

Wednesday, the 16th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Crease, being the Senior Member present in order of precedence, took the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Ball, Bushby, O'Reilly, Sanders, Dewdney, Pemberton, Ring, Alston, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Robson, Humphreys, Carrall, Holbrook, Wood.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, amended, and confirmed.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary entered the Council Chamber while the Minutes were being read, and took the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Dewdney gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Resolution relative to Confederation.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that Sections of the Resolution had been passed as follows:—

4. The Dominion shall guarantee interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum on such sum, not exceeding £100,000, as may be required for the construction of a first class Graving Dock at Esquimalt.

5. In addition to other provisions of this Resolution, Canada shall assume and defray the charges of the following Services.

a. Salary and Allowances of the Lieutenant Governor;

b. Salaries and Allowances of the Judges and Officers of the Supreme Court, and of the County Courts;

c. The charges in respect to the Department of Customs;

d. The Postal Department;

e. Lighthouses, Buoys, Beacons, and Lightships, and such further charges as may be incident to and connected with the services which by the "British North America Act, 1867," appertain to the General Government, and as are or may be allowed to the other Provinces.

6. Suitable Pensions, such as shall be approved of by Her Majesty's Government, shall be provided by the Government of the Dominion for those of Her Majesty's Servants in the Colony, whose position and emoluments derived therefrom would be affected by political changes on the admission of this Colony into the Dominion of Canada.

7. The Dominion Government shall supply an efficient and regular fortnightly Steam Communication between Victoria and San Francisco by Steamers adapted and giving facilities for the conveyance of passengers and cargo.

With the following Recommendation, That His Excellency be respectfully requested to insert the word "Pensions" after "Allowances" in Subdivision *b*, Section 5., and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be adopted, and leave be granted to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys moved that the Standing Orders be suspended.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Member gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 1 p.m. to-morrow.

Thursday, the 17th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, Ball, Sanders, O'Reilly, Walkem, Pemberton, Alston, Wood, Holbrook, Ring, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Robson, Dewdney, Carrall, Drake.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Confederation Resolution.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that Sections of the Resolution had been passed as follows, with recommendations, and asked leave to sit again:—

8. Inasmuch as no real Union can subsist between this Colony and Canada without the speedy establishment of communication across the Rocky Mountains by Coach Road and Railway, the Dominion shall, within three years from the date of Union, construct and open for traffic such Coach Road from some point on the line of the Main Trunk Road of this Colony to Fort Garry, of similar character to the said Main Trunk Road; and shall further engage to use all means in her power to complete such Railway communication at the earliest practicable date; and that Surveys to determine the proper line for such Railway shall be at once commenced; and that a sum of not less than One Million Dollars shall be expended in every year, from and after Three years from the date of Union, in actually constructing the initial sections of such Railway from the Seaboard of British Columbia, to connect with the Railway system of Canada.

9. The Dominion shall erect and maintain, at Victoria, a Marine Hospital, and a Lunatic Asylum, either attached to the Hospital, or separate, as may be considered most convenient.

The Dominion shall also erect and maintain a Penitentiary, or other principal Prison, at such place in the Colony as she may consider most suitable for that purpose.

10. Efficient Coast Mail Steam Service, in connection with the Post Office, shall be established and maintained by the Government of the Dominion, between Victoria and New Westminster, Nanaimo, and such other places as may require such services.

11. Whatever encouragement, advantages, and protection are afforded by the Dominion Government to the Fisheries of any of its Provinces, shall be extended in similar proportion to British Columbia, according to its requirements for the time being.

12. British Columbia shall participate, in fair proportion, in any measures which may be adopted, and Funds which may be appropriated by the Dominion, for the encouragement of Immigration.

Recommendations.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to insert the words "and maintain," after "traffic," and the word "and," between "construct" and "open," be left out.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to alter Clause 8, in such manner that the Section of the Main Trunk Road lying between Yale and New Westminster, may be included in the Coach Road which the Dominion Government is to be asked to construct within 3 years from the date of Union.

Ordered that the Report be adopted.

Leave having been granted to the Committee to sit again, and on the question being put as to when leave should be granted,

The Hon. Mr. Trutch moved that leave be granted at once.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 10, Noes 7.

The names, on request, being taken down as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Trutch,	The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly,
Ball,	Drake,
Barnard,	DeCosmos,
Robson,	Humphreys,
Helmcken,	Wood,
Carrall,	Ring.
Alston,	Hamley.
Pemberton,	
Bushby,	
Crease.	

So the motion was passed in the affirmative, and it was Ordered that leave be granted to sit again at once.

