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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
OF THE PROVINCE OF  
BRITISH COLUMBIA.  
SESSION, 1892.

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Thursday, 28th January, 1892.

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THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Sixth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable Hugh Nelson, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the Twenty-third day of December, 1891.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

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

I am glad to meet you all once more for the purpose of devising measures for the public good, and making provision for the public service.

Since we last met, death has deprived Canada of her greatest statesman, Sir John Macdonald, whose distinguished services had been given to his Queen and country for so many years, and who was so largely instrumental in binding together the scattered possessions of Her Majesty in North America into one united Dominion, washed by two great oceans.

And now the great nation of which it is our pride to form a part has been plunged in grief by the sudden and untimely death of H. R. H. the Duke of Clarence, presumptive heir to the throne. I am sure your hearty sympathy goes out to Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, to the bereaved parents, and to other members of the Royal Family, in the loss they and the nation have sustained.

Turning to matters of local concern, I congratulate you upon the past year of solid prosperity, and the encouraging outlook for the future.

The public revenue has far exceeded your expectations, with the prospect of a still more satisfactory increase during the year upon which we have entered.

The principal industries are, for the most part, in a thriving condition, especially that of coal mining, the out-put having reached considerably over a million tons, or about fifty per cent. more than that of the previous year.

The recent discovery of rich and extensive quartz ledges in the Kootenay District is attracting the attention of capitalists, and cannot fail to bring about a period of great activity in that promising district, while from the large hydraulic mining enterprises now being undertaken in Cariboo may reasonably be anticipated a revival of the mining activity of old days in that important gold-field.

The Kootenay and Columbia Railway has been completed and in operation for some time, and promises to become an important factor in opening up that part of the country.

It is gratifying to be able to announce the practical completion of the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway, and to feel assured that this important work has been accomplished without the probability of entailing any financial charge upon the public revenue.

Surveys have been vigorously prosecuted in different parts of the Province during the past season, and much valuable information has been obtained. You will be asked to make liberal provision for continuing this important work.

Acting under the authority of legislation of last Session, one of my Ministers proceeded to London, and was successful in floating a three per cent. Inscribed Stock loan upon terms highly favourable to the Province, and which it is believed will enable the Public Debt to be consolidated on a most advantageous basis. The papers connected with these transactions will be laid before you.

Last Session amendments were made to the Land Law, with a view to discouraging speculation in public lands suitable for agricultural purposes. You will be invited to consider further amendments in that direction; as it is deemed important that agricultural lands should be preserved for actual settlers.

Measures for the following purposes will also be submitted for your consideration:—

A Bill dealing with various matters of Municipal reform;

A Bill in relation to the Magistracy;

Amendments to the Mineral Act of last Session, suggested by its actual working;

A Bill dealing with Mining Partnerships;

A Bill to amend the Public School Act.

Certain proposals for the establishment of settlements of Crofters at various points along the seaboard, with a view to the development of our deep-sea fisheries, will be submitted for your consideration.

Although long delayed, there is reason to anticipate an early settlement of the vexed question of our rights in the Behring Sea, and we can only hope that the terms may be such as will permit of our important sealing industry being prosecuted without further obstruction.

The public accounts will be laid before you, and the estimates of revenue and expenditure will be presented at an early stage of the Session.

I now leave you to your deliberations, praying that the Supreme Ruler may guide you to such conclusions as may be most conducive to the public weal.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Prayers by the Lord Bishop of British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Robson*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Pooley*,—

*Resolved*, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration on Monday next.

*Ordered*, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

*Resolved*, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

*Ordered*, That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;
4. On Railways;
5. On Mining;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for papers, persons, and records.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act respecting the 'Companies Act, 1890.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time 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 3:25 o'clock, p. m.

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## Monday, 1st February, 1892.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Kellie*, from *James Arthur Gilker* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Consumers' Water Works Company, Limited."

By Mr. *Kellie*, from *James Arthur Gilker* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Nelson Electric Light Company, Limited."

By Mr. *Eberts*, from the *Esquimalt Water Works Company*, for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act.

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

Mr. *R. H. Hall* moved, seconded by Mr. *S. A. Rogers*,—

1. That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, to thank His Honour for his gracious Speech at the opening of the Second Session of the sixth Provincial Parliament, and further to assure His Honour that we are glad to meet him once more for the purpose of devising measures for the public good, and making provision for the public service.

2. That we learned with profound regret that death has deprived Canada of her greatest statesman, Sir John Macdonald, whose distinguished services had been given to his Queen and country for so many years, and who was so largely instrumental in binding together the scattered possessions of Her Majesty in North America into one united Dominion, washed by two great oceans.

3. That we received with sincere sorrow the news of the sudden and untimely death of H. R. H. the Duke of Clarence, presumptive heir to the throne, whereby the great nation of which it is our pride to form a part has been plunged in grief. That we assure His Honour that our hearty sympathy goes out to Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, to the bereaved parents, and to other members of the Royal Family, in the loss they and the nation have sustained.

4. That, turning to matters of local concern, we thank His Honour for his congratulations upon the past year of solid prosperity, and the encouraging outlook for the future.

5. That it is gratifying to us to hear that the public revenue has far exceeded our expectations, with the prospect of a still more satisfactory increase during the year upon which we have entered.

