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OF THE PROVINCE OF  
BRITISH COLUMBIA.  
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Thursday, 21st February, 1901.

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THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Ninth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable Sir HENRI GUSTAVE JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the seventeenth day of January, 1901,

His Honour the Honourable Sir *Henri Gustave Joly de Lotbinière*, 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 now welcome you to the Second Session of the Ninth Parliament.

Since your last meeting we have had to deplore the loss of our beloved Sovereign, Queen Victoria, who, during her long and beneficent reign, had become endeared to the hearts of all her subjects. In no part of Her Majesty's dominions were her many noble qualities as a Queen and a woman more highly admired, or has her death been more deeply lamented, than in British Columbia. I trust you will take an early opportunity to pass an address of condolence to the Royal Family, expressing the deep sense of bereavement which is felt by the people of this Province.

While deploring the event which rendered necessary the succession of Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, it is a satisfaction, nevertheless, to welcome as our Ruler one upon whom we can rely to follow in the footsteps of his mother; and I will ask you to couple with your resolution of condolence one of welcome and congratulation to our new Sovereign, King Edward VII., on his accession to the Throne.

As a mark of appreciation of the valiant services rendered by the volunteers from British Columbia who went to South Africa to assist the Empire in the war with the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, my Government will introduce a measure authorising the conveyance to them of free grants of land.

A measure will be submitted amending the School Act.

There will be submitted for your consideration a Bill having for its object the encouragement of the wood pulp industry in British Columbia.

I am pleased to know that the dairy industry continues to develop in so satisfactory a manner, and that new creameries are being established. My Minister of Agriculture has

obtained the promise of continued co-operation on the part of the Dominion in rendering expert assistance in their construction and subsequent operation, and in giving instruction in the manufacture of butter and cheese.

Recognizing the importance of encouraging Provincial trade in agricultural and other natural products, and in particular of promoting a market for the produce of farmers in the mining districts, efforts have been made to secure such a reduction of freight rates as will materially tend in that direction; and I am pleased to announce that this will be brought about.

For the purpose of promoting settlement, my Government is considering the advisability of introducing legislation having in view the extension of the system of small holdings.

A measure will be introduced with the view of aiding in the construction of a railway from the Boundary Creek District to the Coast; of a railway to the northern end of Vancouver Island; and of a railway in Canadian territory from the Coast to the northern boundary of the Province.

The industries of the Province, I am happy to state, are in a prosperous condition. It is to be deplored, however, that the recent explosion at Comox should have resulted in such disaster to life and property, and the relatives of the deceased miners are entitled to our deepest sympathy in their great bereavement.

During the recess, Commissions were issued to inquire into the conduct and general administration of the Asylum for the Insane; the rights of settlers in the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company's land belt; and the adjustment of mining claims in the newly organised Porcupine District; and full reports of the Commissioners in each case will be laid before you at an early date.

Provision was made by you at the last Session of the Legislature for the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the working of the Mining Acts, and much preliminary information has been obtained by the Department of Mines in anticipation of the Commission being issued; but it having been announced that the Dominion Government also intended issuing a Commission with respect to our mineral resources, a postponement was deemed desirable, in order to ascertain to what extent these Commissions might be able to co-operate to the advantage of the Province.

Amendments will be introduced to perfect, as far as possible, existing mining laws.

The Act regulating immigration, passed at last Session, has come into effect, and the necessary machinery for its enforcement has been put into operation.

A delegation, consisting of my First Minister and the Honourable the Attorney-General, recently proceeded to Ottawa to lay before the Dominion Government the claims of British Columbia to increased recognition in the matter of railway development, and in other respects, and to arrive at a settlement of certain matters requiring adjustment between the two Governments. The report of the delegation will be laid before you at an early date.

The Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure, which have been prepared with due regard to economy and the requirements of the Province, will be submitted shortly.

I now leave you to your deliberations, and trust that they may, with the blessing of Divine Providence, be instrumental in materially advancing the interests of the Province.

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

Prayers by the Rev. R. R. Blyth.

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

The following election returns were read and *Ordered* to be placed on the Journals of the House:—

“PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

“VICTORIA, 19th February, 1901.

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by the resignation of *Ralph Smith*, a Member thereof for the *Nanaimo City Electoral District*:

“And whereas on the 8th day of February, 1901, a writ for the election of a Member to represent such Electoral District was duly issued to *William K. Leighton*, the Returning Officer of the said Electoral District:

"Now I do hereby certify that on the 19th day of February, 1901, the said writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate endorsed thereon, whereby it appears that, under and by virtue of the said writ, *James Hurst Hawthornthwaite* has been elected by acclamation a Member to represent the said *Nanaimo City Electoral District*.

"A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,

"Deputy Provincial Secretary.

"To the Clerk of the

"Legislative Assembly of British Columbia."

"PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

"VICTORIA, 21st February, 1901.

"Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by the resignation of *James Ford Garden*, a Member thereof for the *Vancouver City Electoral District* :

"And whereas on the eighth day of February, 1901, a writ for the election of a Member to represent such Electoral District was duly issued to *Charles John South*, the Returning Officer of the said Electoral District :

"Now I do hereby certify that on the 20th day of February, 1901, the said writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate endorsed thereon, whereby it appears that, under and by virtue of the said writ, *James Ford Garden* has been elected a Member to represent the said *Vancouver City Electoral District*.

"A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,

"Deputy Provincial Secretary.

"To the Clerk of the

"Legislative Assembly of British Columbia."

*Mr. James Ford Garden*, being duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. Mr. *Dunsmuir* and the Hon. Mr. *Turner*, and took his place.

*Mr. James Hurst Hawthornthwaite*, being duly sworn, was introduced by Mr. *Helmcken* and Mr. *Brown*, and took his place.

*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.

*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 ;
6. On Agriculture ;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire 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.

*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.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to Relieve the City of Phoenix from certain Disabilities" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time on Monday next.

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

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

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented the Public Accounts of the Province for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1900.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:45 o'clock, P. M.

## Monday, 25th February, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

The following Petitions were laid on the table.

By Mr. *Tatlow*, from *J. W. McFarland* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate the "British Columbia Plate Glass Insurance Co." (No. 51.)

By Mr. *Helmcken*, from the "B. C. Southern Railway Co.," for a Private Bill to confirm certain water rights. (No. 53.)

