

Thursday, March 14th, 1907.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

The following petitions were presented :—

By Mr. *Ellison*—From *Edgar Bloomfield* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate The Coldstream Telephone Company. (No. 2.)

By Mr. *King*—From *D. C. Corbin* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate The Kootenay Southern Railway Company. (No. 5.)

By Mr. *Davey*—From *E. C. Baker* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate The Prince Rupert Light and Power Company. (No. 13.)

By Mr. *King*—From *Archibald Leitch* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate The East Kootenay Logging Railway Company. (No. 12.)

By Mr. *Thomson*—From Sir *Charles H. Tupper* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate The Rainy Hollow Railway Company. (No. 14.)

The following petitions were received :—

From *Edgar Bloomfield* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate The Exploration, Smelting & Mining Co. (No. 3.)

From the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for a Private Bill granting additional powers to the City. (No. 15.)

From *A. W. Giles*, for a Private Bill to incorporate The Imperial Fire Underwriters Company. (No. 16.)

From *Edgar Bloomfield* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate the Cariboo and Bella Coola Railway Co. (No. 4.)

From Slough Creek, Limited, for a Private Bill to consolidate certain mining leases and mining claims. (No. 8.)

From the Bullion Hydraulic Mining Co., for a Private Bill to consolidate certain mining leases and claims. (No. 10.)

From *F. J. Procter* and others, of Vancouver, for a Private Bill to incorporate the "Vancouver Stock Exchange." (No. 6.)

From the Cariboo Gold Mining Co., for a Private Bill to consolidate certain mining leases and claims. (No. 9.)

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

By Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*—Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act Regulating the Hours of Labour in certain Industries."

By Mr. *Williams*—Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting the Payment of Workmen's Wages."

On the motion of Mr. *Ellison*, Private Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act respecting The Securities Corporation of British Columbia," was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* presented a Statement of Special Warrants signed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the expenditure incurred thereon, between 12th March, 1906, and 12th March, 1907.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act, 1902,'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act for Licensing Non-resident Commercial Travellers or Agents for sale of Liquors and Tobacco," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act relating to Trade and other Licences outside Municipal Boundaries," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the 'Succession Duty Act' and amending Acts," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Veterinary Medical Association," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Garden*, Private Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Portland Canal Railway Company," was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Railway Committee.

Mr. Speaker *Eberts* informed the House that he had received the resignation of the Hon. *R. McBride* for Dewdney District, and had issued his warrant for a new election to fill the vacancy.

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.

Friday, March 15th, 1907.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

The following petitions were received:—

From *Edgar Bloomfield* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate The Coldstream Telephone Company. (No. 2.)

From *D. C. Corbin* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate The Kootenay Southern Railway Company. (No. 5.)

From *E. C. Baker* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate The Prince Rupert Light and Power Company. (No. 13.)

From *Archibald Leitch* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate The East Kootenay Logging Railway Company. (No. 12.)

From Sir *Charles H. Tupper* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate The Rainy Hollow Railway Company. (No. 14.)

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Fulton*, Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act,'" was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

Is it the intention of the Government to complete the trunk road from Coal Creek to Port Renfrew, during the coming season?"

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

"No."

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

Is it the intention of the Government to construct a new bridge across the Sooke River on trunk road, during the coming season?"

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

"Yes."

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

What amounts of money have been paid to Mr. *Peter Peebles* and for what purpose, and the date of payment in each case since June 1st, 1903, to the present time?"

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

" March 10th, 1903—	Sundry repairs, New Westminster Government Offices . . .	\$	34	75
June 13th, "	" " " " . . .		10	75
	Furniture, New Westminster Court House		74	55
August 4th, "	Clerk of Works, Asylum for the Insane, 9 days @ \$5 . .		45	00
" 28th, "	" " " " 35 " 5 . .		175	00
Sept. 24th, "	" " " " 26 " 5 . .		130	00
Oct. 10th, "	" " " " 26 " 5 . .		130	00
Nov. 16th, "	" " " " 27 " 5 . .		135	00
Dec. 7th, "	" " " " 21 " 5 . .		105	00
Feb. 18, 1904—	" " " " 27 " 5 . .		135	00
May 13th, "	Lumber, New Westminster Government Offices		1	00
June 30th, "	Superintendent of construction, Ladner School		155	00
July 11th, "	Bookcase, etc., New Westminster Offices		6	50
Oct. 31st, "	Labour, etc., setting up hyloplate, Ladner School		116	30
Dec. 2nd, "	Sundry repairs and alterations, Assessor's Office		100	00
Jan. 4th, 1905—	Labour and material <i>re</i> contract, Rosedale School		1,850	00
March 2nd, "	" " " " " "		150	00
March 30th, "	" " " " " "		300	00
" "	" " " " East Chilliwack School		400	00
" "	" " " " " "		1,000	00
April 12th, "	Labour setting up seats, Rosedale School		31	30
" "	Painting blackboards, " "		32	60
May 6th, "	Balance of contract, " "		191	72
" "	On account of contract, East Chilliwack School		149	80
April 4th, "	Sundry repairs, New Westminster Office		20	00
August 15th, "	" " Hall's Prairie School		400	00
" "	Turntable for cash registers, N. W. Bridge		10	00
August 21st "	Sundry repairs, Court House, New Westminster		75	00
August 31st, "	" " Anniedale School		97	00
Oct. 1st, "	" " Ferndale "		41	00
" "	" " Court House, New Westminster		9	00
Oct. 5th, "	" " Government Offices, "		4	60

Carried forward 6,115 87

		<i>Brought forward</i>	\$6,115 87
Oct. 5th,	1905—Cedar cabinet,	New Westminster...	68 50
Nov. 7th,	" Double desk,	"	57 50
Nov. 23rd,	" Shelving,	"	26 75
Nov. 29th,	" Installing steel document files,	"	349 00
Dec. 20th,	" Double desk,	"	60 00
Feb. 16th,	1906—Sundry repairs,	"	161 40
"	" "	"	70 00
April 26th,	" Labour and material raising Glen Bridge		25 00
	" Sundry repairs, Blue Mountain School		150 00
May 14th,	" " "		35 45
June 5th,	" Erecting new toll-house, New Westminster Bridge		234 50
July 6th,	" Sundry furniture, New Westminster Offices .		70 00
"	" Labour and material <i>re</i> basement, "		285 00
August 14th,	" " " "		232 12
Sept. 1st,	" Building fence, Blue Mountain School		180 00
Sept. 6th,	" On account of contract, Chilliwack School		1,500 00
Oct. 9th,	" " " "		1,100 00
Nov. 19th,	" " " "		800 00
Jan. 28th,	1907—Balance of contract "		854 89
			\$12,375 98

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act for Licensing Non-resident Commercial Travellers or Agents for the sale of Liquors and Tobacco," was adopted.
Third reading on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act relating to Trade and other Licences outside Municipal Boundaries," was adopted.
Third reading on Monday next.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the 'Succession Duty Act' and amending Acts," was committed.
Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 6) intituled an Act to incorporate the British Columbia Veterinary Medical Association," was again committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again 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, March 18th, 1907.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Campbell*, Ph.D.