On the question being put "That I do leave the Chair," the Council again divided.

Ayes 9, Noes 7.

The names, on request, were taken down as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Trutch,	The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly,
Barnard,	Sanders,
Robson,	Drake,
Helmcken,	Humphreys,
Carrall,	DeCosmos,
Alston,	Wood,
Pemberton,	Hamley.
Bushby,	
Crease.	

So it passed in the affirmative and the Council went again into Committee.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had passed a further Section of the Resolution as follows, with Recommendations, and asked leave to sit again:—

13. British Columbia shall be entitled to be represented in the Senate by Four Members, and by Eight Members in the House of Commons, until the year 18 , and thereafter the representation in the Senate and the House of Commons shall be increased subject to the provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867."

Recommendations.

That His Excellency be respectfully recommended to insert the figures "91" after the figures "18."

That His Excellency be respectfully recommended to add at the end of Clause 13, the following words:—

Provided, however, that the number of Members of the Senate shall never be reduced below the number of 4, and the number of the Members of the House of Commons below the number of 8.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and leave granted to sit again to-morrow.

Then, on the notice of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock tomorrow.

Friday, the 18th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, Ball, O'Reilly, Pemberton, Wood, Alston, Holbrook, Walkem, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Carrall, Helmcken, Robson, Barnard, Drake, Ring, Dewdney.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Wood gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Alston gave notice of motion.

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Wood rose to speak to a question of privilege, in regard to report of debate as appearing in the *British Colonist*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Confederation Resolution.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had passed Section 14 as follows, and asked leave to sit again:—

14. The Union shall take effect on such day as Her Majesty by Order in Council (on an Address to that effect, in terms of the 146th Section of "The British North America Act, 1867") may direct; and British Columbia may, in such Address, specify the Districts, Counties, or Divisions, if any, for which any of the four Senators to whom the Colony shall be entitled shall be named—the Electoral Districts for which—and the time within which the first Election of Members to serve in the House of Commons shall take place.

Ordered that the Report be adopted and leave granted to the Committee to sit again on Monday.

The Hon. Mr. Drake moved that the Standing Orders be suspended.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Member gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, the 21st day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, Ball, Walkem, Ring, Alston, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Robson, Barnard, Wood, Holbrook, Dewdney, Helmcken, Carrall, O'Reilly, Pemberton, Drake.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

Message No. 8.

A. MUSGRAVE.

In compliance with the Resolutions of the Legislative Council, of the 18th February and 7th March, the Governor forwards a Return in reference to Road Tax Collections in District No. 2.⁵

A Return of Pre-emptions in 1868-9.⁶

*Government House,
21st March, 1870.*

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Confederation Resolution.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he was instructed to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow, after a division on motion of the Hon. Attorney General, That the Committee sit again at 7.30 this evening, as follows:—

Ayes 6, Noes 14.

The names, on request, being taken down by the Clerk as follows:—

Ayes.

Noes.

The Hon. Messrs. Trutch,
Holbrook,
Barnard,
Helmcken,
Carrall,
Crease.

The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly,
Sanders,
Ball,
Dewdney,
Robson,
Ring,
Humphreys,
DeCosmos,
Alston,
Wood,
Pemberton,
Bushby,
Drake,
Hamley.

The Hon. Mr. Robson moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to give notice of motion.

Motion negatived.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

⁵ *Ibid.*, pp. vi-vii.

⁶ *Ibid.*, p. viii.

Tuesday, the 22nd day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, Ball, Sanders, O'Reilly, Walkem, Pemberton, Alston, Wood, Holbrook, Ring, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Robson, Dewdney, Carrall, Drake, Helmcken, Barnard.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken presented the Petition of certain Importers, of Victoria.

Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Confederation Resolution.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had passed the remaining Sections of the Resolution, as follows, and asked leave to sit again:—

15. The Constitution of the Executive authority and of the Legislature of British Columbia shall, subject to the provisions of "The British North America Act, 1867," continue as existing at the time of Union, until altered under the authority of the said Act.

16. The provisions in "The British North America Act, 1867," shall (except those parts thereof which are in terms made, or by reasonable intendment may be held to be specially applicable to and only affect one and not the whole of the Provinces now comprising the Dominion, and except so far as the same may be varied by this Resolution) be applicable to British Columbia in the same way and to the like extent as they apply to the other Provinces of the Dominion, and as if the Colony of British Columbia had been one of the Provinces originally united by the said Act.