By Mr. *Clifford*, from *M. King*, for a Private Bill to incorporate the "Lake Bennett Railway Co." (No. 55.)

By Mr. *Clifford*, from *M. King* and *Jno. Irving*, for a Private Bill to incorporate the "Queen Charlotte Island Railway Co." (No. 56.)

By Mr. *Garden*, from *W. E. Oliver*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Coast-Kootenay Railway Company." (No. 58.)

By Mr. *Green*, from *Jno. Irving*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Chilcat and Klahini Railway and Navigation Company." (No. 62.)

By Mr. *Helmcken*, from "The Columbia and Western Railway Company," for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act. (No. 64.)

By Mr. *Helmcken*, from "The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks," for a Private Bill to confirm and validate certain Debenture By-laws passed by the Council.

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

That the following Address of Condolence to His Majesty King Edward VII. and the Royal Family, on the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, be presented to His Majesty:—

*To the King's Most Excellent Majesty:*

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,—We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty with feelings of deepest sorrow at the death of our late revered Sovereign, Queen Victoria, and beg that Your Majesty will accept these our words as a heartfelt expression of a bereavement which we share with Your Majesty and the members of the Royal Family.

In common with the people of the Dominion of Canada and Your Majesty's loving subjects throughout the wide extent of the Empire, we deplore the loss of one whose beneficent rule held sway over their hearts by bonds of true affection.

In the sixty-four years of her reign, the most memorable and illustrious of modern times, Her Gracious Majesty had endeared herself to millions of her subjects, to whom the name of Queen Victoria had become a treasured household word. Her wise, just and constitutional rule was extolled throughout the civilized world; while, in life, her example of womanly virtues extended an undying influence and left an holy impress on the nineteenth century.

In no part of Your Majesty's Empire was the news of the death of our late beloved Sovereign, your mother, received with more profound feelings of grief than in British

Columbia, and in none other do Your Majesty's subjects pray more earnestly that the Divine Ruler of all may console Your Majesty and the members of the Royal Household in so great an affliction.

While deploring the demise of our beloved Queen, which came in the fullness of years, we rejoice in the accession of your Majesty as one who has had great experience in public affairs, and who has declared it his aim to follow in the footsteps of his noble mother. To your Majesty's reign we look for the continuance of that wise policy which has been attended by so many blessings to the human race.

On behalf of the people of British Columbia we hasten to assure your Majesty of their sincere attachment to your Majesty's person, and to those stable principles of Government and institutions of State upon which British Sovereignty is most securely founded. When the enemies of our late Sovereign declared war in South Africa our volunteers were prompt to respond to duty's call, and we now extend the confident assurance that under your Majesty, when occasion demands, their loyalty and devotion will not be less zealous, nor their arms less strong, to strike for the Empire and King Edward VII.

We welcome your Majesty to the Throne of your ancestors, and rejoice in the manifestation of a desire to uphold in all the glory of their traditions those great principles of freedom and true nobility which have made the name of Britain great among the nations.

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

That the Address of Condolence be engrossed, signed by the Speaker, and forwarded through the proper channel.

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

Mr. *Murphy* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dickie*,—

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 present Session; and further, to assure His Honour that:—

1. In common with British subjects throughout the world, we deeply deplore the loss of our beloved Sovereign, Queen Victoria, who, during her long and glorious reign, endeared herself to the hearts of her people by her many noble qualities as a Queen and a woman. We shall take an early opportunity to pass an address of condolence to the Royal Family, expressing the deep sense of bereavement which is felt by the people of this Province.

2. While deploring the death of our great Queen, it is yet a satisfaction to welcome as our new Sovereign one upon whom we can rely to follow in the footsteps of his mother; and with our resolution of condolence we shall couple one of welcome and congratulation to King Edward VII., on his accession to the Throne.

3. It will afford us great pleasure to give our assent to any measure which may be introduced to provide some mark of appreciation of the services rendered to the Empire by the British Columbia volunteers, who acquitted themselves so valiantly in the South African war.

4. Any measure dealing with the important subject of education shall have our most careful consideration.

5. The establishment of the manufacture of wood pulp is a matter of great importance to this Province, and we are pleased to be informed that it is the intention of His Honour's Government to submit to us a Bill having for its object the encouragement of this industry.

6. We have received with much pleasure the assurance that the dairy industry continues to develop in a satisfactory manner, and that His Honour's Minister of Agriculture has obtained the promise of continued co-operation on the part of the Dominion in rendering expert assistance and instruction in the establishment of creameries, and in the manufacture of butter and cheese.

7. We trust that the efforts of His Honour's Government to secure a reduction in freight rates upon agricultural and other products will be crowned with success.

8. We are of opinion that the settlement of the country would be promoted by judicious legislation extending the system of small holdings.

9. The necessity for better transportation facilities is so urgent that a measure to aid the construction of lines of railway from the Boundary Creek District to the Coast, from the

Coast to the northern boundary of the Province, in Canadian territory, and of a line of railway to the northern end of Vancouver Island, shall receive our careful attention.

10. It is pleasing to be informed that the industries of the Province are in a prosperous condition.

11. We join with His Honour in deploring that the recent explosion in one of the great coal mines of Vancouver Island should have resulted in such disaster to life and property; and with His Honour we extend to the relatives of the deceased miners our deepest sympathy in their great bereavement.

12. We shall carefully consider the reports of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the conduct and general administration of the Asylum for the Insane at New Westminster, the rights of settlers in the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company's land belt, and the adjustment of claims in the newly organised Porcupine District.

13. As the Dominion Government have announced their intention of issuing a Commission to inquire into the mineral resources of this Province, we have no doubt His Honour's Government acted judiciously in postponing the appointment of the Commission authorised last Session by this House to inquire into the working of our Mining Acts, until it could be ascertained to what extent these Commissions might be able to co-operate to the advantage of the Province.

14. We shall carefully consider any amendments that may be introduced to perfect, as far as possible, the existing mining laws.

15. It is satisfactory to be assured that the Act regulating immigration, which was passed at the last Session of this House, and which came into force on the first day of January of this year, has been duly enforced.

16. We shall await with much interest the report of the delegation, consisting of His Honour's First Minister and of His Honour's Attorney-General, which recently proceeded to Ottawa to lay before the Dominion Government the claims of British Columbia to increased recognition in the matter of railway development, and in other respects, and to arrive at a settlement of certain matters requiring adjustment between His Honour's Government and that of the Dominion.

