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Monday, 7th January, 1884.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, papers relating to breaches of the peace and destruction of property on the Indian Reserve, *Metlakatlah*. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented the Report of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the working of the Royal Columbian Hospital. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented the Report of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the conduct and management of the Provincial Asylum for the Insane. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of all correspondence between this Government and that of the Dominion with regard to a Resolution passed by this House on the 20th March, 1883, viz.:—"That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will represent to the Dominion Government the necessity of introducing new varieties of food fish, such as lobster, shad, black bass, oysters, &c., to the waters of this Province; and also the necessity of establishing fish hatcheries for propagating both fresh and salt-water varieties in this Province, similar to those of other Provinces." (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *Semlin* moved the following Resolution:—

That the Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the value of the lands transferred to the Dominion Government in the *Peace River* Country, and on the East Coast of Vancouver Island, be adopted.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of Order.

Mr. *Raybould* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read first time.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Tenth Annual Report of the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Public Appointment Act, 1872.'"

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

Report received and *Ordered* to be considered on Thursday next.

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

Mr. *Semlin* presented a Petition from *C. C. McKenzie*, for a Private Bill.

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

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Thursday, 10th January, 1884.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

Mr. *Armstrong* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *New Westminster* for a Private Bill.

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Petition from *A. C. Fraser, A. McColl*, and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill.

Laid on the table.

The Petition from *C. C. McKenzie* was read and received.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented a Report from the Select Committee on the Chinese question.

The Report was received.

*Ordered*, That the Report, the Address, and draft Bills accompanying same, be printed.

Moved by Mr. *Duck*, seconded by Mr. *Helgesen*,—

Whereas doubts have arisen in regard to the Eastern boundary of British Columbia; and whereas there is a probability that *Calgary*, on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is situated in this Province;

Be it therefore resolved that a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause diligent enquiry to be made during the approaching recess of the House, with a view of obtaining all possible information in the matter, and to report the same to the House at its next session.

Motion withdrawn.

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

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—That it is expedient to institute a more speedy and effective system for the recovery of small debts in the Province, and that an Act be introduced into this Honourable House for that purpose.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole.

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.55, p.m.

Friday, 11th January, 1884.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

The Petition from the Corporation of the City of *New Westminster*, was read and received.

The Petition from *A. C. Fraser, A. McColl*, and others, was read and received.

On the motion of Mr. *Duck*, seconded by Mr. *John*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to call the attention of the Dominion Government to the necessity of providing further public accommodation at the *Victoria Post Office*.

On the motion of Mr. *Duck*, seconded by Mr. *Orr*, it was *Resolved*,—

That in the opinion of this House it is expedient that an Act be introduced for the purpose of providing a better system for the administration of the estates of Intestates in the Province, and that the following Committee be appointed to draft and submit the same, viz.:—Messrs. *T. Davie, Dunsmuir, Galbraith, Pooley, Semlin*, and the mover.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public School Act, 1879.’”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion of Mr. *John*, seconded by Mr. *McTavish*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to recommend to the Dominion Government the expediency of establishing a semi-weekly mail between *Victoria City* and the Districts of *Lake* and *Saanich*; also a semi-weekly mail between *Victoria City* and *Metchosin* and *Sooke* Districts.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the Coroners’ Amendment Act, 1883.”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Dingwall* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend an Act respecting Dogs.”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion of Mr. *John*, seconded by Mr. *Raybould*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Duck, Raybould, Orr, Allen*, and the mover, be appointed for the purpose of enquiring into the claims of *John Nicholson* and others, local Contractors of the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock, with power to call for persons and papers, and report to this House.

Moved by Mr. *Orr*, seconded by Mr. *Duck*,—

That the Government be requested to cause a re-registration of Voters for the Members of the Provincial Legislature. Such re-registration to be taken by the 1st day of August, 1884.

Motion withdrawn.

Mr. *Duck* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to establish a primary school, for the convenience of the children residing in the Northern part of the City of *Victoria*, during the present year?

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

“It is the intention of the Government to make provision in the Estimates for the establishment of a school in *Johnson Street Ward*.”

Mr. *McLeese* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum (say \$300) in the Estimates to assist in running a Ferry across the *Fraser*, at *Soda Creek*, at the Northern end of the *Chilcotin* trail?

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

“The Government await the usual requisition of the *Cariboo* Members before dealing with this subject.”

Mr. *Orr* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government the following question:—

If it is the intention of the Government to alter the Constitution Act, and give the Districts of *New Westminster* and *Yale* an additional Member.