With reference to Defences:—

a. That it shall be an understanding with the Dominion, that their influence will be used to the fullest extent to procure the continued maintenance of the Naval Station at Esquimalt.

b. Encouragement to be given to develop the efficiency and organization of the Volunteer Force in British Columbia.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and that leave be granted to the Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Attorney General, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Wednesday, the 23rd day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, Ball, O'Reilly, Wood, Dewdney, Helmcken, Holbrook, Ring, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Robson, Carrall, Alston, Drake, Barnard, Pemberton, Walkem.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Confederation Resolution.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council, and asked leave to sit again:—

Resolved, That it is highly desirable that the Agricultural, Horticultural, Orchard, and Dairy interests of British Columbia should be protected.

Ordered that the Report be adopted and leave granted to the Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of Hon. Mr. Trutch, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, the 24th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, Dewdney, Ball, O'Reilly, Pemberton, Wood, Alston, Holbrook, Walkem, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Carrall, Helmcken, Robson, Barnard, Drake, Ring.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Confederation Resolution.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolutions for the adoption of the Council, and asked leave to sit again.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council it is advisable that after Union Foreign Manufactured Articles in which a trade can be carried on with neighbouring Countries should be admitted into British Columbia at a low or nominal rate of duty, and generally that the Tariff should be made suitable to the Commercial requirements and conditions of British Columbia.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council, the Duties of Excise levied upon Malsters and Brewers under and by virtue of the Excise Laws of Canada would be detrimental if made applicable to British Columbia. That His Excellency be therefore earnestly requested to take such steps as he may deem advisable to bring the same to the notice of the Canadian Government, and further to take care that no Export Duties shall be charged on Spars exported from British Columbia.

Resolved, That this Council respectfully represent to His Excellency the Governor that in negotiating the Terms of Union of British Columbia with Canada, it is of the first importance to point out to the Government of that Dominion, that the circumstances of this Colony are in many respects so different from those of the Eastern Provinces, that the application of the present Canadian Tariff to this Colony, while reducing the aggregate burthen of

taxation, would injuriously affect the Agricultural and Commercial interests of this Community; and that it be therefore urgently impressed upon the Government, that it is absolutely necessary to our well-being under Confederation, that special rates of Customs Duties and special Customs Regulations be arranged for the Colony, in such manner as may be found practically most advisable, so as to secure, while our requirements in this respect remain as at present, an equal measure of protection to our Agricultural Products and of facility to our Commerce as are provided under the existing British Columbia Tariff.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and leave granted to sit again to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Attorney General, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Friday, the 25th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present, The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Hamley, Ball, Sanders, Walkem, Bushby, Alston, Wood, Holbrook, DeCosmos, Drake, Humphreys, Carrall, O'Reilly, Dewdney, Ring, Robson, Pemberton, Barnard.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys gave notice of motion.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to introduce a Bill.

Standing Orders suspended accordingly.

The Hon. Member introduced the Courts Jurisdiction Bill.

Ordered to be read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Standing Orders suspended to enable the Bill to be read second time.

Read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed at once.

The Council went into Committee accordingly on the said Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Bill read third time presently.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Resolution relative to Confederation.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolutions for the adoption of the Council.

On the question being put it was Resolved,

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency, recommending that the Dominion Government shall be requested to cause a Geological Survey of British Columbia to be made; such Survey to be commenced within one year after its admission into Union.

On the following Resolution being put,

That Canada shall purchase the Territory of Alaska and the State of Maine from the United States,

The Council divided.

Ayes 7, Noes 13.

So the Resolution was lost.

On the following Resolution being put:—

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to insert in the Terms of Confederation to be proposed to Canada, some such Clause as the following:—

All Public Works and Property of British Columbia at the time of admission to belong to British Columbia, except such Public Works and Property as shall properly belong to the Dominion under the "British North America Act, 1867," and such portion of the Main-Trunk Road through British Columbia, or other Roads then constructed, as may be necessary to complete a continuous line of Coach Road from a point at or below Yale to a point at the foot of the Eastern Slope of the Rocky Mountains, and that the same shall be free of Toll of every kind whatsoever,

The Council divided.

Ayes 14, Noes 6.

So it passed in the affirmative, and was Resolved accordingly.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

Message No. 9.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance granting a Supplemental Supply of \$201,585.04, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, for the contingent service of the years 1868-9 respectively."

Government House,

24th March, 1870.

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:—

Message No. 10.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to appropriate the sum of \$340,105.75, out of the General Revenue of the Colony, for the contingent service of the year 1870."

Government House,

24th March, 1870.

A further Message, read as follows:—

Message No. 11.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting Practitioners in Medicine and Surgery."

Government House,

24th March, 1870.