Mr. *Garden* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Vancouver, for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act. (No. 17.)

The following Bills were introduced :—

By the Hon. Mr. *Fulton*—Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Administration Act.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Fulton*—Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Supreme Court Act.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Fulton*—Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to revive and continue the existence of certain Companies.”

Read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to Ratify an Order in Council regarding Probate Duty,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
18th March, 1907.

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 a Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to Ratify an Order in Council regarding Probate Duty.”

Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Resolution “That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session be taken into consideration,” was considered.

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

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act relating to Trade and other Licences outside Municipal Boundaries,” was read a third time and passed.

Order called for the House to again resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Assessment Act, 1903.’”

Mr. Speaker *Eberts* gave the following ruling on the reserved point of order reported from Committee of the Whole on the 14th inst. for the decision of the Chair :—

“The above Bill was introduced by Message in the usual way. When in Committee the clauses at the end of this ruling were introduced. Objection was taken that same could not be introduced except by Message.

“It might be that the amendments create no increased taxation, but I have no facts or figures before me to shew whether this is the case or not, and as the amendments contemplate the creation of incidental charges of taxation the safer course would be to have them, in the words of *May*, page 529, 10th edition : ‘sanctioned by the resolution of a Committee appointed upon the recommendation of the Crown and agreed to by the House,’ and so I rule.

“D. M. EBERTS, *Speaker.*”

“5B. The owner of every salmon cannery within the Province shall, in addition to the taxes imposed by this Act on real property, personal property, other than salmon and income, be taxed at the rate of two cents on each case of salmon packed by him during the year ending

the 31st day of December, and in addition to such a tax of one per cent. on the total price for which any salmon, other than canned salmon, has been sold by him during said year. The total pack of canned salmon, and of salmon other than canned salmon, for the year ending 31st December, 1906, shall be taken as the basis of assessment and taxation for the year 1907, and thereafter a similar principle shall be adopted, by taking the total pack of canned or other salmon of the year preceding the date of assessment as the basis of assessment and taxation for the current year's assessment roll or supplementary roll for said year. The owner of every salmon cannery shall, not later than the 31st day of January in every year, furnish to the Assessor a return on a form to be supplied by the Assessor, showing the total number of cases of salmon packed by him for the year ending the immediately preceding 31st day of December, together with the number or quantity of salmon sold or marketed by him under any other process than canning (such as freezing, curing or pickling), and the price for which the same were sold or marketed.

"5c. The personal property other than salmon of every salmon cannery liable to assessment under this Act shall include machinery, stores, goods and other chattels, usually employed by and found at salmon canneries, or used in connection with the trade of salmon canning, or of preparing and converting the natural salmon into an article of commerce, whether by canning, freezing, curing or pickling, or by any other process, and such personal property shall be assessed in one sum at the following fixed and specified amounts for each cannery, as the same may respectively be applicable to each cannery: The personal property of a one-line cannery shall be assessed in one sum at the value of ten thousand dollars, a two-line cannery at the value of fifteen thousand dollars, a three-line cannery at the value of twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars, and a four-line cannery at the value of thirty thousand dollars; and if any cannery shall be established having a greater capacity than four lines, then the assessed values shall be increased ten thousand dollars for each additional line above four lines.

"5d. The term 'salmon' in this section shall include all kinds and classes of fish, usually known and described by the trade names of sockeyes, red and white springs, humpbacks, dog salmon, cohoes and steelheads, and the term 'one-line cannery' shall mean and include a cannery where the operating machinery is used in one continuous and complete process for the purpose of converting the natural salmon into canned salmon, or salmon otherwise prepared for the market as an article of commerce, and, similarly, the terms 'two-line,' 'three-line' or 'four-line' canneries mean and include canneries where a double, triple or quadruple plant is operated to produce canned or prepared salmon for the market by similar continuous and complete processes.

"5e. The taxes payable under this section shall be subject to all the provisions of this Act with regard to the due date, collection and proceedings for recovery of the other taxes imposed in this Act, and as the assessment of the personal property of the owners of salmon canneries has been fixed by the Revised Assessment Roll for the year 1907 on a principle different from that set forth in the preceding sections, the Assessor is authorised to cancel such assessment and to correct the said Roll in accordance herewith, and to send corrected notices of assessment to each of said owners, and the amount shown due on each of said corrected notices shall be the tax payable for the year 1907, and no appeal against such corrected assessment and tax for said year shall be allowed."

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Veterinary Association," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

1. What was the total cost to the Province of the Bella Coola colony from 1894 to June 30th, 1906?

2. What was the total amount of the taxes paid by the Bella Coola colonists from 1894 to June 30th, 1906?

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

" 1. Public Works	\$54,441	24
Education	10,555	28
Salary and expenses of constable.	2,017	65

Total	\$67,014	17
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" 2. \$8,773.75."

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

And then the House adjourned at 3 P. M.

Tuesday, March 19th, 1907.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Campbell*, Ph.D.

The petition from the City of Vancouver for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act (No. 17) was received.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act for Licensing Non-resident Commercial Travellers or Agents for the sale of Liquors and Tobacco," was read a third time and passed.

The report on Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the 'Succession Duty Act' and amending Acts," was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* moved to amend Schedule A, Form 4, in line 7, by striking out the words "at the request of the Minister of Finance for the Province of British Columbia," and adding at the end the words "Minister of Finance."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* moved to amend Schedule A, Form 2, in line 16, by inserting the word "this" between "at" and "day."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to Ratify an Order in Council regarding Probate Duty," was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to revive and continue the existence of certain Companies," was read a second time on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Tatlow,
McBride,
Fulton,
Ellison,
Bowser,

Ross,
Shatford,
Thomson,
Hunter,
Cotton,

Taylor,
Gifford,
Grant,
McGuire,
Behnsen,

Young,
Hayward,
Parson,
Davey,
Schofield—20.