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

“It is the intention of the Government, before the termination of the present Parliament, to amend the Constitution Act, with a view of giving more equitable representation to *New Westminster*, and probably other Districts of the Province.”

Bill (No 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Notaries Public Appointment Act, 1872,’” was re-committed.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Raybould* moved that Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877,’” be now read the second time.

Mr. *Martin* moved in amendment—That the Bill be read a second time this day six months. A debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p. m.

Monday, 14th January, 1884.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Gamble*.

Mr. *Orr* presented the Third Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

The Report was read and received.

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the New Westminster and Port Moody Telephone Company, Limited.”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. *Semlin* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to authorize the admission of Colin Campbell McKenzie as a Barrister and Solicitor of British Columbia.”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Local Administration of Justice Act, 1881,’ so as to provide for the more frequent sitting of the Court of Appeal.”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a return of the Contract, if any, entered into for the construction of a waggon road through *Eagle Pass*, under an Act, passed last Session, intituled the “Eagle Pass Waggon Road Act.”

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a return shewing the amount expended on roads, streets, and bridges, in each Electoral District of the Province, from 30th June, 1883, to 31st December, 1883.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking His Honour to urge upon the Dominion Authorities the desirability of, at an early date, defining the limits of the Railway Lands along the line of Railway on the Mainland.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the storage of gunpowder and other explosive substances."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

Whereas large areas of land have been assigned to the Indians by the Indian Commissioners; and whereas such lands are not utilized by the Indians in any manner, and are not fenced or improved, although the same would be valuable to settlers on account of their agricultural character and quantities of timber, and it is advisable, owing to the increasing scarcity of agricultural land for settlement, that such lands should be open to improvement and cultivation, and their resources utilized;

Be it therefore resolved that a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to recommend to the Dominion Government the re-arrangement of Indian Reserves, so that the agricultural and timber lands not used or required by them may be thrown open to settlers, and the Indians located upon wild lands equally suitable for the purpose for which they require them.

Mr. *Dingwall* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following question:—

When is the County Court Judge for the District of *Nanaimo* (including *Comox* and *Cassiar*) to be appointed, as expressed in sec. 6 of "An Act relating to County Courts?"

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

"There is no expectation of a County Court Judge being appointed for some time. Meanwhile the County Court will be presided over by a Supreme Court Judge."

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

Whether it is the intention of the Government to assert the constitutional rights of the Province to pass Bills for local Railways?

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

"Yes, the Government are prepared to assert at all times the constitutional rights of the Province."

Mr. *Allen* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to pay jurors on inquests the same rate as at the Court of Assize?

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

"It is not the intention of the Government to deal with this question during the present Session."

Mr. *Allen* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following question:—

When will a County Court be held at *Clinton* and *Lillooet*?

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

"I cannot state the precise dates, but County Courts will be held, at the places indicated, early in the spring, and notice will be duly given."

The Order for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Public Appointment Act, 1872,'" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* to be re-committed to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877,'" was resumed.

Leave to withdraw the amendment moved by Mr. *Martin* was granted by the House.

Mr. *Allen* then moved the Previous Question, seconded by Mr. *Wilson*.

Question proposed—"That this question be now put," and *Resolved* in the negative on the following division:—

## YEAS:

## Messieurs

<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Raybould,</i>	<i>John—7.</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>	

## NAYS:

## Messieurs

<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>McLeese,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>
<i>Dingwall,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>McTavish,</i>
<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>	<i>Cowan—14.</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>		

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the question of introducing an Act to facilitate the speedy collection of small debts.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Raybould*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause a Bill to be brought down to this House giving Justices of the Peace civil jurisdiction in the case of debts not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Report *Ordered* to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented a Return showing the names of all persons who have tendered for the construction of the bridge at *Savona's Ferry*, and copies of the correspondence connected therewith. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

And then the House adjourned at 4.30 o'clock, p. m.

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Tuesday, 15th January, 1884.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Gamble*.

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

That whereas an Order of this House was passed on the 5th March, 1883, viz:—

"That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, soliciting His Honour to obtain from the Dominion Authorities a copy of the report of the Engineer in reference to the *Spallmucheen Canal*, and to transmit the same for the information of this House."

And whereas on the 18th of December, 1883, the Honourable the Provincial Secretary informed this House that the aforesaid Address had never been received at his office, and had, apparently, been overlooked;



Be it therefore resolved that a Select Committee be appointed, with power to call for persons and papers, and to report to this House, as to how the said Address could have mis-carried, and how to prevent such irregularities in future; said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Pooley, Martin, Orr, McLeese, Grant*, and the mover.