The Hon. Mr. Barnard moved that the Standing Orders be suspended.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Member gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, the 28th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Hamley, Ball, Bushby, Walkem, Sanders, O'Reilly, Wood, Robson, Pemberton, Drake, Humphreys, Alston, Ring, DeCosmos, Barnard, Holbrook, Helmcken.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos presented the Petition of certain Farmers of Vancouver Island.

Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.

Ordered to be printed and lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken presented the Petition of P. Cadell.

Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken presented the Petition of certain Colonists in reference to Registration Bill.⁷

Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.

Ordered to be printed and lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of 2 motions.

The Hon. Mr. Alston gave notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Supreme Court Bill,

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that the Bill be recommitted.

Ordered accordingly.

The Council went into Committee again on the Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Bill had been amended and was now complete.

Report adopted.

Ordered to be read third time presently.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys asked the Hon. the Attorney General,—If Farmers who sell their own produce are compelled to take out a Licence to do so?

The Hon. the Attorney General replied.

⁷ *Ibid.*, pp. viii–ix.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Barnard moved, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding,

That the Report of the Select Committee on Road Tolls be taken up as the first Order of the day to-morrow.

Resolved accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for the first reading of the Customs Duty Bill, The Hon. Mr. Helmcken moved, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos seconding,

That this Bill be read first time this day six months.

The Hon. Mr. Alston moved, in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Walkem seconding,

That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for their report thereon, and generally to devise the best means for maintaining the Interior Telegraphic system.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 13, Noes 4.

So it passed in the affirmative and was Resolved accordingly.

The Hon. the Presiding Member named the following Hon. Members:—
The Hon. Messrs. Trutch, Helmcken, Hamley, Alston, Barnard.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken having excused himself, the Presiding Member named the Hon. Mr. Drake in his stead.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Dewdney.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall moved that the consideration of the Petition of Peter Eddy do stand as the first Order on Wednesday.

Ordered accordingly.

Leave was then given to the Hon. Mr. Dewdney to bring in a Bill regulating the running at large of Bulls and Entire Horses.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved, the Hon. Mr. Robson seconding,

That an address be presented to His Excellency, asking that provision be made in some way for preventing parties setting fire to the woods in the neighbourhood of Saw Mills during dry months of the year.

On the question being put it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Wood moved, the Hon. Mr. Ring seconding,

That His Excellency be respectfully requested to recommend the Imperial Government to provide, by such means as may be deemed most advisable, for the payment of the Judge and Registrar of the Vice-Admiralty Court of British Columbia, by Salary and not by Fees.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding,

That the Judge and Officers of the Supreme Court, except the Sheriff, discharge the duties of Admiralty Judge and Officers, without additional Salary, and that the Fees taken be paid into the Treasury.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 3, Noes 12.

So the amendment was lost.

On the original question being put the Council again divided.

Ayes 13, Noes 2.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the School Bill was read first time.

Ordered to be read second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Dewdney asked leave to bring in Game Bill.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 12, Noes 2.

So it passed in the affirmative and Ordered that leave be granted to bring in the said Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Supreme Court Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "The Courts Jurisdiction Ordinance, 1870."

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Tuesday, the 29th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, O'Reilly, Ball, Walkem, Ring, Alston, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Robson, Barnard, Wood, Holbrook, Dewdney, Carrall, Drake.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Barnard gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Ring gave notice of 2 motions.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council took into consideration the Report of the Select Committee on the Road Tolls.

The Hon. Mr. Barnard moved, the Hon. Mr. Holbrook seconding,

That the Report of the Select Committee on Road Tolls now under consideration be adopted, with the exception of that portion which relates to the removal of the Toll-gate at Clinton to Soda Creek; and that a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, asking that a Bill may be sent down, during this Session, for the purpose of assimilating the laws under which the Road Tolls are now collected, with the object of carrying out the recommendation of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys moved, in amendment, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos seconding,

That the following words be added at the end of the Hon. Mr. Barnard's Resolution:—"and that, in the opinion of this Council, it is expedient to amend the Road Tolls Ordinance, so as to allow Home-grown Flour, Bran, and Shorts to pass over the Roads Free of Tolls; and that His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to send down a Bill for that purpose."

On the amendment being put, the Council divided.

Ayes 14, Noes 3.

So it was carried in the affirmative.

On the original question as amended being put, the Council again divided.

Ayes 14, Noes 3.

The names, on request, being taken down by the Clerk as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Alston, Walkem, Dewdney, Barnard, Robson, Drake, Carrall, Holbrook, Humphreys, DeCosmos, Ring.	The Hon. Messrs. Pemberton, Hamley, Crease.