6. That we learn with satisfaction that the principal industries are, for the most part, in a thriving condition, especially that of coal mining, the out-put having reached considerably over a million tons, or about fifty per cent. more than that of the previous year.

7. That we notice with pleasure that the recent discovery of rich and extensive quartz ledges in the Kootenay District is attracting the attention of capitalists, and cannot fail to bring about a period of great activity in that promising district, while from the large hydraulic mining enterprises now being undertaken in Cariboo may reasonably be anticipated a revival of the mining activity of old days in that important gold-field.

8. That we are glad to be informed that the Kootenay and Columbia Railway has been completed and in operation for some time, and promises to become an important factor in opening up that part of the country.

9. That we agree with His Honour that it is gratifying to be able to announce the practical completion of the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway, and to feel assured that this important work has been accomplished without the probability of entailing any financial charge upon the public revenue.

10. That we receive with satisfaction the intimation that surveys have been vigorously prosecuted in different parts of the Province during the past season, and much valuable information has been obtained, and His Honour may rest assured that we will cheerfully consider a request to make liberal provision for continuing this important work.

11. That we are pleased to hear that, acting under the authority of legislation of last Session, one of His Honour's Ministers proceeded to London, and was successful in floating a three per cent. Inscribed Stock loan upon terms highly favourable to the Province, and which it is believed will enable the Public Debt to be consolidated on a most advantageous basis, and we thank His Honour for the promise that the papers connected with these transactions will be laid before us.

12. That we recall that last Session amendments were made to the Land Law, with a view to discouraging speculation in public lands suitable for agricultural purposes; and we note that we will be invited to consider further amendments in that direction, as it is deemed important that agricultural lands should be preserved for actual settlers.

13. That we will give our attentive consideration to measures for the following purposes:—

A Bill dealing with various matters of Municipal reform :

A Bill in relation to the Magistracy ;

Amendments to the Mineral Act of last Session, suggested by its actual working ;

A Bill dealing with Mining Partnerships ;

A Bill to amend the Public School Act.

14. That due attention will be given to certain proposals for the establishment of settlements of Crofters at various points along the seaboard, with a view to the development of our deep-sea fisheries.

15. That it affords us satisfaction to be informed that, although long delayed, there is reason to anticipate an early settlement of the vexed question of our rights in the Behring Sea, and we join with His Honour in the hope that the terms may be such as will permit of our important sealing industry being prosecuted without further obstruction.

16. That we are grateful to His Honour for the assurance that the public accounts will be laid before us, and that the estimates of revenue and expenditure will be presented at an early stage of the Session.

17. That we cordially unite in the prayer that the Supreme Ruler may guide us to such conclusions as may be most conducive to the public weal.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year ended 30th June, 1891.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the report of the Commissioner appointed to enquire into the conduct of the Police Magistrate at *Victoria*, and copies of affidavits.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act.'" .

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time 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.

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Tuesday, 2nd February, 1892.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Kellie* presented a Petition from *John Hendry, Alex. Ewen*, and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Kaslo River and Kootenay Lake Railway Company."  
Laid on the table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *James Arthur Gilker* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Consumers' Water Works Company, Limited."

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From the *Esquimalt Water Works Company*, for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, was resumed.

The debate was further adjourned until to-morrow.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Magistrates' Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5:55 o'clock, p. m.

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Wednesday, 3rd February, 1892.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Grant* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Victoria* for leave to present a petition for a Private Bill.  
Laid on the table.

The Petition from *John Hendry, Alex. Ewen*, and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Kaslo River and Kootenay Lake Railway Company," was read and received.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, was resumed.

Resolutions proposed and agreed to.

The said Address was read a second time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

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

That the Resolution to present an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Honour for his gracious Speech, be referred to a Select Committee, composed as follows:—

The Honourable the Provincial Secretary, the Honourable the President of the Executive Council, the Honourable the Attorney-General, the Honourable the Minister of Finance, the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and Messrs. *Hall* and *Rogers*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson*, from the Select Committee, reported an Address, which read as follows:—

*To the Honourable HUGH NELSON, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia:*

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for your gracious Speech at the opening of this, the Second Session of the sixth term of the Provincial Parliament.

We learned with profound regret that death has deprived Canada of her greatest statesman, Sir John Macdonald, whose distinguished services had been given to his Queen and country for so many years, and who was so largely instrumental in binding together the scattered possessions of Her Majesty in North America into one united Dominion, washed by two great oceans.

We received with sincere sorrow the news of the sudden and untimely death of H. R. H. the Duke of Clarence, presumptive heir to the throne, whereby the great nation of which it is our pride to form a part has been plunged in grief. We assure Your Honour that our hearty sympathy goes out to Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, to the bereaved parents, and to other members of the Royal Family, in the loss they and the nation have sustained.

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We learn with satisfaction that the principal industries are, for the most part, in a thriving condition, especially that of coal mining, the out-put having reached considerably over a million tons, or about fifty per cent. more than that of the previous year.

We notice with pleasure that the recent discovery of rich and extensive quartz ledges in the Kootenay District is attracting the attention of capitalists, and cannot fail to bring about a period of great activity in that promising district, while from the large hydraulic mining enterprises now being undertaken in Cariboo may reasonably be anticipated a revival of the mining activity of old days in that important gold-field.

We are glad to be informed that the Kootenay and Columbia Railway has been completed and in operation for some time, and promises to become an important factor in opening up that part of the country.