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Similkameen and Thompson River Railway."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of instructions to Messrs. *Farwell* and *Sproat*, before leaving for *Kootenay*, and copies of their report on the mining, agricultural, and timber resources of that district. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Public Appointment Act, 1872,'" was re-committed.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Transportation Company Act, 1883,'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report considered and adopted.

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

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Resolution reported from the Committee of the Whole on the question of the speedy recovery of small debts, was considered.

Resolution read a first time.

Mr. *Duck* moved the second reading of the Resolution.

The House divided, and it passed in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS:  
Messieurs

*McLeese,*  
*Semlin,*  
*Beaven,*

*Duck,*  
*John,*  
*Robson,*

*Raybould,*  
*Galbraith,*

*Grant,*  
*Cowan—10.*

NAYS:  
Messieurs

*Smithe,*  
*Davie, A. E. B.,*  
*Dingwall,*

*Allen,*  
*Wilson,*  
*Orr,*

*Pooley,*  
*Martin,*  
*Dunsmuir,*

*McTavish,*  
*Helgesen—11.*

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend an Act respecting Dogs," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

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

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented copies of the correspondence relating to the admission of certain pupils of the Public School, *Victoria*, to the High School, at the June, 1883, Examination. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.30 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 16th January, 1884.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Gamble*.

Mr *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to authorize the City of New Westminster to sell certain lands."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. *Orr* moved the following Resolution:—

That this House re-enact the *Fraser River* Railway Company Act, and the *New Westminster* Southern Railway Act, 1883, passed by this House last Session, and lately disallowed by the Dominion Government.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of Order.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the claims of *James McIntosh* for work done on the bridge across the *Thompson River*, at *Lytton*; said Committee to consist of Messrs. *Duck*, *Wilson*, *Cowan*, *Pooley*, and the mover.

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

That Bill No. 10 intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877,'" be placed on the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Public Appointment Act, 1872.'" was considered and adopted.

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

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend an Act respecting Dogs," was considered and adopted.

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

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented a Return to an Order of the House, for a copy of the Contract entered into for the construction of a waggon road through *Eagle Pass*, under an Act, passed last Session, intituled the "Eagle Pass Waggon Road Act." (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* moved that Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1879,'" be now read a second time.

The House divided, and it was resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Smithe*,  
*Davie, A. E. B.*,  
*Dingwall*,  
*Allen*,  
*Cowan*,

*Wilson*,  
*McLeese*,  
*Semlin*,  
*Orr*,

*Davie, T.*,  
*John*,  
*Pooley*,  
*Robson*,

*Martin*,  
*Dunsmuir*,  
*Raybould*,  
*McTavish—17.*

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Beaven*,  
*Helgesen*,

*Duck*,

*Galbraith*,

*Grant—5.*



*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

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

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

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

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Thursday, 17th January, 1884.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Gamble*.

Mr. *Orr* presented the Fourth Report from the Private Bills Committee.  
The Report was received.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented a Report from the Select Committee to whom the Mineral Bill was referred.  
Received.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Davie* the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Gold and other Minerals, excepting Coal," was discharged,

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Gold and other Minerals, excepting Coal."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Grant*, seconded by Mr. *Helgesen*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas there is a very great extent of inland navigable waters on the coast of this Province, extending from *Fuca Straits* to the *Portland Canal*;

And whereas the navigation of said inland waters is of an intricate character;

And whereas a number of sea-going vessels are continually engaged coasting in said waters, and that such coasting trade is rapidly increasing;

And whereas light-houses have not been established north of *Nanaimo* on said waters;

Therefore, be it resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of establishing light-houses at such points on said inland waters as may be found, from reliable information, to be most required.

Mr. *Allen* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

What is the assessed value, per acre, of all uncultivated lands in the *Victoria* and *Esquimalt* Districts?

2nd. Is land improved by fence only assessed at its market value?

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

"A return will be presented embodying the information sought for."

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Return showing the assessed value, per acre, of all unimproved land in *Victoria* and *Esquimalt* Districts. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of all papers and correspondence between the Government and Messrs. *F. B. McNamee & Co.*, or any person in behalf of either, relating to the cancellation of the Contract for the construction of the Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*, on the 27th June, 1882. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented a Return to an Order of the House for—1st. The acreage of land granted under lease to *William Baillie-Grohman*, in the *Lower Kootenay District*; 2nd. The time for which the lease is granted; 3rd. The amount of rent to be paid yearly; 4th. The amount to be expended yearly in reclaiming said land; 5th. The price to be paid to the Government for the land when so reclaimed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1879.'"