NAYS :

Messieurs

King,
Naden,
Eagleson,
Jones,

Yorston,
Kergin,
Oliver,
J. A. Macdonald,

Henderson,
Jardine,
Brewster,

Williams,
Hawthornthwaite,
McInnis—14.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

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

1. What is the number of ratepayers in the Electoral Districts of Esquimalt, Cowichan, Newcastle, Nanaimo, Alberni, Delta, Dewdney and Richmond, respectively, taxed at three-fifths of one per cent. ?

2. What is the number for same districts taxed at one per cent. ?

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

“ 1. Esquimalt Division of Victoria Assessment District, 466.

Cowichan Assessment District, 287.

Nanaimo Assessment District (North and South and City), 545.

Alberni Assessment District, 490.

New Westminster Assessment District (includes Delta, Dewdney and Richmond Electoral Districts), 1,667.

“ 2. Esquimalt Division of Victoria Assessment District, 250.

Cowichan Assessment District, 113.

Nanaimo Assessment District, 177.

Alberni Assessment District, 74.

New Westminster Assessment District, 1,101.

NOTE.—In each of the answers, town lots are included. It is impracticable to give figures for the Electoral Districts.

And then the House adjourned at 3:15 P. M.

Wednesday, March 20th, 1907.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Campbell*, Ph.D.

Mr. *Ross* presented a petition from *Samuel Ainsley* and others, *re* Curfew Law.

Mr. *Bowser* presented the Third and Fourth Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

THIRD REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 20th, 1907.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Standing Orders have not been complied with as to publication of notice and presentation of petition in connection with the undermentioned Petitions :—

(No. 14), being An Act to incorporate “The Rainy Hollow Railway Company.”

(No. 16), being An Act to incorporate the "The Imperial Fire Underwriters' Company."

(No. 17), being An Act to amend "The Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900."

Your Committee recommends that Rules 57 and 59 be suspended with reference to the three above-mentioned Petitions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. BOWSER,
Chairman.

The report was received and adopted.

FOURTH REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 20th, 1907.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned Petitions have been complied with :—

(No. 1) An Act to revive, ratify and confirm "The Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act, 1905."

(No. 2) An Act to incorporate "The Coldstream Telephone Company."

(No. 3) An Act to incorporate "The Cariboo and Pacific Mining, Smelting and Development Company."

(No. 4) An Act to incorporate "The Bella Coola Railway Company."

(No. 5) An Act to incorporate "The Kootenay Southern Railway Company."

(No. 6) An Act to incorporate "The Vancouver Stock Exchange."

(No. 8) An Act respecting "Slough Creek, Limited."

(No. 9) An Act respecting "The Consolidation of Leases held by the Cariboo Gold Mining Company."

(No. 10) An Act respecting the Consolidation of the Leases held by the "Bullion Hydraulic Mining Company."

(No. 12) An Act to incorporate "The East Kootenay Log Railway Company."

(No. 13) An Act to incorporate "The Prince Rupert Light and Power Company."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. BOWSER,
Chairman.

The report was received and adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*, Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act, 1900,'" was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable the Premier presented the Report submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by the Honourable *R. McBride* of the proceedings in Conference of the Representatives of Canada and of the Provinces at *Ottawa*, October, 1906.

The following Private Bills were introduced, read a first time and referred to the Railway Committee :—

By Dr. *King*—Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to incorporate the East Kootenay Logging Railway Company."

By Dr. *Kergin*—Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to Revive, Ratify and Confirm the 'Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act, 1905.'"

By Mr. *McGuire*—Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Bella Coola Railway Company.”

By Dr. *King*—Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Kootenay Southern Railway Company.”

The following Private Bills were introduced, read a first time and referred to the Private Bills Committee :—

By Mr. *Ellison*—Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Coldstream Telephone Company.”

By Mr. *Macgowan*—Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Cariboo and Pacific Mining, Smelting and Development Company.”

By Mr. *Macgowan*—Bill (No. 55) intituled “An Act to incorporate The Vancouver Stock Exchange.”

By Mr. *Thomson*—Bill (No. 57) intituled “An Act respecting Slough Creek, Limited.”

By Mr. *Macgowan*—Bill (No. 58) intituled “An Act respecting the Consolidation of the Leases held by the Cariboo Gold Mining Company.”

By Mr. *Macgowan*—Bill (No. 59) intituled “An Act respecting the Consolidation of the Leases held by the Bullion Hydraulic Mining Company.”

By Mr. *Davey*—Bill (No. 62) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Prince Rupert Light and Power Company.”

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

1. What particular repairs did Mr. *P. Peebles* make to the Hall's Prairie School for which he was paid \$400 on August 15th, 1905?

2. What are the particulars of “Labour, etc., setting up hyloplate, Ladner School,” for which Mr. *Peter Peebles* was paid \$116.30 on October 31st, 1904?

3. What are the particulars of “Erecting new toll house, New Westminster Bridge,” for which Mr. *P. Peebles* was paid \$234.50 on June 5th, 1906?

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

“1. Lifting the whole building to a proper level and placing 1 x 12 single-dressed fir from the ground to the bottom line of water table. Lining the whole of class and cloak-room walls with T. and G. Putting up 18 feet of new blackboard. Repairing doors and 12 panes of glass in windows. Removing platform and steps and erecting porch, cottage roof, with sills, posts, joists, etc. Finishing outside with rustic shingle, roof cornice and gutter, window, lights, steps to entrance, etc. Removing 2 feet of chimney and replacing same with new bricks. Repairing gutter main building. Painting whole of building and blackboard.

“2. The amount in question is made up as follows, as taken from the voucher :

“From August 1st to August 16th—15 days at \$5 per day	\$ 75 00
Oct. 11th—Time fitting up hyloplate	9 00
June —Trip to Ladner to get information as to what was required. Preparing plan and specification for same, as per instructions of May 31st; time, 3 days @ \$5	15 00
“ —Hire of rig, ferry, feed, 8 meals	5 50
July —Cash paid out in trips to Vancouver, etc., about seats and hyloplate, at different times	5 25
Oct. 11th—Trip to Ladners to put up hyloplate: Rig, \$4; ferry, 70cts.; feed of horse, 50cts.; men's meals, 50cts.; freight on hyloplate, 35cts.; expressing on same, 50cts	6 55
	\$116 30

“N.B.—The 15 days first mentioned are for services in connection with the completion of the 4-room school building at Ladner, in accordance with specification submitted. The cost of fitting up the hyloplate was \$15.55.