We agree with Your Honour that it is gratifying to be able to announce the practical completion of the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway, and to feel assured that this important work has been accomplished without the probability of entailing any financial charge upon the public revenue.

We receive with satisfaction the intimation that surveys have been vigorously prosecuted in different parts of the Province during the past season, and much valuable information has been obtained, and Your Honour may rest assured that we will cheerfully consider a request to make liberal provision for continuing this important work.

We are pleased to hear that, acting under the authority of legislation of last Session, one of Your Honour's Ministers proceeded to London, and was successful in floating a three per cent. Inscribed Stock loan upon terms highly favourable to the Province, and which it is believed will enable the Public Debt to be consolidated on a most advantageous basis, and we thank Your Honour for the promise that the papers connected with these transactions will be laid before us.

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We are grateful to Your Honour for the assurance that the public accounts will be laid before us, and that the estimates of revenue and expenditure will be presented at an early stage of the Session.

We cordially unite in the prayer that the Supreme Ruler may guide us to such conclusions as may be most conducive to the public weal.

The said Address was read a first time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Read a second time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Read a third time and agreed to.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Robson*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Pooley*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Address in reply to the Speech be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor by such Members as are of the Executive Council.

Messrs. *Eberts*, *Hunter*, *Martin*, *Booth*, *Milne*, *Keith*, and *Semlin* were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

Messrs. *Martin*, *Hunter*, *Croft*, *Grant*, and *Cotton*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Messrs. *Anderson*, *Fletcher*, *Hall*, *Kitchen*, and *McKenzie*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Printing.

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

That an Order of the House be issued for a return, in printed form, of a copy of the Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland passed in the 40th & 41st years of Her Majesty's reign, chap. 59.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the unauthorized use of the Provincial Coat of Arms."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,—

That a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. *Baker*, *McKenzie*, *Cotton*, *Booth*, and the mover, be appointed for the purpose of enquiring into—

1st. The cancellation of the Teacher's Certificate held by *John P. McLeod*.

2nd. The manner of promoting pupils from one division to another in schools where more than one teacher is employed, and particularly in the manner in which promotions were made in the High School and in the Boys' School of *Victoria* in June last.

3rd. All the circumstances connected with the granting of Temporary Certificates from July last till the present time; with power to call for persons, and all documents bearing on the different subjects, examine witnesses and report to this House from time to time, and make such recommendations as they deem proper.

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*,—

To strike out all the words after "Messrs." in the first line, and substitute the following:  
 "Baker, Hall, Croft, Brown, and Cotton, be appointed for the purpose of enquiring into—

"(1.) The cancellation of the Teacher's Certificate held by *John P. McLeod*.

"(2.) All the circumstances connected with the granting of Temporary Certificates from July last till the present time; with power to call for persons, and all documents bearing on the different subjects, examine witnesses and report to this House from time to time, and make such recommendations as they deem proper."

Objection having been taken by five Members to the names submitted to form the said Committee, Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment out of order.

Question proposed, and the House divided, and it was *Resolved* in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Keith—12.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Nason,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Anderson—17.</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>			

So it passed in the negative.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, papers relating to the population of British Columbia, as represented by Bulletin No. 1 of the Census of Canada, 1891.

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Agriculture the following questions:—

[The answers of the Hon. the Minister of Finance follow each question.]

Upon what date or dates, to what amount, and at what rate of interest have the Government issued and sold inscribed or registered British Columbia Stock?

*Ans.*—"26th August, 1891; £200,000; three per cent."

Upon what date or dates is the principal repayable?

*Ans.*—"1st July, 1941."

What amount of the loan of seven hundred thousand pounds, authorized by the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1891," has been placed upon the English market, and at what rate of issue?

*Ans.*—"£200,000 @ 86."

What offers have been received and accepted?

*Ans.*—"About 47 applications for allotment at price of issue. All allotted."

How much of the money obtained under the "Loan Act, 1891," has been applied to redeeming the debentures issued under the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1877," and the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1887"?

*Ans.*—"None."

What sum (if any) has been set apart out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province to pay the interest upon the stock issued under the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1891"?

*Ans.*—"£3,000."



At what date and in what amount (if any) has money been appropriated for the creation and maintenance of a sinking fund for the payment of stock issued under the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1891," and what provision has been made for the investment of the same?

*Ans.*—"31st December, 1891; £1,000. Through the Trustees of the Loans of 1877 and 1887."

What sum of money in Dominion currency has the stock issued under the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1891," netted to the Province at *Victoria*, after deducting exchange, discount, commission, accrued interest, stamp duty, and charges of all description; and upon what date was the money received here by the Government?

*Ans.*—"The sum netted to the Province at *Victoria* under the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1891,' after deducting exchange, discount, commission, accrued interest, stamp duty, and charges of all descriptions, including part charges on the whole £700,000 authorized, is \$800,002.65. 8th October, 1891.

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce legislation this Session recognizing eight hours as a day's labour in carrying on Provincial public works, or in a broader sense?

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

"I am not yet prepared to answer the question."

*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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## Thursday, 4th February, 1892.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Eberts* presented a Petition from *Julius Brethour*, *Robert Irving*, and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The *Victoria and Saanich Railway Company*."

Laid on the table.

The Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Victoria* for leave to present a petition for a Private Bill, was read and received.