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Wilson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again; also that a point of order had arisen, upon which the direction of Mr. Speaker was desired.

Mr. Speaker directed the Chairman that a new clause cannot be received in Committee of the Whole if substantially the same as another clause previously negatived.

The House again went into Committee of the Whole on the said Bill.

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30, p.m.

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Friday, 18th January, 1884.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Gamble*.

Mr. *Pooley* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claims of *James McIntosh*.

Received.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Gold and other Minerals, excepting Coal," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

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

Mr. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act relating to the Law of Evidence."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read first time.

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

Moved by Mr. *T. Davie*, seconded by Mr. *Martin*,—

That the claim of *J. Orr* be referred to the Committee appointed to enquire into the claim of *J. McIntosh*, and to report to this House thereon.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

Monday, 21st January, 1884.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Malachi*.

Mr. *Orr* presented the Fifth Report from the Private Bills Committee, reporting "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster and Port Moody Railway Act, 1882'"

On the motion of Mr. *Orr*, seconded by Mr. *Galbraith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Rule No. 48 be suspended, and the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills extended to the 24th instant; the time for presenting Bills to the House to the 31st instant; and the time for receiving reports on Private Bills to 14th February.

The Fifth Report from the Private Bills Committee was received.

Mr. *Martin* presented a Petition from *Henry P. Bell*, and others, for a Private Bill.  
Laid on the table.

Mr. *Martin* presented a Petition from *John Irving*, and others, for a Private Bill.  
Laid on the table.

Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from *J. A. Webster*, *John Irving*, and others, for a Private Bill.  
Laid on the table.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Land Laws of the Province."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented the Report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the year ending 31st December, 1883. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Statement of Appropriation and Expenditure from 1st July to 30th November, 1883, showing also the sums unexpended and over-expended.

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

That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Select Committee on the Chinese question.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House the annexed Address to His Excellency the Governor-General, and that the following mentioned Bills be also reported to the House:—

"An Act to regulate the Chinese population of British Columbia."

"An Act to prevent the Immigration of Chinese."

*To His Excellency the Governor-General in Council:*

1. The Legislature of the Province of British Columbia beg most respectfully to direct attention to the growing evil of Chinese immigration.

2. In the years 1876, 1879, 1880, 1882, and 1883, the Addresses and Resolutions annexed hereto were passed by this House, relating to the same subject, but hitherto without inducing the Dominion Government to abate the evil.

3. This Province, from its geographical position, is the only one which feels, in all its intensity, the absolute necessity of restrictive legislation to regulate the increasing influx of this most undesirable class of immigrants.

4. The number of Chinese in this Province is variously estimated from 15,000 to 18,000, the large majority of whom were imported here by contractors as labourers, and arrived here

in a condition of comparative destitution; and now, owing to the limited amount of employment that can be obtained during the winter months—the canneries being closed and a partial stoppage of railway work having taken place—a large number of these men are scattered throughout the Province without any visible means of support.

5. This class of our population has been a continual source of expense, especially in matters connected with the administration of justice, owing to the enormous difficulty which exists in dealing with evidence filtered through interpreters, and the utter want of veracity which pervades all their dealings and transactions.

6. They systematically evade taxation, owing to the difficulty of detection and similarity of feature, and there are no means available of compelling them to contribute their fair share to the Provincial revenue.

7. Their sick and destitute are left to perish uncared for, and in every walk in life they prove themselves to be an expensive and objectionable class of inhabitants.

8. By their presence here they most materially affect the immigration of a white population, through whom alone we can hope to build up our country and render it fit for the Anglo-Saxon race.

9. Their habits and associations are of such a class and character that they tend to degrade all with whom they come in contact; and though the Legislature has granted large powers to Municipal Corporations for the purpose of preventing the overcrowding of Chinese dwelling-houses, for promoting cleanliness and ventilation therein, and generally for sanitary purposes, it has been found that every effort of the Municipal Councils in such directions has been ineffectual so far as the Chinese are concerned.

10. Though nominally obedient to law, yet, owing to secret organizations of their own, crimes of all degrees pass undetected and unpunished.

11. The United States and Australia have suffered from the evils which we now deplore, and have by legislative enactment dealt with the subject in a practical manner.

12. We earnestly request that an Act may be introduced by the Dominion Government restricting and regulating the immigration of Chinese.