"3. 1906, April and May—To erecting new toll-house, 2 W. C's., to moving old toll-house from centre of bridge to end of span and projecting flush with inside guard-rail, and other works as authorised by Public Works Engineer :

W. Greig	66 hours @ \$0 40	....	\$26 40
W. Peacock	114 " 40	....	45 60
J. Lindsay	5 days " 3 00	....	15 00
G. Johndro	27 hours " 40	....	10 80
B. C. E. Ry. Co.	800 lbs. rails " 02	....	16 00
Vulcan Iron Works, cutting rails .....		....	1 20
Westminster Express Co. ....		....	4 50
P. Peebles	23 days @ \$5 00	....	115 00

\$234 50 "

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

1. Did Mr. *P. Peebles* lift any of the covering of the New Westminster Bridge for the purpose of examining the stringers under same?

2. If so, what are the particulars of the work done and the amount paid therefor?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

Is it the intention of the Government to build a new school-house at Annieville this summer?

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

"Yes."

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

1. What were the particular circumstances connected with the advance of \$12,600 to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, as per Balance Sheet, Public Accounts, 1906?

2. What authority has the Government for making this advance?

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

"1. Advance to J. R. Martin, Timber Inspector, Nelson, for travelling expenses	\$ 100 00
Advance for the purchase and payment to W. H. Chase for Lots 1 and 2, Block 51, Sub-division Lot 541, Group 1, Vancouver City, as site for new Court House at Vancouver	10,900 00
Advance to J. H. Gray, P. L. S., for outfit, travelling expenses, &c., in the exploration and survey of the Bulkley Valley	1,500 00
Advance to C. M. Roberts, assistant to J. H. Gray in the survey of Bulkley Valley	100 00
	\$12,600 00

"2. Section 41 of the "Revenue Act," R. S., under which the following Orders in Council were submitted, viz:—

Order in Council approved September 6th, 1901, for	\$ 100 00
" " " March 29th, 1906, for	10,900 00
" " " May 10th, 1906, for	1,500 00
" " " May 10th, 1906, for	100 00

\$12,600 00

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

1. The names of all companies that will be affected by the passage of Bill (No. 18) of the present Session?

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

"I have no means of knowledge."

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

1. Have the following lands in Highland District been alienated:—Sections 43a, 46a, 45a and sections 50, 44, 48, 49, 60, 61?

2. If so, to whom?

3. In what way?

4. When?

5. Are the holders of any improving or occupying the same?

6. Which sections, if any, are open to pre-emption?

7. Is there any Order in Council prohibiting the pre-emption of one-quarter sections containing an excess of 160 acres? Will pre-emptions of part of same be allowed?

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

“1. Sections 46a, 45a, 50, 44, 49 have been alienated;

“ 43a does not exist.

“2. Section 46a alienated to W. Lorimer;

“ 45a “ A. T. Goward;

“ 50 “ Annie Wilkinson and W. T. Williams;

“ 44 “ A. T. Goward;

“ 49 “ Annie Wilkinson and W. T. Williams.

“3. Section 46a, application for timber licence;

“ 45a, private sale;

“ 50 “

“ 44 “

“ 49 “

4. “Section 46a, 9th March, 1907;

“ 45a, 13th March, 1907;

“ 50, 30th January, 1907;

“ 44, 13th March, 1907;

“ 49, 30th January, 1907.

“5. I cannot say.

“6. None of the sections are open to pre-emption.

“7. Yes; the question of allowing part of these sections to be pre-empted will be taken into consideration.”

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

1. Number of smelters in British Columbia, and capitalisation of each company operating same?

2. The number of men working or employed in each smelter?

3. The total declared profits or dividends of each smelter for the year 1906?

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

“1. 12; capitalisation of each company operating same unknown.

“2. No record.

“3. No record; operating companies are generally engaged in mining as well as smelting.”

The Honourable the Premier presented an extract from a report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved 2nd April, 1906, *re* the Tsimpsean Indian Reserve. Also, a copy of the Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated 30th January, 1907, for copies of documents relating to the Metlakahtla Indian Reserve.

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

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Investment and Loan Societies Act,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
20th March, 1907.

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 a Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Investment and Loan Societies Act,'" and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

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

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to Assess, Levy and Collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
19th March, 1907.

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 a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to Assess, Levy and Collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies," and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

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

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith to the Legislative Assembly the following sub-sections, with a recommendation that they be added to Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act, 1903," immediately after sub-section 5A of section 4 of the said Bill.

Government House,
19th March, 1907.

"5B. The owner of every salmon cannery within the Province shall, in addition to the taxes imposed by this Act on real property, personal property, other than salmon and income, be taxed at the rate of two cents on each case of salmon packed by him during the year ending the 31st day of December, and in addition to such a tax of one per cent. on the total price for which any salmon, other than canned salmon, has been sold by him during said year. The total pack of canned salmon, and of salmon other than canned salmon, for the year ending 31st December, 1906, shall be taken as the basis of assessment and taxation for the year 1907, and thereafter a similar principle shall be adopted, by taking the total pack of canned or other salmon of the year preceding the date of assessment as the basis of assessment and taxation for the current year's assessment roll or supplementary roll for said year. The owner of every salmon cannery shall, not later than the 31st day of January in every year, furnish to the Assessor a return on a form to be supplied by the Assessor, showing the total number of cases of salmon packed by him for the year ending the immediately preceding 31st day of December,

together with the number or quantity of salmon sold or marketed by him under any other process than canning (such as freezing, curing or pickling), and the price for which the same were sold or marketed.

"5c. The personal property, other than salmon, of every salmon cannery liable to assessment under this Act shall include machinery, stores, goods and other chattels usually employed by and found at salmon canneries, or used in connection with the trade of salmon canning, or of preparing and converting the natural salmon into an article of commerce, whether by canning, freezing, curing or pickling, or by any other process, and such personal property shall be assessed in one sum at the following fixed and specified amounts for each cannery, as the same may respectively be applicable to each cannery: The personal property of a one-line cannery shall be assessed in one sum at the value of ten thousand dollars, a two-line cannery at the value of fifteen thousand dollars, a three-line cannery at the value of twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars, and a four-line cannery at the value of thirty thousand dollars; and if any cannery shall be established having a greater capacity than four lines, then the assessed values shall be increased ten thousand dollars for each additional line above four lines.

"5d. The term 'salmon' in this section shall include all kinds and classes of fish, usually known and described by the trade names of sockeyes, red and white springs, humpbacks, dog salmon, cohoes and steelheads, and the term 'one-line cannery' shall mean and include a cannery where the operating machinery is used in one continuous and complete process for the purpose of converting the natural salmon into canned salmon, or salmon otherwise prepared for the market as an article of commerce, and, similarly, the terms 'two-line,' 'three-line' or 'four-line' canneries mean and include canneries where a double, triple or quadruple plant is operated to produce canned or prepared salmon for the market by similar continuous and complete processes.