17. We thank His Honour for informing us that the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the ensuing fiscal year will shortly be laid before us. We are confident that they will be found to have been framed with every regard for economy consistent with the efficiency of the public service.

18. His Honour may rest assured that the measures which may be brought before us shall receive our earliest consideration, and we trust that our deliberations, under the Divine guidance, will conduce to the prosperity and welfare of the people of the Province.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:30 o'clock, P. M.

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Tuesday, 26th February, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The following Petition was laid on the table :—

By Mr. *Helmcken*, from *Robert Irving* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate the "Crawford Bay Railway Company." (No. 52.)

The following Petitions were received :—

From *J. W. McFarland* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate the "British Columbia Plate Glass Insurance Co." (No. 51.)

From the "B. C. Southern Railway Co.," for a Private Bill to confirm certain water rights. (No. 53.)

From *M. King*, for a Private Bill to incorporate the "Lake Bennett Railway Co." (No. 55.)

From *M. King* and *Jno. Irving*, for a Private Bill to incorporate the "Queen Charlotte Island Railway Co." (No. 56.)

From *W. E. Oliver*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Coast-Kootenay Railway Co." (No. 58.)

From *Jno. Irving*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Chilcat and Klahini Railway and Navigation Company." (No. 62.)

From "The Columbia and Western Railway Company," for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act. (No. 64.)

From "The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks," for a Private Bill to confirm and validate certain Debenture By-laws passed by the Council.

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

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

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

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

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

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to Accelerate the Incorporation of the City of Slocan," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

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

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

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented the Report of the Inspector of Fruit Pests.

And then the House adjourned at 5:10 o'clock, P. M.

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Wednesday, 27th February, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. D. Barber*.

The following Petitions were laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Ellison*, from *J. H. Senkler* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate the "Midway and Vernon Railway Company." (No. 67.)

By Mr. *Hunter*, from *Jas. Dunsmuir* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate the "Comox and Cape Scott Railway Company." (No. 59.)

By Mr. *Helmcken*, from *E. V. Bodwell* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate the "Victoria Terminal Railway Company." (No. 60.)

By Mr. *Helmcken*, from the Corporation of the *City of Victoria*, for a Private Bill to validate the "Victoria Terminal Railway By-Law, No. 326," and to authorise the leasing of certain city property. (No. 61.)

By Mr. *Helmcken*, from "The Arrowhead and Kootenay Railway Company," for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act. (No. 71.)

By Mr. *McPhillips*, from *Stephen Henderson* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Granby Consolidated Smelting and Mining Company." (No. 50.)

The following Petition was received:—

From *Robert Irving* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate the "Crawford Bay Railway Company." (No. 52.)

The following Returns were presented by the Hon. Mr. *Prentice*:—

Return under sub-section (3) of section 2 of chapter 157 of the Revised Statutes (Probates Recognition).

Return under section 61 of the "Small Debts Act," chapter 55, R. S. B. C.

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

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:50 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 28th February, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. D. Barber*.

The following Petitions were laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Helmcken*, from *H. P. Bell* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company." (No. 57.)

By Mr. *E. C. Smith*, from Hon. *G. A. Cox* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Crow's Nest Southern Railway." (No. 69.)

By Mr. *Hunter*, from the Presbyterian Church in Canada, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada." (No. 54.)

By Mr. *Dickie*, from *A. F. Griffiths* and another, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The District Power and Telephone Company." (No. 65.)

By Mr. *Fulton*, from *Harold B. Robertson*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Vancouver and Grand Forks Railway Company." (No. 72.)

By Mr. *McPhillips*, from *E. G. Tilton* and another, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Imperial Pacific Railway Company." (No. 63.)

The following Petitions were received:—

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

Resolution agreed to.

On the motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by the Honourable the Attorney-General, 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 President of the Council, the Honourable the Attorney-General, the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, and the Honourable the Minister of Finance.

The Honourable the Premier, from the Select Committee, reported an Address which read as follows:—

*To the Honourable Sir HENRI GUSTAVE JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia:*

We, His 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 the Second Session of the Ninth Parliament, and assure Your Honour that:—

In common with British subjects throughout the world, we deeply deplore the loss of our beloved Sovereign, Queen Victoria, who, during her long and glorious reign, endeared herself to the hearts of her people by her many noble qualities as a Queen and a woman. We shall take an early opportunity to pass an address of condolence to the Royal Family, expressing the deep sense of bereavement which is felt by the people of this Province.

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Any measure dealing with the important subject of education shall have our most careful consideration.

The establishment of the manufacture of wood pulp is a matter of great importance to this Province, and we are pleased to be informed that it is the intention of Your Honour's Government to submit to us a Bill having for its object the encouragement of this industry.

We have received with much pleasure the assurance that the dairy industry continues to develop in a satisfactory manner, and that Your Honour's Minister of Agriculture has obtained the promise of continued co-operation on the part of the Dominion in rendering expert assistance and instruction in the establishment of creameries, and in the manufacture of butter and cheese.

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We are of opinion that the settlement of the country would be promoted by judicious legislation extending the system of small holdings.

The necessity for better transportation facilities is so urgent that a measure to aid the construction of lines of railway from the Boundary Creek District to the Coast, from the Coast to the northern boundary of the Province, in Canadian territory, and of a line of railway to the northern end of Vancouver Island, shall receive our careful attention.

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The Report was adopted.

On the motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance, 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.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of 26th February, 1901, transmitting a Bill intituled "An Act to Accelerate the Incorporation of the City of Slokan."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to Accelerate the Incorporation of the City of Slokan," and recommend the introduction of the Bill.

Resolution reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Turner*, Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Wellington" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading 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.

## Friday, 1st March, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. D. Barber*.

The following Petitions were received :—

From *H. P. Bell* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company." (No. 57.)

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From *E. G. Tilton* and another, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Imperial Pacific Railway Company." (No. 63.)

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

That this House, having with intense satisfaction learned, from the address of His Gracious Majesty King Edward VII. to the Imperial Parliament, that the visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York to Australia is to be extended to the Dominion of Canada, hastens to express the hope that His Royal Highness may be pleased to extend his visit in Canada as far as British Columbia :

That this House begs to renew its expressions of loyalty and devotion to His Majesty's royal person, and to assure him of the sincere pleasure that it would afford his subjects in this part of the Empire to welcome His Royal Highness to their midst ; and

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that this Resolution be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, for transmission to the proper authorities.