13. We furthermore desire to point out that the Provincial Government and Municipal Councils, for several years past, have uniformly prohibited the employment of Chinese upon public works; and we earnestly request that the Dominion Government will, in every contract for the execution of Dominion public works in this Province, stipulate against the employment of Chinese, and will direct that, in all works in the Province undertaken by the Dominion, Chinese shall not be engaged.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Grant*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

The Report was received.

*Ordered*, That the Address to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council on the Chinese question, reported to the House from the Committee of the Whole, be engrossed and signed by the Honourable the Speaker, and forwarded to His Excellency the Governor-General forthwith.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to regulate the Chinese population of British Columbia," was read a first time.

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

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to prevent the Immigration of Chinese," was read a first time.

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

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a return of all correspondence between the Government and the Manager of the Bank of British Columbia, with reference to the overdraft obtained from the Bank during the past year.

Moved by Mr. *T. Davie*, seconded by Mr. *Orr*,—

Whereas under "The British North America Act, 1867," sec. 92, sub-sec. 8., the Province has the exclusive right to pass laws relating to saloon and tavern licenses, in order to the raising of a revenue for Provincial, Local, or Municipal purposes;

And whereas the "Dominion Liquor Act, 1883," is an infringement of such right, and its provisions generally are inapplicable to the Province and unjust to its inhabitants;

Be it therefore resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to move the Dominion Government to suspend the operation of the said Act in the Province, and to assure the Dominion Government that the Legislature of this Province is resolved to assert its constitutional rights.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Thursday next.

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

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the question of preparing and reporting an Act relating to the cutting of timber upon Provincial lands, and for the purpose of deriving a revenue therefrom.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee report to the House a Bill intituled "An Act relating to the cutting of Timber upon the Provincial Lands, and for the purpose of deriving a revenue therefrom."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Martin*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

The Report was received.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act relating to the cutting of Timber upon the Provincial Lands, and for the purpose of deriving a revenue therefrom," was read a first time.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Gold and other Minerals, excepting Coal."

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p. m.

Tuesday, 22nd January, 1884.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Malachi*.

The Petition from *John Irving*, and others, was read and received.

The Petition from *J. A. Webster*, *John Irving*, and others, was read and received.

The Petition from *Henry P. Bell*, and others, was read and received.

Mr. *Semlin* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the miscarriage of the Address asking His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to obtain a copy of the Engineer's Report with reference to *Spallmuckeen Canal*, passed on 5th March, 1883.

The Report was received.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented the Reports of Immigration Agents at *Victoria* and *New Westminster* for the year 1883. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Gold and other Minerals, excepting Coal."

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1879.'"

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Thursday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p. m.

Wednesday, 23rd January, 1884.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Malachi*.

Mr. *Raybould* presented a Petition from the Methodist Church in Canada, the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada, and the Bible Christian Church in Canada.

Laid on the table.

Mr. *T. Davie* presented the Sixth Report from the Private Bills Committee. Received.

Mr. *T. Davie* presented the Seventh Report from the Private Bills Committee, reporting the preamble proved of a Bill intituled "An Act to Incorporate the New Westminster and Port Moody Telephone Company, Limited."

Also, that the preamble had not been proved of a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the admission of Colin Campbell McKenzie as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Province."

The Report was received.

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

That that part of the Report relating to "An Act to authorize the admission of Colin Campbell McKenzie as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Province," be referred back to the Committee on Private Bills for them to state the grounds upon which they conclude the preamble of the Bill not proved.

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

That the claims of *McNamee & Co.*, in the construction of the Graving Dock, at *Esquimalt*, be referred to the Committee appointed to enquire into the claim of *John Nicholson* and others.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster and Port Moody Railway Act, 1882,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.



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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to regulate the Chinese population of British Columbia," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p. m.

Thursday, 24th January, 1884.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Malachi*.

Mr. *Martin* presented a Petition from *John Irving*, *M. Lumby*, and others, for a Private Bill.

Read and received.

The Petition from the Methodist Church in Canada, the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada, and the Bible Christian Church in Canada, was received.

Mr. *T. Davie* presented the Eighth Report from the Private Bills Committee, reporting a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the admission of Colin Campbell McKenzie as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Province," and a Bill intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Similkameen and Thompson River Railway."

Received.

Mr. *Martin* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Cariboo and Kamloops Railway."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster and Port Moody Railway Act, 1882,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Land Laws of the Province," was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Smithe*,  
*Davie*, A. E. B.,  
*Dingvall*,  
*Allen*,  
*Cowan*,

*Wilson*,  
*McLeese*,  
*Semlin*,  
*Orr*,

*Davie*, T.,  
*Duck*,  
*John*,  
*Drake*,

*Martin*,  
*Raybould*,  
*Galbraith*,  
*Helgesen*—17.

