

Thursday, 1st February, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *Robert Connell*.

Mr. *Schofield* presented a petition from the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, opposing certain clauses in Bill No. 51 to amend the Vancouver City Act. (No. 2A.)

Received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
1st February, 1912.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders have been complied with in respect to the following petitions:—

Petition No. 7—British Columbia and Alaska Railway Company Act.

Petition No. 10—Penticton Municipality Bill.

Petition No. 11—South-East Kootenay Railway Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL F. MACKAY,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
1st February, 1912.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to validate By-law No. 59 of the City of Prince Rupert" has been proven and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL F. MACKAY,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

By Mr. *Mackay*—Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to extend the Time for the Commencement of Construction of the Line of the South-East Kootenay Railway Company."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Fraser*—Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia and Alaska Railway Company Act, 1910.'"

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Mackay*—Bill (No. 59) intituled “An Act to ratify By-law No. 54 of the District Municipality of Penticton, being the ‘Kettle River Valley Railway Aid By-law, 1911.’”

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipalities Incorporation Act’” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Inheritance Act’” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.45 p.m.

Friday, 2nd February, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *T. W. Gladstone*.

Mr. *Schofield* presented a petition from the Vancouver Power Company, for leave to appear and represent their interests upon the consideration of Bill No. 52 to divide North Vancouver Municipality. (No. 3A.)

Received.

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

1. What number of medical practitioners are maintained to give service to the workmen engaged on the Canadian Northern construction on: (a) Vancouver Island; (b) the Mainland of British Columbia?

2. Are all persons employed to give medical service on the said construction-work members of the British Columbia Medical Association?

3. What rates per month are workmen on said construction charged for medical and hospital service?

4. What rates are charged for fractional parts of a month?

5. In case of a workman being employed only one day during a month, would any fees be charged for medical and hospital services for said one day?

6. If any, how much?

The Hon. Dr. *Young* replied as follows:—

“1. (a) Three; (b) Eight.

“2. All but two.

“3. One dollar per month per man.

“4. When a man works three days or parts thereof in a month, he is charged the monthly fee.

“5. No.

“6. None.”

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Inheritance Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.
Report to be considered on Monday next.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting Forests and Crown Timber Lands, and the Conservation and Preservation of Standing Timber, and the Regulation of Commerce in Timber and Products of the Forest."

The debate was again adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospitals for Insane Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate Ryerson College" was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Municipal Corporation of Fernie" was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.20 p.m.

Monday, 5th February, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *H. A. Collison*.

The following petitions were presented and received:—

By Mr. *Watson*—From "Westminster Hall," for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act. (No. 16.)

By Mr. *Thomson*—From Very Rev. Alexander John Doull and others, for a Private Bill granting certain powers to the Trustees of Christ Church Trust. (No. 15.)

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

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Special Surveys Act.'"

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Brewster*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *McBride*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas Canada and the Mother-country are agreed that it is right and reasonable that all the partners in the Empire should contribute towards the naval defence of that Empire:

And whereas the speedy completion of the Panama Canal must enormously increase the shipping business of this coast:

And whereas the Government of Canada has decided that any scheme of naval defence, to be effective, must be by co-operation with the Mother-country and the other parts of the Empire:

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, That the Dominion Government be urged that, in view of the great importance for the immediate and adequate protection of the Pacific Coast of Canada, the question of naval defence be considered at the earliest possible date:

And be it further *Resolved*, That His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be requested to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Honourable the Secretary of State at Ottawa.

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. How many acres of the lands pre-empted in the years 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, and 1911 have been since abandoned by the pre-emptors?
2. How many acres of such lands have been purchased by the original pre-emptor?

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

“1 and 2. The answer to these questions, in so far as they relate to the years 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, and 1909, will be found in a return made to this House on Thursday, February 13th, 1911. Respecting the years 1910 and 1911, the answer given in said return will apply.”