The following Members were nominated on Standing Committees as follows :—

Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders—Messrs. *Helmcken, McPhillips, Tatlow, A. W. Smith, Gilmour, Brown* and *Curtis*.

Committee on Public Accounts—Messrs. *Hunter, Hall, Hayward, Brown* and *Martin*.

Committee on Railways—Messrs. *Pooley, Mounce, Hunter, Ellison, McPhillips, Murphy, Fulton, Garden, Rogers, Clifford, Curtis, Martin, Oliver, McInnes, Gilmour, E. C. Smith, Stables* and *Munro*.

Committee on Mining—Messrs. *A. W. Smith, Green, Clifford, Taylor, Dickie, Houston, Rogers, Ellison, Neill, Martin, Curtis, McInnes, Stables, Hawthornthwaite* and *E. C. Smith*.

Committee on Printing—Messrs. *Hall, Murphy, Kidd, Hawthornthwaite* and *Brown*.

Committee on Agriculture—Messrs. *Hayward, Ellison, Kidd, Neill, Oliver, Munro* and *E. C. Smith.*

Committee on Municipal Matters—Messrs. *Helmcken, Garden, Murphy, McPhillips, Brown, McInnes* and *Oliver.*

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*—Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Investment and Loan Societies Act.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*—Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Extra-Provincial Investment and Loan Societies Act, 1900.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*—Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act respecting certain Railway Land Grants.”

By Mr. *Helmcken*—Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the Law of Inheritance and Distribution.”

By Mr. *McInnes*—Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act relating to Labour.”

By Mr. *Oliver*—Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Highway Traffic Regulation Act.’”

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

That the Speech of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII., on his accession, as well as his gracious message addressed to his people beyond the seas, be entered on the Journals of this House.

“At the Court of St. James, the 23rd day of January, 1901.

“PRESENT :

“The KING’s Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

“His Majesty, being this day present in Council, was pleased to make the following Declaration:—

“YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESSES, MY LORDS, AND GENTLEMEN,—This is the most painful occasion on which I shall ever be called upon to address you.

“My first and melancholy duty is to announce to you the death of My beloved Mother, the Queen, and I know how deeply you, the whole Nation, and, I think I may say, the whole world, sympathise with Me in the irreparable loss we have all sustained.

“I need hardly say that My constant endeavour will be always to walk in Her footsteps. In undertaking the heavy load which now devolves upon Me, I am fully determined to be a Constitutional Sovereign in the strictest sense of the word, and as long as there is breath in My body to work for the good and amelioration of My People.

“I have resolved to be known by the name of Edward, which has been borne by six of My ancestors. In doing so I do not undervalue the name of Albert, which I inherit from My ever to be lamented, great and wise Father, who by universal consent is, I think deservedly, known by the name of Albert the Good, and I desire that his name should stand alone.

“In conclusion, I trust to Parliament and the Nation to support Me in the arduous duties which now devolve upon Me by inheritance, and to which I am determined to devote My whole strength during the remainder of My life.”

“TO THE COLONIES.

“The following message has been forwarded, by command of His Majesty the King, to all Colonies and Dependencies:—

“The countless messages of loyal sympathy which I have received from every part of My Dominions over the Seas testify to the universal grief in which the whole Empire now mourns the loss of My beloved Mother.

“In the welfare and prosperity of her subjects throughout Greater Britain the Queen ever evinced a heartfelt interest.

“She saw with thankfulness the steady progress which, under a wide extension of Self-Government, they had made during Her Reign. She warmly appreciated their unfailing loyalty to Her Throne and Person, and was proud to think of those who had so nobly fought and died for the Empire's cause in South Africa.

“I have already declared that it will be My constant endeavour to follow the great example which has been bequeathed to Me.

“In these endeavours I shall have a confident trust in the devotion and sympathy of the people, and of their several Representative Assemblies throughout My vast Colonial Dominions.

“With such loyal support I will, with God's blessing, solemnly work for the promotion of the common welfare and security of the great Empire over which I have now been called to reign.

“‘EDWARD, R. and I.

“‘*Windsor Castle, February 4th, 1901.*’”

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

Whereas Resolutions have from time to time been passed by this House, requesting the Dominion Government to establish a Mint in Canada, such Mint to be established in the Province of British Columbia :

And whereas the people of British Columbia have learned with much satisfaction that the Imperial Government has given to the Dominion Government the necessary sanction for the establishment in Canada of a branch of the Royal Mint, and that a Bill will be introduced at the present Session of the House of Commons of Canada to give effect to such permission :

Be it, therefore, *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to impress upon the Dominion Government the strong claims of this Province to have such branch erected in this Province.

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

Whereas the Commonwealth of Australia was inaugurated on the 1st day of January, A.D. 1901, the commencement of the twentieth century :

And whereas there has long been established a line of steamers between *Sydney*, Australia, and the *City of Vancouver* and Province of British Columbia, the *City of Victoria* being the first and last place of call :

Be it, therefore, *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to extend to the Governor-General of the Commonwealth the hearty congratulations of this House upon the accomplishment of such a happy and momentous event, and expressing the hope that prosperity and influence may follow the new Federation, and its commercial relations with the Dominion of Canada and this Province may be materially increased ; and that, through the loyalty and devotion of the Commonwealth of *Australia* and the Dominion of Canada to the Imperial Throne, the permanent unity of the British Empire may become assured.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Turner*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Prentice*, it 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.

On the motion of Mr. *Neill*, seconded by Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of immediate steps being taken to deepen the present channel of the *Somas River* at its mouth, to permit the steamship service to be continued to the upper wharf at the Town of *Alberni*, as petitioned for in November, 1898.

Mr. *Clifford* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions :—

Is it the intention of the Government to amend the Placer Mining Act, so as—

1. To enlarge the size of placer claims to at least 250 feet square?
2. To enable owners of creek, bench, hill and hydraulic claims to obtain Crown grants, upon proving a certain amount of development work having been done?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. The matter is receiving the consideration of the Government.”

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

1. Have the Government received copies of resolutions passed at the Reeves' Convention last fall, desiring the Government to amend the Elections Act (Municipal), the Municipal Clauses Act, the Land Registry Act, and the Dyking Act?

2. If the Government have received copies of the above-mentioned resolutions, is it the intention of the Government to enact the legislation requested?

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

“1. The copies of Resolutions referred to have been received.