NAYS:

Mr. *Beaven*—1.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to prevent the Immigration of Chinese," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, to be committed forthwith.

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

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

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented a Report on the *Kootenay* Indians by Mr. *A. S. Farwell*. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 p. m.

Friday, 25th January, 1884.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Malachi*.

The Honourable Mr. *Drake* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor-General, and the following Address:—

To His Excellency the Most Noble HENRY CHARLES KEITH PETTY-FITZMAURICE, *Marquis of Lansdowne, in the County of Somerset, Earl of Wycombe, of Chipping Wycombe, in the County of Bucks, Viscount Calm and Calmsione, in the County of Wilts, and Lord Wycombe, Baron of Chipping Wycombe, in the County of Bucks, in the Peerage of Great Britain; Earl of Kerry and Earl of Shelburne, Viscount Clanmaurice and Fitzmaurice, Baron of Kerry, Lisnaw, and Dunkerron, in the Peerage of Ireland; Governor-General of Canada, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c.*

We, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia in Parliament assembled, beg to offer to Your Excellency our congratulations on your appointment by Her Gracious Majesty to the high office of Governor-General.

We trust that Your Excellency's term of office will be distinguished by an advance in the prosperity of all parts of the Dominion, and that under your rule the great public works now being constructed will be brought to a satisfactory completion, and this Province thus become more firmly united by material bonds to the rest of the Dominion, in addition to the political tie which now exists.

And we hope that before long we shall have the pleasure of introducing Your Excellency to this Province.

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

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Drake*, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*, it was *Ordered* that the Address be engrossed, signed by Mr. Speaker, and forwarded through the usual channel.

Mr. *Orr* presented the Ninth Report from the Standing Orders and Private Bills Committee.

Received.

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

That this House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering a Bill to amend the “Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Act, 1876.”

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That it is desirable to amend the “Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Act, 1876,” so as to empower the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to move the toll gate now at *Alexandra Bridge*, to some point higher up the road, and that the accompanying Bill to provide for the same be reported to the House.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill.

The Report was received and adopted.

The Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Cariboo Waggon Tolls Act, 1876,’” was read a first time.

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

Mr. *Raybould* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act respecting the Union of certain Methodist Churches in Canada.”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the number and date of each licence issued under the “Coal Prospecting Act, 1883;” the names of the persons to whom each licence has been issued, and the acreage and locality of the land.

Mr. *Helgesen* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following question:—

What is the definition of the word “householder,” as used and applied in the Public School Act?

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

“I must respectfully decline to answer the question. The construction of the language of an Act of the Legislature belongs to Judicial tribunals.”

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘New Westminster and Port Moody Railway Act, 1882,’” was read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 23) intituled “An Act to amend and consolidate the Land Laws of the Province.”

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

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

Mr. *Orr* presented the Tenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, reporting a Bill intituled “An Act to authorize the City of New Westminster to sell certain lands.”

Received.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Local Administration of Justice Act, 1881,’” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p. m.

Monday, 28th January, 1884.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

Prayers by the Rev. C. Watson.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act respecting the prevention of fires in unincorporated towns and villages."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Petition from the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Victoria, B. C."

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Dingwall* moved, seconded by Mr. *Allen*,—

That whereas a wholesale slaughter of deer is being carried on in this Province for the sake of their skins, which threatens speedily to exterminate deer in this Province;

And whereas it is expedient to prevent such extermination of deer in this Province;

Therefore be it resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of passing a law restraining the wholesale killing of deer and preventing the sale and exchange in, and the exportation of, deer skins from this Province, for the period of four years.

Withdrawn with leave.

Mr. *Pooley* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Ordinance, 1870.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read first time.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented a Return showing the number and date of each licence issued under the "Coal Prospecting Act, 1883;" the names of the persons to whom each licence has been issued, and the acreage and locality of the land. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

Has any transfer of interest been made in licences issued under the "Coal Prospecting Act, 1883;" if so, what is the number and date of the licence, and the name or nature of the interest transferred?

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

"Mr. *John Thompson* notified the Department on the 29th September, 1883, that he intended to transfer one-half interest in Licence No. 5, dated August 20th, 1883, to Mr. *W. H. Gilbert*.

"This is the only notice of the kind which has been received."

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act relating to the Legal Professions," was discharged.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act relating to the Legal Professions."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Land Laws of the Province."

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for this afternoon.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 p. m. this afternoon.

And then the House adjourned at 12.55 p. m.