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following question:—

What lots are owned by the Government in: (a) Fort George Townsite; (b) South Fort George; (c) Additions to Fort George?

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

“(a.) 857; (b) 97; (c) Number of lots owned by the Government in other subdivisions adjacent to the foregoing, 3,896.”

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Works the following questions:—

1. Did Mr. Moffat, Road Superintendent at Quesnel, furnish an estimate of the cost of constructing a bridge over Baker Creek?
2. If so, what was the amount of such estimate?
3. Did the Government build a bridge over Baker Creek?
4. If so, what was the cost of said bridge?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. \$900.
- “3. Yes.
- “4. \$3,071.26.”

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

1. What amount of revenue did the Government derive from Queen Charlotte Islands during the fiscal year 1910-1911?
2. From what sources was such revenue derived, and the amount from each source?

The Hon. *Price Ellison* replied as follows:—

" 1. \$245,271.41.	
" 2. Land sales	\$61,556 26
Timber licences	85,400 00
Coal prospecting licences	90,000 00
Free miners' certificates	944 25
Mining receipts	6,364 65
Licences	160 00
Fines	57 50
Marriage licences	5 00
Revenue tax	783 00
Miscellaneous receipts	75
	—————\$245,271 41"

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Works the following questions:—

1. What was the amount of money expended on each road, trail, or bridge on Queen Charlotte Islands during the fiscal year 1910-1911?
2. What was the total amount expended for all purposes on Queen Charlotte Islands during the said period?

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

" 1. Road, Lawn Hill - Sewell Inlet	\$ 78 50
" " Nadu	1,517 18
" " Masset - Cape Fife	4,436 22
Trail, Sewell Inlet - Kootenay Harbour	74 45
" " Lawn Hill	78 50
" " Lockeport Tasso	3,448 20
" " Miller Creek, west	820 75
" " Skidegate - Lawn Hill	719 00
" " Kundis Slough	42 00
" " West Narrows - Security Bay	109 55
" " North Settlement	490 50
" " Sand Spit - Shingle Bay	180 50
" " Jedway - Collison Bay	339 59
" " Harriet Harbour - Jedway	280 11
" " Jedway - Ikeda Bay	228 75
Trails, Skidegate	5,652 33
Bridge, Lawn Hill	323 75
" " Tel El	311 00
" 2. \$21,708.86 on public works."	

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

1. What amount of taxes has been collected for the year 1911 for lands in: (a) Fort George Townsite; (b) South Fort George; (c) Additions to Fort George?
2. What amount of taxes remains unpaid upon lands in: (a) Fort George Townsite; (b) South Fort George; (c) Additions to Fort George?

The Hon. *Price Ellison* replied as follows:—

“1 and 2. There are not sufficient data available at present in Victoria to answer these questions until a report from the Deputy Assessor and Collector at Barkerville has been received. He has been written to for the report.”

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Works the following questions:—

1. What street-work was authorized by the Government in Quesnel in 1911?
2. How much money was expended on said streets?
3. Out of what appropriation was the moneys paid?
4. Did Mr. J. A. Fraser give instructions to have said street-work done without the knowledge and consent of the Government?

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

“1. Grading.

“2. \$2,421.15.

“3. District appropriation.

“4. Department not advised of any instructions given by Mr. J. A. Fraser.”

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

1. Are the lands granted by the Province to the British Columbia Southern Railway Company in South-East Kootenay assessed for the purposes of taxation?
2. If so, how long have these lands been so assessed?
3. What is the amount of taxation assessed against these lands for each year during the period for which they have been assessed?
4. What amount of money has been paid by the Railway Company in each year on account of such taxation?
5. What amounts of money are still due from the said Railway Company in respect to such taxation?

The Hon. *Price Ellison* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. Since 1908.

“3. 1908, \$64,228; 1909, \$64,228; 1910, \$61,802; 1911, \$61,655.

“4. None.