"5e. The taxes payable under this section shall be subject to all the provisions of this Act with regard to the due date, collection and proceedings for recovery of the other taxes imposed in this Act, and as the assessment of the personal property of the owners of salmon canneries has been fixed by the Revised Assessment Roll for the year 1907 on a principle different from that set forth in the preceding sections, the Assessor is authorised to cancel such assessment and to correct the said Roll in accordance herewith, and to send corrected notices of assessment to each of said owners, and the amount shown due on each of said corrected notices shall be the tax payable for the year 1907, and no appeal against such corrected assessment and tax for said year shall be allowed."

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Enclosures 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 that certain sub-sections be added to section 4 of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903.'"

Report adopted and the said Message and Enclosures referred to the Committee of the Whole on said Bill.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the 'Succession Duty Act' and amending Acts," was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

The report on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to Ratify an Order in Council regarding Probate Duty," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting the Payment of Workmen's Wages," a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4 P. M.

Thursday, March 21st, 1907.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Campbell*, Ph.D.

The petition from *Samuel Ainsley* and others, *re* Curfew Law, was received.

Mr. Bowser presented a petition from *J. W. McFarland* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate the Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley and Northern Railway Company. (No. 18.)

On the motion of *Mr. J. A. Macdonald*, Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act, 1902,'" was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of *Mr. Ellison*, Private Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Imperial Underwriters' Corporation," was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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

Does the Government propose to extend fire protection for timber lands to the Island of Vancouver ?

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

"Yes."

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

1. How many individuals were entitled to land grants under each of the sub-sections (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) of section 2 of chapter 21, Statutes of 1903, being the "South African War Land Grant Act, 1901, Amendment Act, 1903" ?

2. How many grants have been issued, segregated under above heads ?

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

"1. 808 applications were made.

"2. 682. 636 under sub-section (*a*), (35) under sub-section (*b*) and 11 under sub-section (*e*)."

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

The names of parties who staked four claims during the years 1898 and 1899, situated in North Cariboo, on the Peace River, eight miles below the Findlay Rapids, on Mt. Selwyn, Crown-granted August, 1904, and give the exact date of staking and Crown-granting.

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

"*J. W. Coffey*, located 24th September, 1898, the 'Leland' mineral claim.

"*James Fulton*, located 14th May, 1899, the 'Talbot' mineral claim.

"*A. F. MacLachlin*, located 14th May, 1899, the 'El Capitan' mineral claim.

"*Robert J. Miller*, located 14th May, 1899, the 'Elgin' mineral claim.

"These claims have not been Crown-granted."

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act Regulating the Hours of Labour in certain Industries," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting the Payment of Workmen's Wages," was resumed.

After some discussion the debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1902," was resumed.

Second reading negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>King,</i>	<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>
<i>Naden,</i>	<i>Kergin,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Eagleson,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Jardine,</i>	<i>McInnis—16.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>	<i>Young,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>
<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>	<i>Parson,</i>
<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Davey,</i>
<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Schofield—21.</i>
<i>Ross,</i>			

On the motion of Mr. *Thomson*, Private Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Rainy Hollow Railway Company," was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Railway Committee.

The Report on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act, 1903," was considered.

Mr. *Brewster* moved to insert the following as section 2 :—

"Section 4 of chapter 53 of the Statutes of 1903-4 is hereby amended by adding the following words as sub-section (32) :—

"(32.) All permanent improvements up to the value of one thousand dollars made on lands used for agricultural purposes."

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Naden,</i>	<i>Kergin,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Eagleson,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Jardine,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>McInnis—14.</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>
<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Parson,</i>
<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Davey,</i>
<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>	<i>Schofield—22.</i>
<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Young,</i>		

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* moved to amend section 2 by adding after the word "thereof," in the fourth line, the following words: "and by inserting after said words 'timber lands,' in said eighth line, the words 'and two-fifths of one per cent. upon real estate of the assessed value of two thousand dollars and under.'"

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Eagleson,
Jones,
Yorston,

Kergin,
J. A. Macdonald,
Jardine,

Brewster,
Williams,

Hawthornthwaite,
McInnis—10.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Tatlow,
McBride,
Fulton,
Ellison,
Bowser,

Ross,
Shatford,
McPhillips,
Thomson,
Hunter,

Cotton,
Young,
Taylor,
Gifford,

Grant,
Garden,
Hayward,
Davey—18.

Mr. *Brewster* moved to amend sub-section (5c) of section 4, by adding the following words thereto:—

"Provided, that whenever a salmon cannery has not a complete line of machinery, such as is commonly used in a well-equipped cannery, the personal property of such salmon cannery shall be assessed at its actual value."

A debate arose, which was adjourned.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:55 p. m.

Friday, March 22nd, 1907.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Campbell*, Ph.D.

The petition from *J. W. McFarland* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate the Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley and Northern Railway Company (No. 18) was received.

Mr. *J. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce legislation at the present Session of the House providing for the granting to the City of Rossland of a portion of the mineral tax collected, or which may hereafter be collected, from the mines within the corporate limits of the City of Rossland?

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

"This Government does not admit that the City of Rossland is legally entitled to any proportion of the mineral tax collected from the mines within its corporate limits; but the question of paying a sum by way of a grant to the municipality, as a matter of equity, on account of the peculiar physical conditions of the municipality in its relation to the situation of the mines in that district, is under consideration."

The Report on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" was further considered, and the debate resumed on the motion moved by Mr. *Brewster*, to amend sub-section (5c) of section 4, by adding the following words thereto:—

"Provided, that whenever a salmon cannery has not a complete line of machinery, such as is commonly used in a well equipped cannery, the personal property of such salmon cannery shall be assessed at its actual value."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs :

<i>King,</i>	<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Naden,</i>	<i>Kergin,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>
<i>Eagleson,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Jardine,</i>	<i>McInnis—15.</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs :

<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>
<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Parson,</i>
<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>	<i>Davey,</i>
<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Behnsen,</i>	<i>Schofield—22.</i>
<i>Shatford,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>		

Report adopted.

Third reading on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Veterinary Association," was considered.

Mr. *Hayward* moved in amendment to strike out all the words of section 24 and substitute the following:—

"The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint one person, not necessarily a member of the Association, to be a member of the Council thereof."

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to revive and continue the existence of certain Companies," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Investment and Loan Societies Act,'" was read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to Assess, Levy and Collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies," was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 13) An Act regulating the Hours of Labour in certain Industries," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1902," a debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

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

That the following Members be added to the Mining Committee :—Messrs. *Thomson*, *McGuire* and *Behnsen*.