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

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Land Laws of the Province."

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

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

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

Mr. *T. Davie* presented the Eleventh Report from the Private Bills Committee, reporting that the Standing Orders, with regard to the Port Moody water privileges Bill of *J. A. Webster*, and others, had not been complied with, and recommending the suspension of Rule 50.

Report received.

Mr. *T. Davie* moved the adoption of the Report.

Ruled out of Order, notice of the motion not having been given.

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 o'clock, p. m.

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Tuesday, 29th January, 1884.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. Watson*.

The Petition from the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union of *Victoria, B. C.*," was read.

The Honourable Mr *Robson* moved, seconded by Mr, *Duck*,—

That the Petition be received and printed.

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

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Minority Report from the Public Accounts Committee, and moved that it be received.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of Order, the Committee not having reported, and the Report not being presented by the Chairman of the Committee.

Mr. *Martin* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Okanagan and Shuswap Railway Company."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Moved by Mr. *Helgesen*, seconded by Mr. *Galbraith*,—

That whereas it is generally admitted that valuable deep-water fisheries exist along the coast of this Province that would contribute largely to the interest and welfare of the country if they were thoroughly known and developed;

And whereas no survey has ever been made with the object of discovering and making public the localities where fish may be taken in sufficient quantities to induce capital and labour to profitably engage in the development of the deep-water fisheries;

And whereas under section 5, sub-section E, of the Terms of Union, Canada agreed to assume and defray the charges for the protection and encouragement of the fisheries belonging to this Province;

And whereas the Dominion Government has hitherto done but little towards the encouragement of the fisheries in this Province;

And whereas the Province deems itself justly entitled to a fair share of the *Halifax* Fishery Award, and more particularly so, as this Province was not included in that provision of the *Washington Treaty*, which allowed the deep-water fish of the Eastern Provinces to enter the United States duty free;

And whereas it is absolutely necessary, in order to fully develop the deep-water fisheries of this Province, that a thorough survey should be made to discover and make known the localities where deep-water fish may be taken;

Be it therefore resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Honour may be pleased to urge upon the Dominion Government that it is desirable and necessary to equip and maintain a vessel on this coast for the purpose of searching for codfish and halibut banks, oyster beds, other kinds of shell-fish, and where black cod and other varieties of fish may be found, and to take landmarks, and define and make an accurate survey of all fishing banks that may be discovered, and report from time to time to this Government; also that copies of the above Address be forwarded to the Members of the House of Commons for the Province.

Moved in amendment by Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Duck*,—

That the fifth clause of the preamble be struck out.

Carried.

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

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to regulate the Chinese population of British Columbia."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Wilson*, Acting Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

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

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

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

Wednesday, 30th January, 1884.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *O. Watson*.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to prevent Chinese from acquiring Crown Lands or making records under the Mineral Acts."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Orr* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to authorize the City of New Westminster to sell certain Lands."

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



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Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the New Westminster and Port Moody Telephone Company, Limited," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act relating to the Law of Evidence," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on Mr. *T. Davie's* motion referring to the "Dominion Liquor Act, 1883," was resumed.

Moved in amendment by Mr. *Raybould*, seconded by Mr. *Dingwall*,—

To strike out the words "and its provisions generally are inapplicable to the Province and unjust to its inhabitants."

Amendment withdrawn with leave.

Original motion withdrawn with leave.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion to refer the claim of Mr. *J. Orr* to a Select Committee, was resumed.

Mr. *Duck* moved the adjournment of the debate, seconded by Mr. *Helgesen*.

The motion was negatived.

The original motion was then put and *Resolved* in the affirmative.

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

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

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Thursday, 31st January, 1884.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. Watson*.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Petition from the Royal City Planing Mills Company, of *New Westminster*, for a Private Bill.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Petition could not be received, the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills having expired.

Mr. *Pooley* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to draft and submit a Bill providing for the better administration of the Estates of Intestates in the Province.

Received.

Mr. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to prevent the desecration of Grave-yards."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to prohibit the use of Opium, except in certain cases."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

That the Eleventh Report of the Private Bills Committee, in the matter of the Petition of *J. A. Webster*, and others, for a Private Bill, be adopted, and that the Standing Orders as to notices, *i. e.*, Rule 50, in the said matter, be suspended.

Mr. *Wilson* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to authorize and empower *J. A. Webster*, and others, to construct Water-works at Port Moody and elsewhere."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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

What steps have the Government taken with regard to a Resolution passed by this House during the last Session, *viz.*—"That it would serve and be conducive to the best interests of "the Province, and afford a vast amount of information to Immigrants and others, were its "natural products publicly, conveniently, permanently, and gratuitously exhibited?"