Messrs. *Smith*, *Baker*, *Nason*, *Rogers*, *Stoddart*, *Foster*, *Cotton*, *Grant*, and *McKenzie*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Mining.

Messrs. *Baker*, *Booth*, *Smith*, *Rogers*, *Eberts*, *Stoddart*, *Nason*, *Punch*, *Croft*, *Horne*, *Kitchen*, *Anderson*, *Sword*, *Cotton*, *Kellie*, *Milne*, *Brown*, and *Grant*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

Upon the following motion being called:—

That it is advisable that, under proper rules and restrictions, the payment of the interest upon the loan bonds or debentures of the different Municipalities of the Province should be guaranteed by the Provincial Government.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

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

That the Rules, Orders, and forms of Proceedings for the regulation of the business of this House, framed during the recess, be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the Hon. *C. E. Pooley* and Messrs. *Beaven*, *Eberts*, *Booth*, *Sword*, and the mover, for consideration and report to this House.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a return showing the section of the Act under which the land was purchased, the numerals of the Crown grant (if any), the name, acreage, price per acre, and district, from which the sum of \$243,551.42 has been received at the Treasury from the sale of Crown land for the fiscal year 1890-91.

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act respecting the ‘Companies Act, 1890,’” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 2) intituled ‘An Act to amend the “Constitution Act,”’ was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Magistrates’ Act,’” was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Smith* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:45 o’clock, p. m.

## Monday, 8th February, 1892.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *D. M. Eberts*, from the *Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Company, Limited*, for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act.

By Mr. *R. H. Hall*, from *Wm. Power, J. A. Lairdlaw, and R. P. Rithet*, for a Private Bill to incorporate “The Vancouver and New Westminster Short Line Tramway Company, Ltd.”

By Mr. *A. W. Smith*, from *Geo. A. Wolff, C. Keith*, and others, settlers and landowners in the *Pemberton Meadows, Lillooet District*, (re waggon road from *Howe Sound* to *Lillooet River*).

By Mr. *F. C. Cotton*, from *H. Abbott, J. M. Browning, and W. F. Salsbury*, for a Private Bill to incorporate “The Columbia and Slocan Railway Company.”

The Petition from *Julius Brethour, Robert Irving*, and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate “The Victoria and Saanich Railway Company,” was read and received.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act.’”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Robson*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Turner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee, to consist of Messrs. *Baker, Hall, Croft, Kitchen, and Cotton*, be appointed to enquire into all matters connected with the cancellation of the certificate to teach formerly held by Mr. *John P. McLeod*; and also into all circumstances connected with the granting of temporary certificates from and inclusive of the month of July last to the present time; with power to call for persons, books, and papers, and to report to the House.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act respecting the 'Companies Act, 1890,'" was committed, with Mr. *Sword* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" was committed, with Mr. *Semlin* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Magistrates' Act,'" was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Smith* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the unauthorized use of the Provincial Coat of Arms," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Keith* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented a Return to an Order of the House for a copy of the Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland passed in the 40th & 41st years of Her Majesty's reign, chap. 59.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:40 o'clock, p.m.

## Wednesday, 10th February, 1892.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. Mc.F. McLeod*.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Kellie*, from *Chas. E. Taylor*, *R. E. Lemon*, and others, householders and residents of *Nelson*, opposing Private Bill *re Nelson Water Works*.

By Mr. *Martin*, from Right Rev. *John Nicholas Lemmens*, for a Private Bill to incorporate the petitioner and his successor a Corporate Sole.

By Mr. *Horne*, from *Sidney G. Mitchell*, *Harry Abbott*, and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The North Vancouver Electric Company, Limited."

By Mr. *Smith*, from "The Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company, Limited," opposing the Private Bill to incorporate "The Short Line Tramway Company."

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From the *Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Company, Limited*, for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act.

From *Wm. Power*, *J. A. Laidlaw*, and *R. P. Rithet*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Vancouver and New Westminster Short Line Tramway Company, Limited."

From *H. Abbott*, *J. Browning*, and *W. F. Salsbury*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Columbia and Slocan Railway Company."

The Petition from *Geo. A. Wolff, C. Keith*, and others, settlers and landowners in the *Pemberton Meadows, Lillooet District* (re waggon road from *Howe Sound* to *Lillooet River*), was ruled out of order.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Twentieth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province for the year 1890-91.

Mr. *Martin* presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY,  
10th February, 1892.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report that the Standing Orders in connection with the following Petitions have been complied with:—

1. Petition for a Private Bill to operate, maintain, and work water works in the town of Nelson, Kootenay District.
2. Petition for a Private Bill to construct and operate a system of electric lighting in and about the town of Nelson, Kootenay District.
3. Petition for a Private Bill for an Act to amend the Esquimalt Water Works Company's Act.

In reference to the Petition of the City of Victoria praying for leave to present a Petition for the introduction of a Private Bill, your Committee, taking into consideration the great importance of the subject matter of the proposed Bill to the Municipality of the City of Victoria, recommend, notwithstanding the non-compliance with the Rules of Order, that leave be granted to present said Petition.

Your Committee would recommend that the time for receiving Petitions be extended for a period of ten days.

GEO. B. MARTIN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was read, received, and adopted.