The Hon. Messrs. Helmcken and Bushby not having voted, their vote was counted in the affirmative, so the vote stood *Ayes 16, Noes 3.*

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Drake moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to present a Petition.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Member presented a Petition of the Victoria Fire Co.

Ordered to be received, and to lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council took into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Petition of the School Teachers.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved, the Hon. Mr. Hamley seconding,

That the Report of the Select Committee on the arrears payable to Common School Teachers be adopted, with the exception of the recommendation of the claims of the Superintendent and Mr. Harrison.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 8, Noes 5.

The names, on request, were taken down as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Crease, Hamley, Bushby, Holbrook, Ball, Sanders, O'Reilly, Dewdney.	The Hon. Messrs. Robson, DeCosmos, Wood, Pemberton, Drake.

The Hon. Mr. Alston not having voted was counted in the affirmative, so the vote stood *Ayes* 9, *Noes* 5, and the Resolution was carried.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos asked the Attorney General,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce an Ordinance, this Session, to prevent our Coasting Trade being thrown open to Foreign Vessels, under the operation of a recent Imperial Act?

The Hon. the Attorney General replied.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Registration of Titles Bill,

Ordered to be postponed till to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Crown Grants Bill,

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been instructed to ask leave to re-commit Clause 8 of the Bill, for the purpose of altering the same, and that the Standing Orders might be suspended for that purpose.

Standing Orders suspended and leave granted.

The Council went again into Committee.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that Clause 8 was still under consideration, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease, the Council adjourned till 1 p.m. to-morrow.

Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Crease, Walkem, Hamley, O'Reilly, Sanders, Bushby, Ball, Holbrook, Wood, Ring, Alston, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Barnard, Robson, Drake, Carrall, Pemberton, Helmcken, Dewdney.

The Minutes of previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Barnard gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council took into consideration the Petition of Peter Eddy.

The Hon. Mr. Carrall moved, the Hon. Mr. Robson seconding.

That the Petition of Peter Eddy be referred to a Select Committee.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos seconding,

That the Petition of Peter Eddy be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council, and that the Petitioner be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House.

The Hon. Mr. Ring moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Alston seconding,

That in the opinion of this Council it is necessary that a Court of Appeal be constituted at the earliest practicable period, in order that Peter Eddy may have the opportunity of bringing his case before it.

The Hon. Mr. Drake moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Walkem seconding,

That the Petition of Peter Eddy be referred to His Excellency the Governor, with a recommendation that he will take the same into his consideration, and grant such relief as the nature of the case demands.

On the last amendment being put the Council divided, *Ayes* 14, *Noes* 4.

So the last amendment was carried, and it was Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding,

That the Petition respecting Subsidies to Flour Mills be considered in Committee of the whole Council.

On the question being put it passed in the affirmative and was Resolved accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to give notice of a motion he proposed moving in the said Committee of the whole Council.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Member gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Drake moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to call up a Petition from the Victoria Fire Department.

Ordered accordingly.

Petition called up.

The Hon. Mr. Drake moved, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken seconding, and it was Resolved,

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency, earnestly recommending that the Customs Duties on the Steam Fire Engine belonging to the Deluge Company be remitted.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Barnard, relating to the Sale of Town Lots at Yale,

Ordered to be postponed till Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Ring asked leave to bring in Crown Costs Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted and the Bill read first time this day week.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion on the subject of a Free Port, standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Ring,

Ordered to be postponed till Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Registration of Titles Bill,

Ordered that the Crown Grants Bill be taken next in order.

Standing Orders suspended to enable the Hon. Mr. Ring to give notice of motion. Notice given accordingly.

According to Order, the Council went into Committee on the Crown Grants Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill now complete with amendments.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and the Bill read third time on Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Registration of Titles Bill, and on the motion put "That I do now leave the Chair,"

The Hon. Mr. Drake moved, the Hon. Mr. Helmcken seconding,

That all words after "That," be left out, and the following words substituted, "The Registration of Titles Bill be referred to a Select Committee."

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 5, Noes 14.

So the amendment was lost, and the Council went into Committee on the said Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that some amendments were made, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Monday, and the Report be adopted.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crease, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, the 4th day of April, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Crease, being the Senior Member present in order of precedence, took the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Ball, Bushby, O'Reilly, Sanders, Dewdney, Ring, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Robson, Carrall, Barnard, Humphreys.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

Message No. 12.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor has received the Resolution of the Council embodying the proposed Terms of Union with the Dominion of Canada, with certain modifications and additions suggested as expedient by the Honourable Board. These shall be presented for the consideration of the Government of Canada, and the Governor proposes to the Council that he should be authorized to make provision for the necessary expenses of a Delegation, to be composed of Three Members of the Council, whom the Governor desires to send to Ottawa for the purpose of submitting the proposed Terms, with the necessary explanations, to the Government of Canada.