“2. The suggested amendments are now being considered.”

The following Bills were read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed on Monday next:—

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to relieve the City of Phoenix from certain Disabilities.”

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act respecting the Town of Wellington.”

Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to Accelerate the Incorporation of the City of Slocan.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:40 o'clock, P. M.

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## Monday, 4th March, 1901.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* presented the Report of *C. K. Clarke*, M. D., Superintendent of the *Rockwood* Asylum for the Insane, *Kingston, Ontario*, appointed a Commissioner to inquire into and concerning all matters connected with the general administration of the Hospital for the Insane at *New Westminster*.

*M. Helmcken* presented the First Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 4th, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the under-mentioned Petitions have been complied with:

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| No. 62— | Petition of | Chilcat and Klahini Railway.                    |
| “ 51—   | “           | British Columbia Plate Glass Insurance Company. |
| “ 52—   | “           | Crawford Bay Railway.                           |
| “ 54—   | “           | Presbyterian Church Trustee Board.              |
| “ 55—   | “           | Lake Bennett Railway Company.                   |
| “ 56—   | “           | Queen Charlotte Island Railway.                 |
| “ 58—   | “           | Coast-Kootenay Railway                          |
| “ 60—   | “           | Victoria Terminal Railway.                      |

- No. 61—Petition of Victoria Terminal Railway By-Law.  
 " 63— " Imperial Pacific Railway.  
 " 64— " Columbia and Western Railway.  
 " 65— " District Power and Telephone Company.  
 " 67— " Midway and Vernon Railway.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
 March 4th, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

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

- No. 53—Petition of Trail Water Records.  
 " 68—Petition of Grand Forks City Debentures.

With regard to Petition No. 53, your Committee beg to report that, while the publication of the notice is sufficient, the notice itself does not contain a sufficient statement of the locality ; but your Committee is of the opinion that the Standing Orders should be suspended, so as to admit of the Bill being introduced, and recommend the same accordingly.

With regard to Petition No. 68, your Committee beg to report that, while publication was sufficient, no copies of the Petition and notices were deposited nor fees paid within time allowed by the Rules. Your Committee find that the said Petition has not been objected to, and as the proposed Bill is in the public interest of the City of Grand Forks, your Committee is of the opinion that the Standing Rules should be suspended so as to admit of the Bill being introduced, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

That the Standing Orders be suspended and the Second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders be adopted.

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

That leave be granted to introduce Private Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to confirm certain Water Records in the Trail Mining Division," without the payment of double fees.

The following Private Bills were introduced and read a first time:—

By Mr. *Green*—(No. 62) "An Act to Incorporate the Chilkat and Klahini Railway and Navigation Company"

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Ellison*—(No. 67) "An Act to Incorporate the Midway and Vernon Railway Company."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Garden*—(No. 58) "An Act to Incorporate the Coast-Kootenay Railway Company, Limited."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Clifford*—(No. 55) "An Act to Incorporate the Lake Bennett Railway Company."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Tatlow*—(No. 51) "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Plate Glass Insurance Company."

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Clifford*—(No. 56) "An Act to Incorporate the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Hunter*—(No. 54) "An Act Incorporating the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada."

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *McPhillips*—(No. 63) "An Act to Incorporate the Imperial Pacific Railway Company."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Helmcken*—(No. 60) "An Act to Incorporate the Victoria Terminal Railway and Ferry Company."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Helmcken*—(No. 61) "An Act empowering the Corporation of the City of Victoria to lease the Market Building Premises, and otherwise carry into effect the 'Victoria Terminal Railway By-law.'"

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Helmcken*—(No. 52) "An Act to Incorporate the Crawford Bay Railway Company."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Helmcken*—(No. 64) "An Act to amend the 'Columbia and Western Railway Company Act, 1896.'"

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Helmcken*—(No. 68) "An Act relating to certain By-laws of the Municipality of the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks."

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Dickie*—(No. 65) "An Act to Incorporate the 'District Power and Telephone Company.'"

Referred to Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Helmcken*—(No. 53) "An Act to confirm certain Water Records in the Trail Mining Division."

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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

Was a reserve placed on Crown lands on *Grahame Island* by notice of 30th January? If so, to what purpose?

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

"Yes.

"In view of possible railway construction on the Island."

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to Relieve the City of Phoenix from certain Disabilities," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to Accelerate the Incorporation of the City of Slocan," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.



Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting certain Railway Land Grants," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Friday next to consider the resolution.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time :—

By the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*—Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act respecting Commissions and Appointments on the Demise of the Crown."

Second reading to-morrow.

By the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*—Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act Amendment Act, 1900.'"

Second reading to-morrow.

By the Hon. Mr. *McBride*—Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act' and amending Acts."

Second reading to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:40 o'clock, P. M.

## Tuesday, 5th March, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

The Hon. the Premier informed the House that he had received a telegram from *Aulay Morrison*, M. P., as follows :—"Pleased to inform you that the visit of the Duke of York to British Columbia is practically fixed."

The following Petitions were laid on the table :—

By Mr. *Helmcken*, from *S. McC. Smith, Thos. F. Gold, J. P. Saunders*, and others, re establishment of a public park on the *Songhees Indian Reserve*.

By Mr. *McPhillips*, from the "War Eagle Consolidated Mining and Development Company" and the "Centre Star Mining Company," opposing Private Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to confirm certain Water Records in the Trail Mining Division." (No. 53A.)

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 5th, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the under-mentioned Petitions have been complied with :

No. 50—Petition of Granby Consolidated S. & M. Co.

" 59— " Comox and Cape Scott Railway.

" 69— " Crow's Nest Southern.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 5th, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

No. 71—Petition of Arrowhead and Kootenay Railway Company; inasmuch as there has not been sufficient publication; but as the Petition deals with a work of public utility, and asks for the extension of time to complete a public work in course of construction, and no objection having been raised, your Committee is of the opinion that the Rules should be suspended so as to admit of the introduction of the Bill, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *McBride*, Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to extend the provisions of the 'Canadian Contingent Exemption Act, 1900,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

Is it the intention of the Government to take part in the great Exhibition to be held at *Glasgow*, Scotland, this year?

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

"Yes."

The following Private Bills were introduced and read a first time:—

By Mr. *E. C. Smith*—(No. 69) "An Act to Incorporate the Crow's Nest Southern Railway Company."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *McPhillips*—(No. 50) "An Act to Incorporate the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company, Limited."