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

"Some valuable samples have been collected, but have not been placed on exhibition owing to the absence of suitable premises. There is a probability, however, of provision being made for the permanent exhibition of specimens of the natural productions of the country in connection with the Provincial Agricultural buildings which it is proposed to erect on *Beacon Hill Park*."

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Act, 1876,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act relating to the Law of Evidence," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Land Laws of the Province."

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

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

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Return to an Order of the House, showing the number of cases tried by Stipendiary Magistrates appointed under the Act 46 Vic., chap. 30, 1883. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to regulate the Chinese population of British Columbia."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Wilson*, Acting Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

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

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 7.30 p. m., to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p. m.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to prevent the Immigration of Chinese."

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to regulate the Chinese population of British Columbia."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Wilson*, Acting Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Gold and other Minerals, excepting Coal," was considered.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Petition from the Royal City Planing Mills Company, Limited, asking leave to present a Petition for a Private Bill.

The Petition was received.

Mr. *Orr* moved that the Petition be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The motion was negatived.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Administration of Justice Act, 1881.'"

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *T. Davie*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill *Ordered* to be read a third time forthwith.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the storage of gunpowder and other explosive substances," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act respecting the prevention of fires in unincorporated towns and villages," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion to receive and print the Petition from the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Victoria, B. C.," was resumed.

Question proposed and passed in the affirmative. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the New Westminster and Port Moody Telephone Company, Limited," was read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Ordinance, 1870,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act relating to the cutting of Timber upon the Provincial Lands, and for the purpose of deriving a revenue therefrom," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 p. m.

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Monday, 4th February, 1884.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Dwyer*.

Mr. *Galbraith* presented the Twelfth Report from the Private Bills Committee, reporting the preamble proved of a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Union of certain Methodist Churches in Canada."

Received.

Mr. *Beaven* ask leave to introduce a Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend Sub-sections 1, 2, 3, and 4, of Section 1, of the 'Game Protection Act, 1883.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act respecting the transfer of pending business in the County Court of British Columbia."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors Act, 1883.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cariboo Wagon Road Tolls Act, 1876,'" was considered and adopted.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act respecting the prevention of fires in unincorporated towns and villages," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Land Laws of the Province."

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

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

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Annual Report on the Asylum for the Insane for the year 1883. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50, p.m.

Tuesday, 5th February, 1884.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Dwyer*.

Mr. *Wilson* presented a Report, together with a Minority Report, from the Select Committee on Public Accounts.

The Reports were read and received.

Mr. *Semlin* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following question:—

How much money has been received from the Dominion on sale of Graving Dock account, and how much of such receipts remain unexpended?

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

“None.”

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Act, 1876,’” was read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to regulate the Chinese population of British Columbia,” was considered and adopted.

*Ordered* to be read a third time forthwith.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to prevent the Immigration of Chinese,” was considered and adopted.

*Ordered* to be read a third time forthwith.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Duck*,—

That a Select Committee, with power to call for persons and papers, and report to this House, be appointed to enquire into the truth of the statement attributed to the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, to the effect that the Government had decided that the money to be received from the Dominion Government on Graving Dock account, should all be expended upon the Mainland in addition to a fair proportion of the ordinary revenue; and as to whether this decision was communicated to any member of the Legislative Assembly.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*McLeese,*  
*Beaven,*  
*Helgesen,*

*Duck,*  
*John*

*Raybould,*  
*Galbraith,*

*Grant,*  
*Cowan—9.*

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Smithe,*  
*Davie, A. E. B.,*  
*Dingwall,*

*Allen,*  
*Wilson,*  
*Semlin,*

*Davie, T.,*  
*Pooley,*  
*Robson,*

*Drake,*  
*Martin,*  
*McTavish—12.*

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act relating to the Legal Professions,” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report *Ordered* to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act respecting the storage of gunpowder and other explosive substances.”

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

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

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 7.30 p. m., to-day

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p. m.

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

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

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

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Pooley*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

Report *Ordered* to be considered forthwith.

*Resolved*, That a Supply be granted.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

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

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

CLEMENT F. CORNWALL.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province of British Columbia for the year ending 30th June, 1885; and, in accordance with the provisions of "The British North America Act, 1867," he recommends these Estimates to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*5th February, 1884.*

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Land Laws of the Province."

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

Report *Ordered* to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Thursday, the 7th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipality Acts, 1881, 1882, and 1883."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.45 p. m.