*Government House,
4th April, 1870.*

The Hon. the Chief Commissioner moved, That the Message be considered in Committee of the Whole Council on Wednesday, and that the Message be printed.

Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken presented the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Victoria, in connection with ownership of Vessels.

Ordered to be printed and lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Barnard gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Alston gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Robson gave notice of 3 motions.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Crown Grants Bill,
Ordered to be postponed till later in the day.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the School Bill,
Ordered to be postponed till presently.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Humphreys,

The Hon. Member asked leave to withdraw the same.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Motion withdrawn accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding, and Resolved, *nem. con.*

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that enquiry be made into the amount assessed under the "Road Ordinance, 1869," against Shareholders of Companies and Partners in Firms, owning land and doing business within the Colony, as there are reasons to conclude that a very large sum of money has not been assessed either in 1869 or 1870, against some of the said Shareholders and Partners.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Ring moved, the Hon. Mr. Alston seconding, and it was Resolved, *nem. con.*,

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, informing him that, in the opinion of this Council, the establishment of a local Court of Appeal is imperatively called for.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Crown Grants Bill was read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "The Crown Grants Ordinance, 1870."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee to consider the Petition in reference to subsidizing Flour Mills,

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council,

That this Council, after having had under consideration the Petition respecting the granting of Subsidies to Flour Mills, is of opinion that it is expedient to encourage the manufacture of Flour from home-grown wheat, and would respectfully recommend to His Excellency the Governor:—

1. That Proclamation be made in the *Government Gazette* to the effect that if any owner of a Flour Mill in Victoria, New Westminster, Saanich, Cowichan, or Comox, shall prove to the satisfaction of the Governor that he has in any one year manufactured 500 barrels of good merchantable Flour, from wheat grown in the Colony, such Millowner shall be entitled to receive from the Government \$500.

2. That the proposed Subsidies shall, if the conditions be complied with, be continued for three years from the date of proclamation.

3. That this Council pledges itself to make good any sum of money that may be issued by His Excellency the Governor, in accordance with the foregoing recommendation.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 8, *Noes* 7.

The names, on request, were taken down as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Robson,	The Hon. Messrs. Hamley,
DeCosmos,	Trutch,
Wood,	Bushby,
Alston,	Pemberton,
Ring,	Ball,
Humphreys,	Barnard,
Sanders,	Dewdney.
Drake.	

So it passed in the affirmative and was Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Barnard asked the Postmaster General,—Whether steps have been taken to secure to the Settlers in the Okanagan Valley, and vicinity, the Mail Communication recommended by this Council?

The Hon. Mr. Bushby replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Barnard asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to reduce the price at which Town Lots in Yale are held by the Govern-

ment? Also, as to whether there is anything to prevent the Government from surveying and laying out Lots on the River front of Front Street in that town, and offering the same for sale?

The Hon. Mr. Trutch replied.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Ring,

Ordered to be postponed till Thursday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Registration Bill,

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Bill had been further considered, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Tuesday, the 5th day of April, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Crease, being the Senior Member present in order of precedence, took the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Ball, Bushby, O'Reilly, Sanders, Ring, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Robson, Carrall, Pemberton, Alston, Humphreys, Wood, Drake.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos presented the Petition of the Inhabitants of Cowichan.

Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Drake gave notice of 3 motions.

The Hon. Mr. Barnard gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Dewdney gave notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Registration Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported considerable progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be adopted, and that leave be granted to the Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Alston asked leave to bring in Bill of Sales Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted, and the Bill now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Robson asked the Postmaster General,—Whether the provisions of the Postal Convention between this Colony and the United States, referred to in His Excellency's opening Message, have come into operation; and if not, why?

The Hon. Mr. Bushby replied.

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration of the Derby Settlers' Petition,

The Hon. Mr. Robson moved that the said Petition be considered in Committee of the Whole Council.

The Council went into Committee accordingly.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Sanders, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been instructed to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted to sit again on Thursday.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Council adjourned till 1 p.m. to-morrow.

Wednesday, the 6th day of April, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Attorney General being the Senior Member present in order of precedence, took the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, O'Reilly, Ball, Wood, Dewdney, Helmcken, Ring, DeCosmos, Alston, Humphreys, Robson, Drake, Barnard, Pemberton.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Helmcken gave notice of 2 motions.