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Helmcken*—(No. 71) "An Act to amend the 'Arrowhead and Kootenay Railway Company Act, 1898.'"

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Hunter*—(No. 59) "An Act to Incorporate the Comox and Cape Scott Railway Company."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to Relieve the City of Phoenix from certain Disabilities" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to Accelerate the Incorporation of the City of Slovan" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting certain Railway Land Grants" was committed. Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act respecting Commissions and Appointments on the Demise of the Crown.”

Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the “Land Registry Act Amendment Act, 1900.”

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:30 o'clock, p. m.

### Wednesday, 6th March, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

Mr. *McInnes* presented a Petition from *Robert Richardson, Seth Godfrey*, and 817 others, coal miners and mine labourers, asking for certain amendments to the “Coal Mines Regulation Act.”

Laid on the table.

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* presented the Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province, 1899-1900.

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

Has the Government received any intimation that the “B. C. Immigration Act,” or the “Labour Regulation Act,” will be disallowed?

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

“No.”

Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to Accelerate the Incorporation of the City of Slocan” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act respecting Commissions and Appointments on the Demise of the Crown” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to extend the provisions of the ‘Canadian Contingent Exemption Act, 1900,’” was read a second time and committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act relating to Labour” was withdrawn.

Mr. *McInnes* presented a Petition from *Robert Watson* and *Theodore Bryant*, of Wellington, re Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act respecting the Town of Wellington.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:15 o'clock, p. m.

Thursday, 7th March, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

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

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

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled the "Public Schools Act Amendment Act, 1901," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*6th March, 1901.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act.'"

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

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

By Mr. *Helmcken*, from *Bernard MacDonald* and others, for a Private Bill to Incorporate "The British Columbia Mining Association."

By Mr. *Curtis*, from the Corporation of *Rossland*, opposing Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to confirm certain Water Records in the Trail Mining Division." (No. 53B.)

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *S. McC. Smith*, *Thos. F. Gold*, *J. P. Saunders*, and others, *re* establishment of a public park on the *Songhees Indian Reserve*.

*Ordered* to be printed.

From *Robert Watson* and *Theodore Bryant*, of *Wellington*, *re* Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Wellington."

On the motion to receive the Petition from *Robert Richardson*, *Seth Godfrey*, and 817 others, coal miners and mine labourers, asking for certain amendments to the "Coal Mines Regulation Act," a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. *Oliver* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all correspondence in connection with proposed Government work on the *Yale Road*, *Serpentine Valley*, and the *Town Line Road*, *Salmon River Flats*, *Langley*. Also, for copies of all correspondence relating to the appointment of road foreman in *Delta Riding*.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to confirm certain Dyking Assessments" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Neill*, Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Villages Fire Protection Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *McPhillips*, Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the Maintenance of Wives Deserted by their Husbands" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Garden* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question :—

Will the Government bring down the report of the Collector of Votes for the Electoral District of the City of *Vancouver*?

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

"Yes."

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Wellington" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to Accelerate the Incorporation of the City of *Slocan*" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act Amendment Act, 1900,'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to extend the provisions of the 'Canadian Contingent Exemption Act, 1900,'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

*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.

Monday, 11th March, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. S. Rowe*.

The following Petitions were presented and received :—

By Mr. *Curtis*, from *R. G. Gilpin* and others, for leave to present a Petition for a Private Bill to incorporate the "Yale Northern Railway Company." (No. 73.)

By Mr. *Helmcken*, from the "Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Company, Limited," opposing Private Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the District Power and Telephone Company." (No. 65A.)

By Mr. *McPhillips*, from "The British Columbia-Yukon Railway Company," opposing Private Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Lake Bennett Railway Company." (No. 55A.)

By Mr. *McPhillips*, from the "Le Roi Mining Company," opposing Private Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to confirm certain Water Records in the Trail Mining Division." (No. 53c)

By Mr. *McPhillips*, from the "British Columbia-Yukon Railway Company," opposing Private Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Chilcat and Klahini Railway and Navigation Company." (No. 62A.)

The Petition (No. 53B) from the Corporation of *Rosslund*, opposing Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to confirm certain Water Records in the Trail Mining Division," was received.

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* presented the Report of the Commissioner appointed to inquire into the grievances of the settlers within the tract of lands granted to the *Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company*."

On the motion of Mr. *McPhillips*, Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act, 1900,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *McPhillips*, Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to regulate Maternity Boarding Houses, and for the Protection of Infant Children," was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 11th, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the under-mentioned Petition have been complied with:

No. 57—Petition of Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,

*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 11th, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the under-mentioned Petition have been complied with:

No. 72—Petition of Vancouver and Grand Forks Railway Company.

Inasmuch as while the Rules as regards publication have been observed, and the Petition was presented and received within time, the Petitioners did not present, within the time prescribed by Rule 57, a printed copy of the proposed Bill, nor the notices published, but have paid double fees, your Committee is of the opinion that, as the proposed work is one in the interests of the public, the Standing Orders should be suspended, so as to admit of the introduction of the Bill, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,

*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

The Standing Orders were suspended and the Report was adopted.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 11th, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Plate Glass Insurance Company," and of Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act empowering the Corporation of the City of Victoria to lease the Market Building Premises and otherwise carry into effect the 'Victoria Terminal Railway By-Law, 1900,'" and beg to submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
11th March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Columbia and Western Railway Company Act, 1896,'" and submit the same herewith with amendment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wells*, Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Upper Columbia Navigation and Tramway Subsidy Act, 1892,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Turner*, Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, Private Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company" was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Railway Committee.

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, Private Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver and Grand Forks Railway Company" was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Railway Committee.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all correspondence between the Government and any person, and of all reports with regard to fraudulent practices as to naturalization; and also all correspondence with reference to cancelling the commissions of *Walter J. Thicke* and *E. W. McLean*.

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

What authority have Timber Inspectors for compelling settlers on agricultural land to take out hand-loggers' licences, when said settlers only sell the timber that they cut in clearing their own land?

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

“The Land Act is the only authority under which hand-loggers’ licences are necessary. Settlers on agricultural lands, which they hold under pre-emption record, are not required to take out hand-loggers’ licences.”

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

1. How much revenue has been received by the Province under section 32 of the Land Act?
2. If no revenue has been received, is there any good reason why the section should not be repealed?

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

“1. \$1,300.

“2. The matter is under consideration.”