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

That the following Members be added to the Railway Committee :—Messrs. *Taylor*, *Grant* and *Parson*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4 P.M.

Monday, 25th March, 1907.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. K. B. Adams*.

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

By Mr. *Bowser*—Bill (No. 23) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Provincial Elections Act.’”

By Mr. *Ross*—Bill (No. 24) intituled “An Act to amend ‘The Shops Regulation Act, 1890.’”

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 25th, 1907.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Standing Orders have not been complied with as to publication of notice and presentation of petition in connection with the undermentioned Petition :—

(No. 18), The Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley and Northern Railway Company.

Your Committee recommends that Rules 57 and 59 be suspended with reference to the above-mentioned Petition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. BOWSER,
Chairman.

The report was received and adopted.

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* moved the following Resolution, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Tatlow* :—

Whereas, by letter dated the 10th day of September, 1906, the Right Hon. Sir *Wilfrid Laurier*, G. C. M. G., invited the Honourable *Richard McBride*, Premier of British Columbia, to attend a Conference with the Dominion Government to discuss the financial subsidies to the Provinces, which said invitation was accepted by the said Honourable *Richard McBride* :

And whereas, the said Conference was held at Ottawa, from October 8th to 13th, inclusive, being attended by said Honourable *Richard McBride*, as Premier, on behalf of the Province of British Columbia :

And whereas, by a resolution of the said Conference, passed on October 10th, 1906, it was resolved "That the subject matter of the resolutions adopted by the Conference of the representatives of the several Provinces, held at Quebec, in December, 1902, and which were shortly thereafter presented to the Government of the Dominion and which were ratified by the Legislatures of the then existing Provinces, except that of British Columbia, be now pressed upon the Government of the Dominion for immediate and favourable action, under reserve of the right of any Province to now submit to such Government memoranda, in writing, concerning any claims it may have to larger sums than those set out in the said resolutions, or to additional consideration or recognition."

And whereas, in pursuance of the said resolution, the said Honourable *Richard McBride* submitted such memoranda to the Government of the Dominion, setting forth the claims of British Columbia to special recognition :

And whereas, in order to obtain a just and impartial investigation of such claims for special recognition, it was, in the said memoranda, suggested that "The Government of British Columbia, in view of all the considerations which have been advanced in support of the claims of that Province, reaffirms its position in regard to the desirability of a complete investigation by a competent tribunal of the merits of the Provincial contention. It is therefore asked that a Commission be appointed consisting of three persons of eminent repute, one to be named by the Government of the Dominion of Canada, one by the Government of British Columbia, and the third by the Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies. It is asked that the reply of the Dominion Government be made definite and final within three months from the present time."

And whereas, the said request for such competent tribunal was refused by the Right Honourable Sir *Wilfrid Laurier* in the following words, as appears by the Minutes of the meetings of the said Conference with the Dominion Government :—

"I have given careful consideration to the memorial of British Columbia's Government, and particularly to the request that a Commission be appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the financial relations between the Dominion and the Province. I have been unable to reach the conclusion that the appointment of such a Commission would be the best way of dealing with a question of this kind. I fear that such a course would not lead to the harmonious settlement of the grants to Provinces, which all should desire to bring about. However, I regard the matter at present more as one for the opinion of the Conference than for the judgment of the Dominion Government. You have assembled for the purpose of considering the sums which should properly be paid by the Dominion to the Provinces in the way of subsidy and allowance for the maintenance of Government. The British Columbia proposal comes entirely within the chief purpose of this Conference. If this Conference, after hearing Mr. *McBride's* arguments in support of his contention, reach the conclusion that an arbitration should take place, through a Commission, for the purpose of dealing with the claim of British Columbia, that would present the matter to the Dominion Government in a new light, and, while I am not prepared to express any final opinion, I can say at once that such a recommendation from the Conference would have great weight with us, and we should feel bound to give it further consideration. While I give you this expression of my own views and of the views of my colleagues who are here with me, I shall, if you will permit me, offer a suggestion. I think there is a disposition on the part of the Conference to recognise that the conditions in British Columbia, owing to the vastness of her territory, to its mountainous character, and the sparseness of her population, create exceptional difficulties which should be taken into consideration in the adjustment of the distribution of the grants in aid of Provincial Governments. I am, myself, disposed to admit that such is the case. I would strongly advise that Mr. *McBride* avail himself of the good disposition which is manifested in the Conference, and at once approach the question of what allowance, in addition to that already contemplated, should be made to meet British Columbia's difficulties. It is a question, which, after all, can better be settled here than anywhere else. I feel assured that the Conference will be willing to deal with the matter in a spirit of fairness to British Columbia. I propose, therefore, that we shall leave you to discuss the question frankly with one another, and come to you again when probably you will have reached some satisfactory agreement."

And whereas, on October 12th, 1906, the said Conference, by a majority vote, Resolved,—
"That, in the opinion of the Conference, it is inadvisable that the claim, in the way of subsidies, of any Province be referred to arbitration."

And whereas, the said Honourable *Richard McBride* protested against the said last-named resolution in the following words :—"I protest that the question of British Columbia's claim

upon the Dominion Government for a reference should not be considered by this Conference, but that it is a question between the Government of British Columbia and the Dominion Government."

And whereas, in despite of this protest, the said Conference proceeded to discuss the right of this Province to exceptional treatment, and, on October 12th, 1906, the following resolution was introduced thereat:—

"That in view of the large area, geographical position and very exceptional physical features of the Province of British Columbia, it is the opinion of this Conference that the said Province should receive a reasonable additional allowance for the purposes of civil government, in excess of the provisions made in the Quebec Resolutions of 1902, and that such additional allowance should be to the extent of one hundred thousand dollars, annually, for ten years."