The Hon. Mr. De Cosmos gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Trutch gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Dewdney, Chairman of the Select Committee on the Customs Duty Bill, and as to providing means for maintaining the Interior Telegraphic system, brought up a Report.

Ordered to be read. Read aloud by the Clerk as follows:—

Your Committee is of opinion that it is of great importance to maintain the Telegraphic system through the Interior of the Colony, but the mode proposed of raising the funds necessary for that purpose, viz.: \$8,000, is, in the opinion of the majority of your Committee, inadvisable in the present state of business in the Colony.

Your Committee, therefore, beg respectfully to suggest as a better and more equitable means of raising the funds required, that the same be raised by a loan at the lowest market rates of interest, secured by Government Debentures,

and they consider that the undertaking being one of national importance, the Government would be justified in adopting this Course.

Ordered to be printed and lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on His Excellency's Message No. 12, respecting the sending of Delegates to Canada.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution for the adoption of the Council.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be authorized to make proper provision for the expenses of a Delegation, to be composed of such Three Members of this Council as His Excellency may select to dispatch to Ottawa, for the purpose of submitting to the Government of Canada the Terms of Union with the Dominion proposed by the Governor, and adopted by this Council.

On the question being put it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Crown Costs Bill was read first time.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Humphreys,

Ordered to be deferred till to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for a motion standing in the name of the Hon. Mr. Robson.

Ordered to be deferred till later in the day.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Game Bill was read first time.

Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Water Supply Bill was read first time.

Ordered to be read second time on Wednesday the 13th instant.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the County Court Bill was read first time.

Ordered to be read second time on Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Drake asked leave to bring in Fire Companies Aid Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted and the Bill read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on the 12th instant.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Barnard asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—Whether any action had been taken by the Executive, in regard to the recommendation of this Council relating to Road Tolls?

The Hon. the Chief Commissioner replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Robson moved, the Hon. Mr. Barnard seconding, and it was Resolved, *nemine contradicente*.

That the Island of San Juan now in dispute between the Governments of Great Britain and the United States, occupies a most important strategic position, practically commanding the passage between the open sea and the continental part of British Columbia.

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully recommended to urge upon Her Majesty's Government and the Canadian Government the importance of possessing the said Island of San Juan, and pointing out its intimate bearing upon the ultimate success of the Confederated British North American Provinces.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Registration of Titles Bill,

Ordered that the same do stand as the first Order of the day for to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Common Schools Amendment Bill,

Ordered to be postponed till to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow

Thursday, the 7th day of April, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Attorney General being the Senior Member present in order of precedence, took the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Trutch, Crease, Hamley, Bushby, Sanders, Dewdney, Ball, O'Reilly, Pemberton, Wood, Alston, Holbrook, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Carrall, Helmcken, Robson, Barnard, Drake, Ring.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

Message No. 13.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor has had under consideration a Resolution of the Honourable Board of Council, respecting the granting of Subsidies to Flour Mills.

The Governor is compelled to express his dissent from the policy involved in the recommendation of the Council. Such subsidies, limited to Mills in special localities, would be partial and unjust in their operation. That, besides this, they would constitute a bounty for the protection of a special branch of industry at the expense of the rest of the Community, and would be an infraction of well-understood principles of political economy, as well as contrary to the policy of Her Majesty's Government and the tenor of the Royal Instructions to the Governor.

*Government House,
6th April, 1870.*

A further Message from His Excellency, read as follows:—

Message No. 14.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor has had under consideration the Resolutions of the Honourable Board of Council, referring to the Report of a Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Road Tolls on home-grown produce.

The subject has engaged the Governor's careful attention, and there appears to him to be some important difficulties in dealing with the matter at present.

The alterations suggested by the Council would probably considerably diminish the Revenue which has been estimated from this source for the service of the year, upon the faith of which financial arrangements have been made by the Appropriation Act. Moreover, in the Supplementary Resolution passed by the Council on the subject of Confederation, the question of the transfer of a portion of the Main-Trunk Road to the Government of the Dominion, and an exemption from Road Tolls, has been brought forward as part of the arrangements for Union with Canada.

Under these circumstances the Governor thinks it undesirable, at the present time, to make any change, but the subject will be considered during the year, and if necessary, or then expedient, the law may be amended in the next Session.

*Government House,
6th April, 1870.*

The Hon. Mr. Drake presented the Petition of certain Boatmen, of Victoria.

Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Dewdney gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of 2 motions.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ring, the Standing Orders were suspended.