On the motion of Colonel *Baker*, seconded by Mr. *Booth*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the natural wealth of British Columbia in minerals, in timber, in fish, and in other natural products, is very great;

And whereas markets for such products are to be found in the United States;

And whereas the import duties on some of such products into the United States practically closes the markets in that direction to commercial enterprise from British Columbia;

And whereas the prosperity of British Columbia must depend, to a great extent, upon external trade;

Therefore, be it enacted, that an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to move the Dominion Government to take such steps, consistently with the commercial interests of this Dominion and the loyalty of the Canadian people, as may be deemed advisable to bring about reciprocity with the United States in all natural products.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Orders in Council and correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any person or persons, relative to the reserve placed on certain lands at or near *Slocan Lake*, or to the refusal of the application of any person or persons to take up land at or near *Slocan Lake*, or to the allowance of any such applications.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed before this House copies of all correspondence, Orders in Council, or other papers, that have passed between any department of the Government and Mr. *James McCauley*, relative to an application for a homestead on the *Columbia River*, at a point now known as the townsite of *Farwell*.

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

(a.) Were Messrs. *G. M. Sproat* and *A. S. Farwell*, or either of them, in the employ of the Provincial Government at any time in the years of 1883, 1884, or 1885, in *Kootenay District*?

(b.) If so, in what capacity were they employed?

(c.) For what length of time were they employed?

(d.) What salary did they receive?

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

“(a.) Yes.”

“(b.) Mr. *Farwell* was employed to examine and report upon the submerged lands situated between the International Boundary and *Kootenay Lake*, and upon Indian requirements in the locality.”

“Mr. *Sproat* was employed to examine and report upon *Kootenay District* generally, and upon the *Ainsworth* and *Grohman* schemes in particular, and also respecting the Indian population and requirements.”

“(c.) Mr. *Farwell* was employed in *Kootenay* from 14th July to 3rd November, 1883, and Mr. *Sproat* from 12th July, 1883, to 7th February, 1884.”

“(d.) Each gentleman received a salary of \$150 per month.”

Mr. *Eberts* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘*Esquimalt Water Works Act, 1885.*’”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Brown* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘*County Courts Act.*’”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to regulate the law with regard to conditional sales of Goods and Chattels.

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Kellie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act relating to the Incorporation of Railway, Tramway, Telephone, and Telegraph Companies.”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘*Companies Act, 1890.*’” was considered.

On the motion of Mr. *Brown* the following amendments were made:—

To insert the following words immediately after the title:—

“Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:”

“Section 11 of the ‘*Companies Act, 1890.*’ is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘and residents of the Province,’ in the third line, and by inserting after the word ‘but,’ on the sixth line, the words ‘a majority of the said trustees shall be residents of this Province, and.”

To insert the word “And” before “Whereas” in the first line of the preamble.

To strike out all the words after “therefore” in the third line, to the end of the paragraph ending with the word “follows,” and insert “be it enacted as follows.”

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:30 o'clock, p. m.

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## Thursday, 11th February, 1892.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. McF. McLeod*.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Brown*, from Sister *Rodrigue* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Sisters of Charity of Providence."

By Mr. *Kitchen*, from *John Cross*, of *Chilliwhack* (*re* land claim).

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *Chas. E. Taylor*, *R. E. Lemmon*, and others, householders and residents of *Nelson*, opposing Private Bill *re* Nelson Water Works. *Ordered* to be printed.

From Right Rev. *John Nicholas Lemmens*, for a Private Bill to incorporate the petitioner and his successor a Corporate Sole.

From *Sidney G. Mitchell*, *Harry Abbott*, and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The North Vancouver Electric Company, Limited."

From "The Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company, Limited," opposing the Private Bill to incorporate "The Short Line Tramway Company." *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Keith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,' (chap. 84, vol. 1, Con. Acts, 1888,) and the 'Coal Mines Regulation Amendment Act, 1890.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Kellie* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Consumers' Water Works Company, Limited."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House a Return showing the area of all or any portion or portions of land reserved by the Government in favour of the *Kootenay and Columbia Railway Company*, together with maps or plans showing the situation of such reserves.

Mr. *Kellie* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Nelson Electric Light Company, Limited."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The further Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act respecting the 'Companies Act, 1890,'" was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented copies of all correspondence and other documents relating to the application of *Thomas L. Davies*, of *Nanaimo*, to prospect, under the "Coal Prospecting Act, 1883," a portion of the *DeCourcey* group of islands and *Tree Island*, and to purchase the same.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* then asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of the Victoria Municipal Election for the year 1892."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented the following papers:—

Statement of the names and places of residence of Collectors paid by commission, rate of same, and date of authority thereof.

Statement of Commons established, showing revenue collected for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1891.

Statement of Bonds deposited in the Provincial Secretary's Office, by Civil Officers of the Province, for the due performance of their duties under the "Civil Service Act."

*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.

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## Friday, 12th February, 1892.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. McF. McLeod*.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Stoddart*, from *C. G. Major* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Twin Cities Railway Company."

By Mr. *Kellie*, from "The Kootenay Power Company, Limited," for a Private Bill (*re* Nelson Tramway).

Mr. *Semlin* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Victoria*, for a Private Bill to increase their corporate powers and validate certain corporate acts.

The Petition was read and received.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From Sister *Rodrigue* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Sisters of Charity of Providence."

From *John Cross*, of *Chilliwack* (*re* land claim).