And whereas, in a further endeavour to secure harmonious action by the said Conference, and at the same time secure a measure of justice for the Province of British Columbia, the said Honourable *Richard McBride* proposed, by way of substitution for the last quoted resolution, the following alternative proposition:—

"That in case the proposed readjustment of subsidies, as set out in the resolutions of the Quebec Conference of Provincial Premiers, be accepted by the Dominion Government, there shall be paid to the Province of British Columbia each and every year, in addition to the payments and subsidies otherwise provided, an amount understood to be what the Dominion of Canada is willing to pay, and the Province of British Columbia to receive, as a nominal recognition of the disabilities borne by the Province, owing to peculiar physical conditions, and from other causes set forth in the case of British Columbia for Better Terms and accompanying memorandum:

"That the said annual amount shall be fixed in the following manner:

"\$1 per head of the population until the amount reaches \$300,000; to remain fixed until the population is 400,000:

"75 cents per head of the population thereafter until the amount reaches \$400,000 per annum; to remain fixed until the population is 800,000:

"50 cents per head of the population thereafter until the amount reaches \$500,000; to remain fixed until the population is 1,500,000:

"33½ cents per head of the population thereafter until the amount reaches \$600,000; to remain fixed until the population is 2,500,000:

"25 cents per head of the population thereafter"; which was not entertained by the said Conference:

And whereas, the said Honourable *Richard McBride* thereupon withdrew from the said Conference, which thereupon passed the said resolution:

And whereas, the said Honourable *Richard McBride* again appealed to the said Conference, by a letter to Hon. *L. Gouin*, the Chairman of the same, in the following terms:—

"OTTAWA, October 13th, 1906.

"Honourable *L. Gouin*,
"Chairman, Inter-Provincial Conference,
Ottawa:

"SIR,—In view of the critical stage reached in the negotiations in respect to the additional allowance claimed by British Columbia, I desire to place my position clearly and explicitly on record.

"There are three main phases of the case of the Province determining the attitude of its Government, to which I wish particularly to direct the attention of the members of this Conference:

"1. British Columbia did not secure as favourable terms upon entering Confederation as subsequent events have shown it was entitled to have obtained.

"2. The Province, by reason of its peculiar circumstances, has contributed, and still continues to contribute, per head, enormously in excess of the average of the rest of the Dominion to the Federal Treasury.

"3. Owing to the physical conditions of British Columbia, the average cost of administration per capita, has, for a period covering thirty years, been shown to be five times that of the other Provinces. The physical conditions to which I refer either do not exist at all in the other Provinces or not by any means in the same degree.

“There has been no attempt made to dispute the facts of our case, and I hold that our contentions are incontrovertible. I cannot, therefore, be expected to forego the pressing of claims founded upon such facts, for the sole purpose of arriving at unanimity and harmony in this Conference, however desirable in itself the latter may be. Even were I disposed to make the sacrifice, the people of the Province would not exonerate me.

“I take the position that if the members of this Conference recognise the claims of British Columbia for special consideration they are morally bound to give them their support. If, on the other hand, they do not admit their validity, it is, I admit, equally incumbent in their case to assist in having our claims investigated before a competent and independent tribunal. Our contentions are sound or they are not sound. With this in view, I have insisted upon a formal declaration of the attitude of this Conference being placed on record before proceeding with a discussion of the terms I have proposed.

“As to the terms of the settlement in respect to additional allowance, there is no exact mathematical basis upon which to proceed. I have endeavoured, however, to come to a just conclusion as to what should be a fair compensation for our special condition and circumstances.

“The underlying principle I have kept in mind in respect to our physical disabilities, which is our main claim for compensation, is that the allowance should not be based on population alone, but also upon the cost of administration per head of the population. It is obviously very much cheaper to administer a small, compact area with a large population, than to administer a larger, broken area with a scattered population.

“The disparity under this head in the case of British Columbia is so great that no general allowance considered adequate for the other Provinces can uniformly and justly apply to its conditions.

“Our disabilities are of a permanent character and can never be overcome. Therefore, the additional allowance for this condition must, if admitted at all, remain as permanent as the disabilities are.

“It is true that with the increase of our population, the relative cost per head may, and probably will, slightly decrease in time, but while the ratio of disparity may alter, the general condition will always remain.

“Moreover, our requirements for developments in the immediate future, and by reason of sparse population, are per head greater than they will be after some time to come.

“Consideration also must be had for the disabilities and conditions of the past as well as for those of the future.

“Therefore, the proposal I have submitted, as to amounts asked, has been framed on a sliding scale which conforms to the principles we have laid down. It applies, so to speak, automatically, or as nearly so as we conceive it should apply.

“I wish to state here in all earnestness that I cannot depart from those principles in any settlement we may make in respect to our special claims. I am not bound to the exact letter of our demands, and I am willing to go as far as possible, consistent with our general position, to meet the wishes of my confreres on this occasion; but, unless the members of this Conference are prepared to go much further in my direction than they have done, it is useless to discuss such an arrangement as is contained in the resolution of to-day, and I had no other alternative other than to protest and to retire, declining to take further part in the proceedings.

“No one has been more anxious than I am to reach a conclusion that will be unanimous. I have done the utmost in the interest of our common cause, to bring about such a result.

“I have the honour to be, Sir,

“Faithfully yours,

“RICHARD MCBRIDE.

which was replied to in the following terms:

“Honourable Richard McBride,

“Prime Minister of British Columbia.

“DEAR SIR,—I am instructed by the Interprovincial Conference to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, setting forth the position assumed by you towards it, and, in answer, to state as follows:—

“The resolution to which you refer and which was adopted on the day you addressed your letter to me, reads thus:

“That in view of the large area, geographical position and very exceptional physical features of the Province of British Columbia, it is the opinion of this Conference that the said

Province should receive a reasonable additional allowance for the purposes of Civil Government in excess of the provisions made in the Quebec Resolutions of 1902, and that such additional allowance should be to the extent of one hundred thousand dollars annually for ten years.’”

“This resolution shows distinctly that the Conference recognised the claim of British Columbia for exceptional treatment. I am specially directed to add that it was passed after all the data presented by you had been fully considered.”

“I have the honour to be, Sir,

“Yours respectfully,

“LOMER GOUIN,

“*Chairman of the Conference.*”

and the Conference shortly afterwards dissolved.

And whereas, notice has been given by the Right Honourable Sir *Wilfrid Laurier* in the Dominion House of Commons at Ottawa, that an humble address be presented to His Majesty praying for an amendment to the “British North America Act,” to amend the scale of payments to be made by Canada to the several Provinces of the Dominion for the support of their governments and legislatures, the proposed amendments being as follows:—

“(a.) Instead of the amounts now paid, the sums hereafter payable yearly by Canada to the several Provinces for the support of their Governments and Legislatures to be according to population, and as follows:—

“1. Where the population of the Province is under 150,000, \$100,000.

“2. Where the population of the Province is 150,000 but does not exceed 200,000, \$150,000.

“3. Where the population of the Province is 200,000 but does not exceed 400,000, \$180,000.

“4. Where the population of the Province is 400,000, but does not exceed 800,000, \$190,000.

“5. Where the population of the Province is 800,000 but does not exceed 1,500,000, \$220,000.

“6. Where the population of the Province exceeds 1,500,000, \$240,000.