The Hon. Member then moved that a motion of his, standing further on in the Order of the day, be deferred till Monday.

Motion postponed accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys seconding,

That the Message of His Excellency the Governor respecting the Resolution on Road Tolls, communicated to the Council to-day, be considered to-morrow.

On the question being put it passed in the affirmative and was Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Registration of Titles Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported further progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow, and the Report be adopted.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the School Amendment Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed for Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works introduced the Crown Lands Bill.

Ordered to be read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved, the Hon. Mr. Wood seconding, and it was Resolved,

That this Council after having had under consideration the Petition of certain Settlers of Cowichan, praying for a grant of \$480 for the support of a School in Kokesaila Settlement, recommend that the Petition be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor, with a recommendation that the said sum be granted for the said purpose.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos, the Council adjourned till 1 p.m. to-morrow.

Friday, the 8th day of April, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Attorney General, being the Senior Member present in order of precedence, took the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Crease, Trutch, Hamley, Ball, Sanders, Walkem, Bushby, Alston, Wood, Holbrook, DeCosmos, Drake, Humphreys, Carrall, O'Reilly, Dewdney, Robson, Pemberton, Barnard.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. DeCosmos moved that the Standing Orders be suspended in order that the consideration of the Governor's Message No. 14 be taken up at once.

Standing Orders suspended accordingly.

The Council took Message No. 14 into consideration.

During which, a Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

Message No. 15.

A. MUSGRAVE.

In compliance with a Resolution of the Legislative Council, the Governor forwards a Return showing the total cost of the establishment and maintenance of the Assay Office and Coining Apparatus at New Westminster and Cariboo, from its commencement to the 31st December, 1869.⁸

*Government House,
8th April, 1870.*

The Hon. Mr. Humphreys moved, the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos seconding,

That, after having had His Excellency's Message No. 14, respecting Road Tolls under consideration, this Council is of opinion that it is desirable to have a conference with His Excellency the Governor, respecting the necessity for the abolition of certain Road Tolls at Clinton.

The Hon. Mr. Dewdney moved, in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Ball seconding,

That this Council, having taken into consideration His Excellency's Message No. 14, referring to the Report of a Select Committee appointed to enquire

⁸ *Ibid.*, p. ix.

into the Road Tolls on home-grown produce, is of opinion that, for the reasons mentioned in that Message, it is unadvisable at the present time to make any change.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 2, *Noes* 10.

The names, on request, being taken down as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Dewdney, Ball.	The Hon. Messrs. Walken, Sanders, O'Reilly, Holbrook, Barnard, Robson, Drake, DeCosmos, Pemberton, Hamley.

So the amendment was lost.

On the original question being put the Council again divided.

Ayes 11, *Noes* 2.

The names, on request, being taken down by the Clerk as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Walkem, O'Reilly, Sanders, Ball, Robson, Holbrook, Drake, Humphreys, DeCosmos, Pemberton, Hamley.	The Hon. Messrs. Barnard, Dewdney.

So the question was carried in the affirmative, and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Registration of Titles Bill.

On the Presiding Member resuming the Chair, the Hon. Mr. Ball, Chairman of the Committee, reported further progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted and the Report adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, the Standing Orders were suspended.

The Hon. Member gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, the 11th day of April, 1870.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs, Hankin, Crease, Hamley, Ball, Bushby, Walkem, Trutch, Sanders, O'Reilly, Wood, Robson, Pemberton, Humphreys, Carrall, Ring, DeCosmos, Holbrook, Helmcken, Dewdney.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

Message No. 16.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor has received the communication from the Honourable Board of Council, acquainting him with their Resolution to seek a conference with him on the question of Road Tolls, in conformity with the Standing Orders for the guidance of the Council.

The Governor will have much pleasure in receiving the Committee from the Council, at Government House, at 3 o'clock, on Thursday, the 14th instant.

*Government House,
11th April, 1870.*

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of 2 motions.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Robson asked the Presiding Member,—When it is the intention of His Excellency to prorogue the Council?

The Hon. Mr. Hankin replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Ring moved, the Hon. Mr. Alston seconding,

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to ask the Imperial Government to repeal that portion of the Imperial Act of Union which extends the Tariff of British Columbia to Vancouver Island, with the view of re-establishing a Free Port at Victoria.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 6, Noes 9.

The names having been taken down by the Clerk as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Robson, Helmcken, Ring, Dewdney, Drake, Alston.	The Hon. Messrs. Sanders, O'Reilly, Ball, Holbrook, Wood, DeCosmos, Crease, Bushby, Hamley.

So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.