“5. The amounts given in answer to Question 3 are unpaid, and bear interest at 6 per cent. from the respective dates of delinquency.”

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Works the following questions:—

1. Were tenders invited for the excavation-work for addition to Parliament Buildings at Victoria?
2. If so, how many tenders were received?
3. Who were the persons or firms tendering?
4. What was the amount of the different tenders?
5. To whom was the contract awarded, and at what rate per cubic yard?

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

“1. No; included in general contract.

“2, 3, 4, and 5. Answered by No. 1.”

The report on Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Eighth Day of June, 1911, between His Majesty the King in the Right of the Province of British Columbia, the City of Prince Rupert, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, and the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Company, Limited,” was considered.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the following amendments were made:—

Schedule, p. 4, line 53—The word “the” was inserted before the word “lands.”

Schedule, p. 4, line 42—For the words “Seal Cove Street” substitute the words “Seal Cove Circle.”

Schedule, p. 4, line 32—The words “real and personal” were altered to read “real or personal.”

Schedule, p. 4, line 16—For the word “roundhouses” substitute the word “roundhouse.”

Schedule, p. 3, line 57—The words “to be done anything” were transposed so as to read “anything to be done.”

Schedule, p. 3, line 1—For the words “without the leave” substitute the words “without leave.”

Schedule, page 2, line 32—The word “lands” was substituted for the word “land.”

Preamble, recital 2, line 2—For the words “twenty-second” substitute the words “twenty-first.”

Report as amended adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Hospitals for Insane Act’” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act respecting Forests and Crown Timber Lands, and the Conservation and Preservation of Standing Timber, and the Regulation of Commerce in Timber and Products of the Forest.”

The debate was further adjourned.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 6th February, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *H. A. Collison*.

Mr. *Miller* presented the Ninth and Tenth Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 9.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

6th February, 1912.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That with regard to the undermentioned petitions, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, so far as the publication of the necessary notices in a news-

paper and in the British Columbia Gazette is concerned; but in view of the fact that no public or vested interest will be affected by the proposed Bills, your Committee would recommend that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the petitioners to proceed with their respective Bills:—

- Petition No. 12—City of Nanaimo.
 - Petition No. 14—Vancouver Grain Exchange.
 - Petition No. 15—Christ Church Trust Estate.
 - Petition No. 16—Westminster Hall.
- All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL F. MACKAY,
Chairman.

The report was received and adopted upon suspension of the Rules.

REPORT NO. 10.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
6th February, 1912.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preambles of the undermentioned Bills have been proved and the Bills ordered to be reported with amendments:—

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Fernie."

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Victoria."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL F. MACKAY,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That a Supply be granted His Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

Resolution reported and adopted.

On the motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Honourable the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will, on Friday, the 16th of February, resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. Brewster asked the Hon. the Minister of Works the following questions:—

1. Did the Government build a public wharf at Bella Coola?
2. If so, when?
3. What was the cost of said wharf, exclusive of approaches?
4. What was the cost of the approaches thereto?
5. Have any repairs been since made?
6. If so, when?
7. What was the cost of said repairs?

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

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. 1902.
- “ 3. Accounts for wharf and approach not segregated.
- “ 4. Wharf and approach, \$10,144.95.
- “ 5. Yes.
- “ 6. 1909.
- “ 7. \$2,006.43.”

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Works the following questions:—

1. Who was the foreman in charge of Government road-work at Mara last year?
2. Who were the men employed by this foreman on Government road-work?
3. What was the rate paid these men, including the foreman, per day?
4. What were the dates upon which these men, including the foreman, were employed on Government work for which they received pay?
5. In case of absence of the road foreman, does he employ a deputy?
6. If so, who was the deputy employed?
7. Does the road foreman receive the pay for the men, or how are the men paid?
8. Who has charge of the pay-roll during the absence of the road foreman?