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1891.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Magistrates' Act,'" was considered.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Davie*, it was *Resolved* to add the following section:—

"12. Nothing in this or any Act shall prevent the appointment of the same person as a Stipendiary Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, as the case may require, for two or more Counties, Electoral Districts, or jurisdictions."

Report as amended adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the unauthorized use of the Provincial Coat of Arms," was considered.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Davie*, the following clause was added to the Bill:—

"3. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, upon being satisfied that the justice of any particular case warrants such a course, to exempt any person from the preceding sections of this Act, for any period not to exceed one year from the passage of this Act."

Report as amended adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" was committed, with Mr. *Foster* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

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

Mr. *Milne* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Victoria*, opposing the *Esquimalt* Water Works Company's Bill.

Laid on the table.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:55 o'clock, p. m.

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## Monday, 15th February, 1892.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. Watson*.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Martin*, from *Mary Ellen McTucker* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Sisters of St. Ann."

By Mr. *Cotton*, from the City of *Vancouver*, for a Private Bill amending their Corporate Act.

By Mr. *Kellie*, from *E. C. Arthurs* and others, residents of the *Nelson* mining division of *West Kootenay District* (*re Slocan Lake* lands reserve).

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *C. G. Major* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Twin Cities Railway Company."

From "The Kootenay Power Company Limited," for a Private Bill (*re Nelson Tramway*).

From the Corporation of the City of *Victoria*, opposing the *Esquimalt* Water Works Company's Bill. *Ordered* to be printed.



Mr. *Martin* presented the Second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY,  
15th February, 1892.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report that the Standing Orders have been complied with in respect of the following Petitions:—

1. A Petition to incorporate the Kaslo River and Kootenay Lake Railway Company.
2. A Petition to incorporate the Victoria and Sydney (Saanich) Railway Company.

G. B. MARTIN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was read and received.

On the motion of Mr. *Kellie*, seconded by Mr. *Kitchen*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. *Rogers*, *Stoddart*, *Hunter*, *Cotton*, and the mover, be appointed for the purpose of enquiring into all the circumstances connected with the application by Mr. *James McCauley* for a homestead on the *Columbia River* at a point now known as the townsite of *Farwell*; also, into all the circumstances connected with the sale of about 1,100 acres of land (forming part of what is now the townsite of *Revelstoke*) by the Provincial Government to Mr. *A. S. Farwell*; also, into all matters connected with the refusal by the Registrar-General of Titles to register the title deeds of persons holding land in the townsite of *Revelstoke*; with power to call for persons and papers and to examine witnesses in connection therewith, and to report to this House.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House a Return showing the particulars of all timber leases at present in existence, viz.: the location, area, holders, terms, date of granting, and duration.

Mr. *Kitchen* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Game Protection Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Kellie* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kaslo and Slocan Railway Company."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed before this House copies of all Orders in Council, or other documents or agreements, issued, entered into, or made, under the authority of the "Inscribed Stock Act, 1891," or the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1891," together with copies of all reports, correspondence, and telegrams received or sent by any member, or agent, or officer of the Government in connection with the above Acts, or any transactions contemplated or accomplished in connection therewith, prior or subsequent to the passage by this Legislature of the above mentioned Statutes, or in connection with any loan contemplated since the year 1889.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved, seconded by Mr. *Punch*,—

That Reporters be admitted to meetings of the Select Committee appointed by this House to enquire into the cause of the cancellation of *J. P. McLeod's* certificate.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

## YEAS:

## Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Keith—10.</i>
<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>		

## NAYS:

## Messieurs

<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Nason,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Fletcher,</i>
<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Anderson—17.</i>
<i>Davie,</i>			

Mr. *Milne* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pharmacy Act, 1891.'" "

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" was again committed, with Mr. *Foster* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:55 o'clock, p. m.

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Wednesday, 17th February, 1892.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. Watson*.

Mr. *Keith* presented a Petition from *A. H. Spencer* and 2,689 others, miners and residents of *Nanaimo*, *Wellington*, and *Comox*, (re Chinese and Japanese working underground).

Laid on the table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *Mary Ellen McTucker* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Sisters of St. Ann."

From the City of *Vancouver*, for a Private Bill amending their Corporate Act.

From *E. C. Arthurs* and others, residents of the *Nelson* mining division of *West Kootenay District* (re *Slocan Lake* lands reserve).

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works of the Province for the year ending 31st December, 1891.

Mr. *Martin* presented the Third Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY,  
17th February, 1892.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report that the Standing Orders have been complied with in respect to the following Petitions:—

1. A petition to amend the Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Company's Act.
2. A petition for an Act to create the present Roman Catholic Bishop, and his successors, a Corporation Sole, with power to hold lands, &c.
3. A petition to confer on the Kootenay Power Company, power to construct a tramway and other works in Kootenay District.
4. A petition for an Act to incorporate the Sisters of Charity of Providence.
5. With reference to the petition presented on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, on the 12th inst., your Committee have to report that the Standing Orders governing the reception of the said petition have been complied with. Respectfully submitted.

GEO. B. MARTIN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was read, received, and adopted.

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

That a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. *Anderson*, *Booth*, *Stoddart*, *Punch*, *Forster*, and the mover, be appointed for the purpose of enquiring into the subject-matter of the Petition presented to this House by *John Cross*; with power to call for persons, books, and papers in connection therewith, and to report from time to time to this House.