A debate arose on the third reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act respecting certain Railway Land Grants,” which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to confirm certain Dyking Assessments” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act respecting the Maintenance of Wives deserted by their Husbands” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act’” a debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *McInnes* Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act relating to Labour,” was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *McBride* Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act’ and Amending Act,” was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Villages Fire Protection Act’” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the motion to receive the Petition from *Robert Richardson*, *Seth Godfrey*, and 817 others, coal miners and mine labourers, asking for certain amendments to the “Coal Mines Regulation Act,” was resumed.

The motion was carried.

The adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Oliver*, on the 7th inst., as follows :—

“That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all correspondence in connection with proposed Government work on the *Yale Road*, *Serpentine Valley*, and the *Town Line Road*, *Salmon River Flats*, *Langley*. Also, for copies of all correspondence relating to the appointment of road foreman in *Delta Riding*”—  
was resumed.

The motion was carried.

*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.



Tuesday, 12th March, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. S. Rowe*.

Mr. *McPhillips* presented a Petition from *Edmund B. Kirby*, manager of the War Eagle Consolidated Mining and Development Company and the Centre Star Mining Company, opposing Private Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to confirm certain Water Records in the Trail Mining Division." (No. 53D.)

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
12th March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company," and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the motion "That a Supply be granted to His Majesty.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier,—  
*Resolved*, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

The Resolution was reported to the House and adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier,—  
*Resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

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

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

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

*Government House,*  
12th March, 1901.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act.'"

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

Bill introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Whereas, under the Constitution of the Province of British Columbia, four years may, and as a rule do, elapse between one general election and another :

And whereas, between one general election and another, questions arise as to the assistance to be given by the Province to private enterprises, many of which questions are of large and far-reaching importance :

And whereas it is advisable, in the public interest, that the electors of the Province should have the right to secure, in some proper and constitutional way, an opportunity to express their approval or disapproval of proposals to grant to private enterprises large amounts of the public moneys or public lands of the Province :

Therefore, be it Resolved, That this House would approve of a measure designed to provide, under proper safeguards and conditions, for the reference of such proposals to a vote of the electors of the Province.

The motion was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>E. C. Smith,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Green—11.</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Mounce—23.</i>
<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	

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

The debate was adjourned until Monday next.

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

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

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

Wednesday, 13th March, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. S. Rowe*.

Mr. *Clifford* presented a Petition from *J. St. Clair Blackett* and others, residents of *Atlin*, supporting Private Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Lake Bennett Railway Company." (No. 55B.)

The Hon. the Premier informed the House that he had received a telegram from *E. G. Prior*, M. P., which read as follows :—

"OTTAWA, ONT., March 13th, 1901.

"Definitely settled that Duke and Duchess of York will visit Victoria and other B. C. cities in October."

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
13th March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That they have considered Petition No. 73, Petition of Yale Northern Railway for leave to present a Petition for incorporation, and find that the petitioners complied with the Rules in so far as regards publication, but owing to the serious illness of the petitioners' solicitor, who had gone to the Province of Ontario to obtain the signatures to the Petition of the promoters, the requirements prescribed by Rule 57 were not complied with. Your Committee are of the opinion that, as the proposed Bill is in the public interest, that leave should be granted to the petitioners to present their Petition for incorporation, and beg to recommend the suspension of the Rules for this purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 13th, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the time limited for the presentation of Private Bills be extended until the 25th day of March instant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
13th March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Imperial Pacific Railway Company," and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

Mr. *Curtis* presented a Petition from *R. R. Gilpin* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the "Yale Northern Railway Company." (No. 73A.)  
Received.

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

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce this Session an Act to provide for the Compulsory Arbitration of Labour Disputes?

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

"No."

Bill (No. 64) "An Act to amend the 'Columbia and Western Railway Company Act, 1896,'" was read a second time and committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 61) "An Act empowering the Corporation of the City of Victoria to lease the Market Building Premises, and otherwise carry into effect the 'Victoria Terminal Railway By-law, 1900,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act,'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the Maintenance of Wives Deserted by their Husbands" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Helmcken* presented a Petition from *Bernard Macdonald* and others, for leave to present a Petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate "The British Columbia Mining Association." (No. 74.)

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* presented the following Returns:—

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."

Statement of Commons established under the "Cattle Ranges Act," shewing revenue collected for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1900.

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

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. the Premier informed the House that he had received a copy of a cablegram sent by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor-General, which read as follows:—

"I have received the following cable from Mr. Chamberlain:—

(Telegram begins.)

"I have laid your telegram of 4th March before the King. His Majesty has received with much pleasure the Resolution of the House of Assembly of British Columbia, and desires you to convey his thanks for their expression of loyalty and devotion, and to inform them that it is the intention of His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York to visit British Columbia during his stay in Canada."

(Signed) "MINTO."

*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.

Thursday, 14th March, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. S. Rowe*.

Mr. *McPhillips* presented a Petition from "The Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company," opposing Private Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Coast-Kootenay Railway Company, Limited," and Private Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver and Grand Forks Railway Company. (No. 58A and No. 72A.)

Received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 14th, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company, Limited," and of Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act relating to certain By-Laws of the Municipality of the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks," and beg to submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
14th March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Chilcat and Klahini Railway and Navigation Company," and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *A. W. Smith*, Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land lord and Tenant Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Gilmour*, seconded by Mr. *McInnes*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the Dominion "Chinese Immigration Act, 1900," has proven inadequate to check the immigration of Chinese :

And whereas the said Act leaves the threatening influx of other Asiatics wholly unrestrained :

Be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to advise His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada that, in the opinion of this House, the said Act should be amended so as to make all immigrants comply with an educational test similar to that imposed in the Colony of *Natal*.

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

Whereas the Constitution of the Province presupposes a fairly equal representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly; and

Whereas the present representation is exceedingly unequal, one member, for example, who sits on the left of the Chair, representing a larger voting population than is represented by the five Cabinet Ministers who sit for single-member constituencies; and

Whereas the just expectations of the people of reform in this matter were disappointed, and the anomalous condition complained of was continued by the unexpected occurrence of the general election of 1900; and

Whereas this House owes it as a first duty, both to the people and to the Constitution, to see to it that a state of affairs which has once resulted, and may again result, in the postponement of a reform demanded alike by the very principle upon which the Constitution is based and by the most sacred right of a free people, be not any longer allowed to continue:

Therefore, be it Resolved, That due consideration of the obligations imposed upon this House by the Constitution of the Province, as well as of the rights and interests of the people, makes it necessary that such steps should forthwith be taken as will, in the event of a general election, secure to the people a more just and equal representation in this House.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

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

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Mounce—24.</i>

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

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

Friday, 15th March, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. S. Rowe*.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 15th, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act Incorporating the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada," and submit the same herewith without amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The Report was received.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,  
*Chairman.*

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 15th, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

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

No. 73A—Petition of Yale Northern Railway Company.