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

- “ 1. C. W. Little.
- “ 2. See copy of time-book laid on the Clerk's table.
- “ 3. Answered by No. 2.
- “ 4. Answered by No. 2.
- “ 5. Arranged by District Road Superintendent.
- “ 6. Answered by No. 5.
- “ 7. No; paid by cheque.
- “ 8. Pay-roll in charge of Road Superintendent.”

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

1. During the month of September, 1911, how many days was Mr. Runnalls engaged in performing the duties of Inspector of Trust Companies, and how many days in dealing with succession duties?
2. During that month how many days was he absent from Victoria?
3. Who was performing the duties of his office in his absence, and did the person so acting have power to deal with succession duties himself without reference to Mr. Runnalls?

The Hon. *Price Ellison* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. No special days were occupied with either duties.
- “ 2. Sixteen days.
- “ 3. No one; as, in the event of Mr. Runnalls being absent, all correspondence in connection with succession duties was forwarded to him and dealt with.”

Bill (No. 5) intituled “ An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Eighth Day of June, 1911, between His Majesty the King in the Right of the Province of British Columbia, the City of Prince Rupert, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, and the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Company, Limited,” was read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting Forests and Crown Timber Lands, and the Conservation and Preservation of Standing Timber, and the Regulation of Commerce in Timber and Products of the Forest."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to validate By-laws numbered 86 and 91 of the Corporation of the City of Fernie" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to validate By-law No. 59 of the City of Prince Rupert" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

By Mr. *Watson*—Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Vancouver Grain Exchange."

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*—Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Nanaimo Railway Company."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Watson*—Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend 'Westminster Hall Act, 1909.'"

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

Wednesday, 7th February, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *Joseph McCoy*.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act relating to the Resurvey of District Lot 264A, Group 1, New Westminster District, and within the Limits of the City of Vancouver" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Works the following question:—

What qualification is required from persons having charge of hoisting machinery in coal, metalliferous, or other mines?

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

“ If hoist machinery is steam-operated, it is in charge of the chief engineer of the steam plant, who must have a certificate of the grade applying to the horsepower of the type of plant, as provided by section 44, chapter 7, of the ‘ Steam-boilers Inspection Act ’ of 1901. In the case of a hoist-tender, who is in no way responsible for any portion of the machinery or boiler, but acts under an engineer qualified as above, no special certificate is required.”

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Works the following questions:—

1. Did the Government send men from Quesnel to Nechaco to work on the Government roads?
2. If so, were these men paid for their time going from Quesnel to Nechaco?
3. Did these men, on their return from Nechaco, bring back their tools and equipage?
4. Were these men paid for their time returning from Nechaco to Quesnel?
5. Is it customary to pay workmen for time going to and from work when such work is distant from the place where they were engaged?

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

- “ 1. No.
- “ 2. Answered by No. 1.
- “ 3. No.
- “ 4. Answered by No. 1.
- “ 5. The Road Superintendent has discretionary powers in this connection.”

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

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce legislation during this session to give effect to the recommendations of the Commission on Taxation?

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

“ The matter is under consideration.”

Bill (No. 50) intituled “ An Act to incorporate Ryerson College ” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 57) intituled “ An Act to validate By-law No. 59 of the City of Prince Rupert ” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 4) intituled “ An Act respecting Forests and Crown Timber Lands, and the Conservation and Preservation of Standing Timber, and the Regulation of Commerce in Timber and Products of the Forest ” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 9) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Special Surveys Act. ’ ”

Bill (No. 10) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Lunacy Act. ’ ”

On the motion of Mr. *Thomson*, Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act respecting Christ Church Trust" was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

Thursday, 8th February, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *Joseph McCoy*.

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

REPORT No. 11.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 8th, 1912.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Salmon Arm" has been proven and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL F. MACKAY,
Chairman.

The report was received.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting Forests and Crown Timber Lands, and the Conservation and Preservation of Standing Timber, and the Regulation of Commerce in Timber and Products of the Forest" 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 4.05 p.m.

