company, Limited.”

Bill (No. 71) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Arrowhead and Kootenay Railway Company Act, 1898.’ ”

Bill (No. 59) intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the Comox and Cape Scott Railway Company.”

Bill (No. 57) intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company.”

Bill (No. 73) intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the Yale Northern Railway Company.”

Bill (No. 60) intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the Victoria Terminal Railway and Ferry Company.”

Bill (No. 74) intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Mining Association.”

The Report on Bill (No. 18) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Villages Fire Protection Act ’ ” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 26) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Shops Regulation Act, 1900,’ ” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 27) intituled “ An Act to regulate Maternity Boarding Houses, and for the Protection of Infant Children,” was 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 5:30 o'clock, P. M.