Mr. *Sword* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:—

(a.) What amount of deposits made on applications to purchase lands have been forfeited since 25th February, 1891, by the applicants failing to complete their purchases?

(b.) Have their deposits of 10 cents per acre been returned to any applicant? If so, to whom, to what amount, and under what circumstances?

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

“(a.) No deposits have as yet been declared forfeited.

“(b.) No deposits have been returned except in cases where the land has been reserved by the Government; or where there was a prior applicant for the same piece of ground; or in cases where the land was not open for purchase; or in cases where two or more parties were applicants for the same piece of ground and the prior claim of neither was established.”

Mr. *Rogers* asked the Honourable the Premier the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to place upon the Estimates a sum of money for the establishment of a Home for aged, infirm, and incurables in the Province?

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

“The subject has already received the attention of the charitably disposed; one gentleman having agreed to donate a suitable site, and others having, it is understood, given generous contributions.

“So soon as apprised of the nature and extent of voluntary contributions, the Government will be in a position to consider the propriety of granting public moneys in aid of the project.”

Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act,’” was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Forster* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

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

Mr. *Sword* presented a Petition from *H. S. Mason* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate “The Sumas Reclamation Company.”

Laid on the table,

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to regulate the law with regard to conditional sales of Goods and Chattels," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Mr *Eberts* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Company's Act, 1880."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of the Victoria Municipal Election for the year 1892," was read a second time.

*Ordered* 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 5:30 o'clock, p. m.

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## Thursday, 18th February, 1892.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. Watson*.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Rogers*, from "The Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company," for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act.

By Mr. *Sword*, from *Charles Wilson* and others, landowners in *Sumas* and *Chilliwack*, asking repeal of the "Fraser River Dyking Act, 1891," chap. 48.

By Mr. *Cotton*, from *D. Oppenheimer*, *J. C. Keith*, and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate Whetham College.

By Mr. *Sword*, from the Reeve and Municipality of *Coquitlam*, opposing Private Bill to incorporate "The North Vancouver Electric Company, Limited."

By Mr. *Croft*, from *A. J. Laugley* and others, ratepayers of the City of *Victoria*, (*re* Cemeteries within City limits).

By Mr. *Croft*, from *C. C. Pemberton* and others, residents of the City of *Victoria* (opposing Private Bill *re* *Victoria* City).

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a supplement to Sessional Papers, 1888, relating to the seizure of British vessels engaged in seal fishing in *Behring Sea*.

Mr. *Martin* presented the Fourth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,  
18th February, 1892.

Your Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report that the Standing Orders in connection with the following Petition have been complied with:—

A Petition praying for an Act to incorporate the congregation known as the Sisters of St. Ann.

The Report was read and received.

G. B. MARTIN,  
*Chairman*.

Colonel *Baker* presented the following report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the cancellation of the Certificate of *J. P. McLeod*:—

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee on the cancellation of the Certificate of Mr. McLeod, beg to report that it is considered advisable that a stenographer be employed on the Committee to take down the evidence of witnesses, &c.

JAMES BAKER,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received and adopted.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *A. H. Spencer* and 2,689 others, miners and residents of *Nanaimo, Wellington, and Comox*, (*re* Chinese and Japanese working underground). *Ordered* to be printed.

From *H. S. Mason* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Sumas Reclamation Company."

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

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

HUGH NELSON.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns herewith to the Legislative Assembly "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" and recommends the amendment thereof in the manner indicated by the enclosed memorandum.

*Government House,*  
*18th February, 1892.*

[ENCLOSURE.]

3. Section 2 of the "Constitution Amendment Act, 1891," is hereby amended in its ninth line by inserting between "Victoria" and "Electoral" the word "City."

Amend section 3 (which, if the foregoing clause is inserted, will become section 4) by striking out the words in the first line "The section inserted," and substitute therefor "The amendments enacted."

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

Pursuant to Order, the said Message was then considered in Committee of the Whole with Mr. *Semlin* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE).

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House advising that Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" be recommitted for the purpose of amendment, as follows:—

3. Section 2 of the "Constitution Amendment Act, 1891," is hereby amended in its sixteenth line by inserting between "Victoria" and "Electoral" the word "City."

Amend section 3 (which, if the foregoing clause is inserted, will become section 4) by striking out the words in the first line "The section inserted," and substitute therefor "The amendments enacted."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the resolution was reported.  
Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" be forthwith considered in Committee of the Whole.

Bill committed, with Mr. *Semlin* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Eberts* presented a Petition from *H. O. Price* and others, residents of *Esquimalt District*, supporting Private Bill granting power to the *Esquimalt Water Works Company* to take water from *Goldstream*.

The Petition was read and received.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to regulate the law with regard to conditional sales of Goods and Chattels," was committed, with Mr. *Booth* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of the Victoria Municipal Election for the year 1892," was committed, with Mr. *Kitchen* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pharmacy Act 1891,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Smith* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Mr. *Milne* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Victoria*, opposing Private Bill to amend Corporate Act of "The Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Company."

Laid on the table.

And then the House adjourned at 4:20 o'clock, p. m.