Friday, 9th February, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. J. H. S. Sweet.

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

By Mr. *Hayward*—Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act respecting Employment Agencies.”

By Mr. *Shaw*—Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Veterinary Act.’”

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

REPORT No. 12.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
8th February, 1912.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time limited for receiving reports from the Standing Committee on Private Bills be extended from this date to the 16th February instant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL F. MACKAY,
Chairman.

The report was received and adopted.

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

1. Why have not the taxes alleged to be due from the British Columbia Southern Railway Company been collected?

2. How many acres of land owned by the British Columbia Southern Railway Company are assessed for the purpose of taxation?

3. What is the valuation fixed for assessment purposes upon the said lands?

The Hon. *Price Ellison* replied as follows:—

“1. On account of appeals and subsequent negotiations relative to a settlement which are still pending.

“2. In 1908, 3,111,651.28 acres; 1909, 3,077,034.92 acres; 1910, 2,968,916.39 acres; 1911, 3,049,064.87 acres.

“3. In 1908, \$1,655,700; 1909, \$1,655,700; 1910, \$1,545,064; 1911, \$1,541,475.”

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

1. What property on Vancouver Island owned by the Canadian Collieries, Limited, is assessed for the purpose of taxation?

2. What is the valuation for the purpose of taxation placed upon the above property?

3. What amount of taxes has been paid by the Canadian Collieries, Limited, and under what heading?

4. What amount of taxes, if any, are now owing by this company?

The Hon. *Price Ellison* replied as follows:—

“1. The Government has no knowledge of any land on Vancouver Island owned by the Canadian Collieries, Limited. There is no land registered or assessed in that name.

“2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1.”

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act respecting Forests and Crown Timber Lands, and the Conservation and Preservation of Standing Timber, and the Regulation of Commerce in Timber and Products of the Forest” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

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

Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act for the Relief of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Fernie.”

Bill (No. 58) intituled “An Act respecting the City of Victoria.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.25 p.m.

Monday, 12th February, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by *Rev. J. M. Flinton*.

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 12th, 1912.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The preamble proved of the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 55) intituled “An Act granting Extension of Time to Victoria Harbour Railway Company.”

Bill (No. 60) intituled “An Act to extend the Time for the Commencement of Construction of the Line of the South-East Kootenay Railway Company.”

Bill (No. 61) intituled “An Act to incorporate the City of Nanaimo Railway Company.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PARSON,
Chairman.

The report was received.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Liquor Licence Act.’”

Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to amend Chapter 111 of the Revised Statutes.”

Bill No. (4) intituled “An Act respecting Forests and Crown Timber Lands, and the Conservation and Preservation of Standing Timber, and the Regulation of Commerce in Timber and Products of the Forest” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. Dr. *Young* presented a copy of the Report submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by the Hon. Richard McBride, the Hon. W. J. Bowser, and the Hon. W. R. Ross on their mission to Ottawa as a Delegation from the Government of British Columbia.

Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Special Surveys Act’” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered 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 p.m.

Tuesday, 13th February, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. A. N. *Miller*.

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

REPORT No. 13.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
13th February, 1912.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preambles of the undermentioned Bills have been proved and the Bills ordered to be reported with amendments:—

Bill (No. 59) intituled “An Act to ratify By-law No. 54 of the District Municipality of Penticton, being the ‘Kettle River Valley Railway Aid By-law, 1911.’”

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act respecting Christ Church Trust."
All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL F. MACKAY,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

1. What bonds have been issued by the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company and guaranteed by the Government under clause 9 of the Schedule to chap. 3, Statutes of 1910, with date of issue, terms, and conditions?

2. What security has been given by the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company under clause (n), paragraph 7, of Schedule to chap. 3, 1910?