Inasmuch as while the rules as regards publication were complied with within time, the requirements of Rule 57 were not. Double fees have been paid, but as the proposed Bill is presumably in the public interests, your Committee are of the opinion that the Standing Orders should be suspended, so as to admit of the introduction of the Bill, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 15th, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That they have considered Petition No. 74, the Petition of the British Columbia Mining Association for leave to present a Petition for leave to introduce a Bill, and find that the petitioners duly complied with the rules as regards publication, but that, owing to the absence of several of the petitioners, it was impossible to have all the petitioners sign the Petition for leave within time. The requirements of Rule 57 have been complied with. Your Committee are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, and that the Standing Orders should be suspended, so as to admit of the presentation of the Petition, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
15th March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Lake Bennett Railway," and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
15th March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Midway and Vernon Railway Company," and submit the same herewith with amendments.  
All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Ellison*, Private Bill (No. 73A) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Yale Northern Railway Company," was introduced and read a first time.  
Referred to the Railway Committee.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wells*, Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting the Inspection of Steam Boilers and Engines, and the Examination and Licensing of Engineers in charge of Steam Boilers and Engines," was introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Prentice*, Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Royal Columbian Hospital" was introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Have officers been appointed to enforce the provisions of the B. C. Immigration Act at interior railway points on the eastern and southern boundaries of the Province?
2. If not, does it intend to do so, and, if so, when?
3. If it does not intend to do so, what is the reason for such failure to enforce the Act?

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

"Yes; upon the recommendation of the Immigration Agent for the Mainland District, a Deputy Immigration Officer has been appointed at Fernie, at Grand Forks, and at Greenwood."

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

Of the revenue of \$264,019.41 received from *West Kootenay District* during the last fiscal year, how much was received from the Mining Divisions of *Trail Creek*, *Nelson* and *Slocan*, respectively?

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

"Returns furnished by District Assessors and Collectors do not conform to the boundaries of Mining Divisions in showing the revenue derived from each division separately; therefore, the information cannot be given from the data at the department."

Mr. *Tatlow* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim the 24th of May (Empire Day) a public holiday?

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

"The following Bill is now before the Dominion House:—

" 'BILL.

" 'AN ACT RESPECTING VICTORIA DAY.

" 'His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

" '1. Throughout Canada, in each and every year, the twenty-fourth day of May, when not a Sunday, being the birthday of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, shall be a legal holiday and shall be kept and observed as such under the name of 'Victoria Day.'



“ 2. When the twenty-fourth day of May is a Sunday, the twenty-fifth day of May shall be, in lieu thereof, a legal holiday throughout Canada, and shall be kept and observed as such under the same name.”

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

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. *Helmcken* presented a Petition from *Bernard Macdonald* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate “The British Columbia Mining Association. (No. 74A) Received.

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

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

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to Accelerate the Incorporation of the City of Trail,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*14th March, 1901.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to Accelerate the Incorporation of the City of Trail,” and recommend the introduction of the same.

Resolution reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time on Monday next.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
14th March, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That your Committee recommend the following Return printed, viz.:

Statement of Commons established, showing Revenue collected for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1900, under the “Cattle Ranges Act.”

Respectfully submitted.

RICHARD HALL,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

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

Monday, 18th March, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

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

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 18th, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

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

No. 74—Petition of British Columbia Mining Association ; inasmuch as while the petitions have duly complied with the requirements of the rules relating to publication, the provisions of Rule 57 were not complied with within time. Double fees have been paid. Your Committee are of the opinion that, as the proposed Bill is presumably in the public interests, the Standing Orders should be suspended, so as to admit of the introduction of the Bill, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received

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

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* presented the Report of the Special Commissioner appointed under the "Porcupine District Commission Act, 1900."

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, Private Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Mining Association" was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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

By Mr. *Gilmour*—Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

By Mr. *Martin*—Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 185 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, being the 'Tramway Company Incorporation Act.'"

By Mr. *Martin*—Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, being the 'Absconding Debtors' Act.'"

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

By Mr. *Martin*—Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, being the 'Arrest and Imprisonment for Debt Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Tatlow*, seconded by Mr. *Garden*, it was *Resolved*,—

That in the opinion of this House, the promotion of ship-building and ship-owning in the Province is of the highest importance to the future commercial prosperity and advancement of British Columbia, and this House would respectfully urge upon both the Dominion and Provincial Governments the desirability of such a policy.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of a copy of the judgment recently delivered by the Full Court of the Province with respect to the right of a naturalized Japanese applicant to be placed upon the voters' list, and also of the judgment of His Lordship Chief Justice *McColl* in the same matter.

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

1. Has the Government called the attention of the Dominion Government to the question of assisting in the development of the silver-lead industry of the Province, by granting a bonus on the tonnage of finished product of silver-lead smelters and refiners?

2. If they have not, do they intend doing so at once?

3. If they have not or do not intend doing so, do they intend to build and operate within the Province a lead smelter and refinery of sufficient capacity?

4. If not, do they intend granting a subsidy to such persons or corporations as will smelt and refine lead ores within the Province?

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

“1. Yes.

“2, 3 and 4, see reply to question No. 1.”

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

1. Are they aware that *T. O. Townley*, Esq., Land Registrar at *Vancouver*, has been elected and is acting as Mayor for the *City of Vancouver*?

2. Has the said *T. O. Townley*, Esq., resigned his position of Land Registrar, or intimated to the Government his intention of so doing?

3. Do the Government consider that it is in the public interest for the Land Registrar of any district to accept a public position like that of the Mayor of *Vancouver*, which takes so large a portion of the incumbent's time, and which is paid by a salary of \$2,000?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. No.

“3. The question has not yet been considered by the Government.”

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

What is and has been during the past year the rate of wages paid on Government road work in the constituencies of *South Nanaimo* and *North Victoria*, respectively?

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

“*South Nanaimo* \$2.50; *North Victoria* \$2.”

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

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

*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.