## Friday, 19th February, 1892.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable *D. W. Higgins*, Speaker of the House, being absent, the Honourable Mr. *Robson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*,—

That Mr. *Martin*, the second Member for the District of *Yale*, do preside at this meeting of the House as Speaker, and the Question being put by the Clerk of the House, was unanimously *Resolved* in the affirmative.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. Watson*.

Mr. *Semlin* presented a Petition from "The Nicola, Kamloops, and Similkameen Coal and Railway Company," for a Private Bill amending their Corporate Act.

Laid on the table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From "The Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company," for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act.

From *D. Oppenheimer*, *J. C. Keith*, and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate Whetham College.

From the Reeve and Municipality of *Coquitlam*, opposing Private Bill to incorporate "The North Vancouver Electric Company, Limited."

From *A. J. Langley* and others, ratepayers of the City of *Victoria*, (*re* Cemeteries within City limits).

From *C. C. Pemberton* and others, residents of the City of *Victoria*, (opposing Private Bill *re* *Victoria* City).

From the Corporation of the City of *Victoria*, opposing Private Bill to amend Corporate Act of "The *Victoria* and *Esquimalt* Telephone Company." *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Eberts* presented the Fifth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY,  
19th February, 1892.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report that the Standing Orders in connection with the following Petitions have been complied with:—

A Petition for an Act to incorporate a Tramway Company known as "The *Vancouver* and *New Westminster* Short Line Tramway Company, Limited."

A Petition for an Act to incorporate a Company to reclaim certain lands under and adjacent to *Sumas* Lake.

GEO. B. MARTIN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a report from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Rules, Orders, and forms of Proceeding for the regulation of the business of the House, reporting that they have gone through the Rules framed by the Commissioners, and submitted a set of rules for the consideration of the House.

The Report was received and *Ordered* to be printed.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Turner* seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Robson*, was *Resolved*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present Session, be taken into consideration on Monday next.

✓ Mr. *Hall* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Vancouver* and *New Westminster* Short Line Tramway Company, Limited."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Brown* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Association of the Sisters of Charity of *Providence* in *British Columbia*."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1891,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act,'" was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*McKenzie*,  
*Kitchen*,  
*Punch*,  
*Cotton*,

*Milne*,  
*Beaven*,  
*Brown*,

*Forster*,  
*Keith*,  
*Eberts*,

*Stoddart*,  
*Hunter*,  
*Rogers*—13.

## NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Croft—10.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>		

*Ordered* to be committed on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Keith* presented a Petition from the residents of *Alberni District* (re Chinese and Japanese working underground).

Laid on the table.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:30 o'clock, p. m.

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Monday, 22nd February, 1892.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. E. Gardner*.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Cotton*, from *A. Parker* and others, property owners and pre-emptors of *Capilano Valley, Lynn Valley and Creek Valley, New Westminster District*, opposing Private Bill to incorporate "North Vancouver Electric Company."

By Mr. *Smith*, from "The Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company," opposing Private Bill to incorporate "The Twin Cities Railway Company."

By Mr. *Keith*, from *Thomas Gibson, Wm. Hodgson*, and others, re Chinese and Japanese working underground.

✓ The following Petitions were read and received:—

From "The Nicola, Kamloops, and Similkameen Coal and Railway Company," for a Private Bill amending their Corporate Act.

From *Charles Wilson* and others, landowners in *Sumas and Chilliwack*, asking repeal of the "Fraser River Dyking Act, 1891," chap. 48. *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Martin* presented the Sixth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

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22nd February, 1892.

Your Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report that they have considered a Bill to incorporate "The Consumers' Water Works Company, Limited," and find the Preamble proved, and submit the same with amendments;

Also a Bill for an Act to amend the "Esquimalt Water Works Act, 1885," and find the Preamble proved, and submit the same without amendment.

G. B. MARTIN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was read and received.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Turner*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Robson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, and that this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Wednesday next to consider this Resolution.



The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1891.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Martin* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Sisters of Saint Ann in the Province of British Columbia.

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Martin* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to create the Roman Catholic Bishop of Vancouver Island, and his successors in office, a Corporation Sole."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Kellie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cotton*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, to cause to be brought down to this House a return showing the amount and nature of the work during the year 1891 done in connection with the land reclamation scheme under the management of *W. A. Baillie-Grohman*; and also to cause to be placed before this House copies of all Orders in Council, correspondence, and other documents in any way connected with the said land reclamation scheme in the same year.

Motion withdrawn with leave.

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

Whereas for some years past a large area of the most valuable land in the District of *Cowichan, Vancouver Island*, has been inundated each winter by the flood-water of the *Koksilah River*, the same being obstructed by trees and driftwood;

And whereas great loss has been incurred by the residents of the district, also great damage done to the roads and bridges, and impeding traffic and public access to and from the *Koksilah* railway station;

Therefore be it resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to strongly urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of immediate action being taken to remedy the evil complained of, and to restore the *Koksilah* to its natural navigable state; and that His Honour be further respectfully requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Minister of Public Works at *Ottawa*.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Forster* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to regulate the law with regard to conditional sales of Goods and Chattels," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1891,'" was committed, with *Kitchen* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

Colonel *Baker* presented a Petition from "The Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company," for leave to introduce a Petition to amend their Corporate Act.

Mr. *Kellie* presented a Petition from *J. F. Hume* and others, residents of *Nelson*, in favour of the passage of the Consumers' (*Nelson*) Water Works Bill.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:55 o'clock, p. m.