3. Has the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company made any application to the Government for any grant of land under the provisions of clause (d), paragraph 13, of the Schedule to chap. 3, 1910? If so, what applications have been made, and what action has the Government taken thereon?

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

"1. The issue of bonds is £1,438,356; the date of issue was 18th November, 1911; the terms and conditions were as set forth in a certain prospectus, dated 11th November, 1911, and the trust deed mentioned therein. The prospectus is filed with the Treasury Department.

"2. Five thousand fully paid-up shares Canadian Northern Railway, \$500,000.

"3. No."

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Works the following questions:—

1. Were tenders asked for the construction of a traffic bridge across the Columbia River at Revelstoke?

2. If so, who were the persons or firms tendering, and what was the amount of tender in each case?

3. Was any contract for the building of this bridge entered into?

4. If so, who were the persons or firms contracting, and what was the price of the contract?

5. What was the total cost of this bridge when finally completed?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Construction—Gillett & McDonald, \$43,500; International Contract Co., \$47,928; Boyd & Greenlees, \$67,910; Chas. Harvey, \$150,000.

Ironwork—Wm. O'Neil & Co.: Wrought iron, per 100 lb., \$4.95; cast iron, per 100 lb., \$4.10. Ross & Howard Ironworks: Wrought iron, per 100 lb., \$5.67; cast iron, per 100 lb., \$3.67. Schaaque Machine Works: Wrought iron, per 100 lb., \$6; cast iron, per 100 lb., \$3 and \$3.50. Robertson Ironworks: Wrought iron, per 100 lb., \$6.50.

"3. Yes.

"4. Gillett & McDonald: Construction, \$43,500. Schaaque Machine Works: Wrought iron, per 100 lb., \$6; cast iron, per 100 lb., \$3 and \$3.50. Ironwork, total, \$7,327.38.

"5. \$95,531.91. Of this amount \$36,218.20 expended on extra matting and rapping the piers not provided for in contract."

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Have any of the lands reserved under the provisions of section 85, chapter 30, Statutes of 1908, been leased or granted?
2. If so, to what person have such lands been leased or granted?
3. What was the date of such leasing or granting?
4. What were the terms of such leasing or granting?

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

“1, 2, 3, and 4. Grants have been made of the lands reserved under the provisions of section 85, chapter 30 of the Statutes of 1908, to all applicants for the same who furnished proof that they were the owners of the lands to which the said reserves applied. The said grants were issued on the ordinary form provided in the ‘Land Act,’ and no special provisions were inserted therein. No leases have been granted in respect to such reserves.”

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Did the Government agree to convey any Crown lands or any right in Crown lands in the vicinity of Rice Lake or Lynn Creek, North Vancouver, to the British Columbia Electric Railway Company for any purpose whatsoever?
2. If so, what was the nature of such agreement, and what action has been taken by the Government to implement such agreement?
3. Did the agreement (if any) between the Government and the British Columbia Electric Railway Company affect any existing rights of the District or City of North Vancouver?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. The Government agreed to the transfer of a purchase right to Lots 856 and 857, Group 1, New Westminster District, from the Corporation of the District of North Vancouver to the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, but took no action to implement such agreement.

“3. Yes; both.”

Bill No. (4) intituled “An Act respecting Forests and Crown Timber Lands, and the Conservation and Preservation of Standing Timber, and the Regulation of Commerce in Timber and Products of the Forest” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Lunacy Act’” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act relating to the Resurvey of District Lot 264A, Group 1, New Westminster District, and within the Limits of the City of Vancouver.”

Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to amend Chapter 111 of the Revised Statutes.”

On the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Liquor Licence Act,’” a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
13th February, 1912.

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 'Licence of Canneries Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Bill 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 4.40 p.m.

Wednesday, 14th February, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. A. N. *Miller.*

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*,—

Whereas by a Resolution passed on March 7th, 1908, this House declared that the grant of \$100,000 annually for ten years, provided by the "British North America Act, 1907," to be paid to this Province, is inadequate as a settlement of the claims of British Columbia for special treatment at the hands of Canada; and

Whereas this House affirmed in said Resolution its right to further urge on the Dominion Government that steps be taken to bring about a fair and adequate settlement of the recognized claim of this Province; and

Whereas it appears from the Report of Hon. R. *McBride*, Hon. W. J. *Bowser*, and Hon. W. R. *Ross*, a Delegation from the Government of British Columbia to Ottawa in November, 1911, that, in response to their representations, the Dominion Government is prepared to appoint a Commission, as requested in a memorandum submitted to the Dominion Government by the Hon. R. *McBride* on October 9th, 1906, to investigate the merits of the claim made by this Province; such Commission to be composed of three persons of eminent repute, one Commissioner to be named

by the Dominion, one by the Province, and the third by agreement of the two Commissioners, or, failing such agreement, by the Secretary of State for the Colonies:

Therefore, be it Resolved, That this House endorses the course taken by said Delegation, and is of the opinion that such Commission be appointed at an early date; and that an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor requesting that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Hon. the Secretary of State at Ottawa.

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

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

1. What persons or firms have been engaged during the last three years in drafting legislation on behalf of the different departments?
2. What service has been rendered by each of such persons or firms?
3. What was the total amount paid, or to be paid, to such persons or firms for such service?

The Hon. *Price Ellison* replied as follows:—

“1. Messrs. Elliott, Maclean & Shandley, Wilson & Bloomfield, R. S. Lennie, and B. P. Wintemute.

“2. Messrs. Elliott, Maclean & Shandley: Drafting ‘Motor-traffic Regulation Act,’ ‘Trust Companies Regulation Act,’ ‘Liquor Licence Act,’ ‘Amendment to Constitution Act,’ ‘Railway Act,’ and ‘Reclamation of Land Act.’ Messrs. Wilson & Bloomfield: Drafting ‘Water Act’ and ‘Companies Act.’ R. S. Lennie: Drafting ‘Insurance Act.’ B. P. Wintemute: Drafting ‘Mechanics’ Lien Act.’

“3. Messrs. Elliott, Maclean & Shandley, \$1,200; Wilson & Bloomfield, \$4,050; R. S. Lennie, \$525; B. P. Wintemute, \$100.”

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*,—

That whereas the feeling in the Province of British Columbia has long been opposed to Asiatic immigration; and

Whereas numerous representations have been made by the Legislative Assembly of this Province to the Federal authorities, setting forth the views of the people at various times as being in favour of effectual exclusion; and

Whereas on account of the action of the Dominion Government on several occasions in disallowing local legislation, framed on the lines of the commonly called “Natal Act,” with the object of preventing such immigration, the local Legislature has been prevented from exercising authority on its own behalf; and

Whereas a Delegation from the Government of British Columbia, whose report has been submitted to this House, has recently made further and urgent representations on the subject to the Federal authorities to the effect that the immigration from Oriental countries still continues in a degree constituting a menace to white labour and the desire to preserve British Columbia as a white man’s domain:

Therefore, be it Resolved, That this House heartily concurs in the representations made by the said Delegation to the Right Honourable R. L. Borden, Prime Minister of Canada, and desires to express its great satisfaction at the announcement that the Government of British Columbia will be consulted in connection with the new Treaty with Japan so far as consideration specially affecting British Columbia may be concerned; and

Be it further Resolved, That His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be requested to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Honourable the Secretary of State at Ottawa.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate Ryerson College" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to validate By-laws numbered 86 and 91 of the Corporation of the City of Fernie" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Fernie" was adopted.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Victoria" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Salmon Arm" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

*Government House,
14th February, 1912.*

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. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to extend the Time for the Commencement of Construction of the Line of the South-East Kootenay Railway Company" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. the Premier presented the Preliminary Review and Estimate of Mineral Production for the Year 1911.

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.