“(b.) Instead of an annual grant per head of population now allowed, the annual payment hereafter to be at the same rate of 80 cents per head, but on the population of each Province as ascertained from time to time by the last decennial census, until such population exceeds 2,500,000, and at the rate of 60 cents per head for so much of said population as may exceed 2,500,000.

“(c.) An additional allowance to the extent of \$100,000 annually for ten years to the Province of British Columbia.”

Said resolution proceeds: “We pray that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to cause a measure to be laid before the Imperial Parliament, at its present session, repealing the provisions of section 118 of the ‘British North America Act, 1867,’ aforesaid, and substituting therefor the scale of payments above set forth, which shall be a final and unalterable settlement of the amounts paid yearly to the several Provinces of the Dominion for their local purposes and the support of their Governments and Legislatures. Such grants shall be paid half-yearly, in advance, to each Province, but the Government of Canada shall deduct from such grants as against any Province all sums chargeable as interest on the public debt of that Province in excess of the several amounts stipulated in the said Act.

“All of which we humbly pray Your Majesty to take into Your most favourable and gracious consideration.”

Be it therefore *Resolved*—

1. That this House endorses the course taken by Honourable *Richard McBride*, Premier of British Columbia, at the said Conference in respect to all the foregoing described actions:

2. That this House is further of opinion that the proposed additional allowance of (\$100,000) one hundred thousand dollars annually, for ten years, as compensation for the recognised claims of British Columbia, is inadequate, and cannot be accepted as a final and unalterable settlement:

3. That this House is of the opinion that a matter of such a voluminous nature as the claims of British Columbia for special financial recognition by the Dominion was, and is, not of such a character as can be justly considered by a Conference of the kind above mentioned

by reason of the fact that a proper investigation would occupy much more time than would be available at such a conference were the claims of British Columbia only to be considered; and that a proper investigation of such claims would entail those charged with it visiting British Columbia and examining conditions on the spot; and that an independent tribunal such as suggested in the memoranda mentioned above would be the only just method of arriving at a proper decision as to such claims; and that, particularly, in view of the fact that other Provinces of the Dominion are making similar claims of a financial character there is such a conflict of interest as would militate very strongly against an equitable decision as to the claims of British Columbia being arrived at by a tribunal composed, in its entirety, of representatives of other Provinces:

4. That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor requesting that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council for consideration; and that a further copy thereof, accompanied by what documentary evidence His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may deem expedient, be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor-General, with the request that it be transmitted, through the proper channel, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Mr. *Macdonald* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Oliver*.—

That all the recitals in the Resolution be struck out, and that all the words of the Resolution after the words "Be it" be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:—

"Resolved, 1. That this House regrets the failure of the Hon. *Richard McBride* to procure from the Conference which he recently attended at Ottawa resolutions more favourable to the claims of British Columbia.

"2. That this House is of opinion that the proposed additional allowance of (\$100,000) one hundred thousand dollars annually, for ten years, as compensation for recognised special claims of British Columbia, is inadequate, and cannot be accepted as a final and unalterable settlement."

Question proposed on the amendment—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," and *Resolved* in the affirmative.

So the amendment was negatived.

Debate on the main question resumed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock, to resume it again at 7:30 P. M.

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

Debate resumed.

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Williams*.—

That the Resolution be amended by striking out all the words in section 1 thereof.

Mr. Speaker *Eberts* ruled the motion out of order, the House having already decided that the words now proposed to be struck out should stand part of the question. *See May*, 11th Ed., p. 294.

Original question proposed and *Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Young,</i>	<i>Behnsen,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>
<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>
<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Davey,</i>
<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>	<i>Schofield—20.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>King,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Jardine,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Brewster—9.</i>
<i>Kergin,</i>			

PAIRS :

Messieurs

*Mackay,
Shatford,
Parson,
Grant,*

*Hall,
Naden,
Eagleson,
Yorston.*

On the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, Private Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley and Northern Railway," was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Railway Committee.

Mr. *Thomson* presented a petition from the South-East Kootenay Railway Company, opposing the Kootenay Southern Railway Company.

Received and referred to the Railway Committee.

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

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to aid the University of British Columbia by a Grant of Provincial Lands," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
25th March, 1907.*

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 a Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to aid the University of British Columbia by a Grant of Provincial Lands," and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

1. Will section 4 of the Assessment Act affect Nanaimo fishermen engaged in catching, smoking and curing salmon and other fish?
2. Will not the Act discriminate in favour of the New England Fish Company, of Vancouver, as against other companies?

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

"1. Yes, so far as the smoking and curing of salmon is concerned. 'Other fish' comes within the meaning of 'personal property,' if on hand at the time of assessment, and is assessable under the provisions of the Assessment Act.

"2. No. The New England Fish Co. is a registered Extra-Provincial Company and is assessed under the provisions of the Assessment Act as to personal property or income."

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

1. What extensions of time, if any, have been granted the Bella Coola Development Company?
2. On what grounds have such extensions been granted?
3. What extensions of time, if any, have been granted the Oriental Power and Pulp Company, Ltd., and on what grounds?

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

“1. On the 7th November, 1904, extension was given to 30th September, 1905, in which to complete surveys. On the 28th December, 1905, extension to 30th September, 1906, in which to complete survey and commence construction of the plant. Leases were granted 9th January, 1907. March 7th, 1907, Company released from operating the mill during the year 1907.

“2. The large sums of money expended by the Company on survey, etc., and the bonâ fides generally shown by the Company.

“3. On the 31st May, 1904, extension until 31st December, 1905, in which to commence construction of the plant. On 26th August, 1905, extension until 31st December, 1906, in which to commence construction of the plant. On 19th February, 1907, extension until 31st December, 1907, in which to commence construction of the plant. The grounds on which the said extensions were granted were the large sums of money expended by the Company on surveys, etc., and the bonâ fides generally shown by the Company.”

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

1. Has the question of the Songhees Indian Reserve been dealt with?
2. If not, why not?

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

“1. So far as the Provincial Government is concerned everything possible has been done to settle this question, a provisional agreement between this Government and the Corporation of the City of Victoria, satisfactory to both parties, having been made, but the terms of the surrender by the Indians appear to stand in the way of a definite settlement.

“1. Answered by reply to No. 1.”

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

1. What were the prices paid to the Government for the lands in Highland District, viz.: Sections 46A, 45A, 50, 44 and 49?
2. Have any water records been made in connection with the same, or any of them?

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

“1. 46a, application for timber license withdrawn; now clear. 45a, surveyor to classify. 50, \$1 per acre. 44, surveyor to classify. 49, \$1 per acre.

“2. No.”

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 to 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 Wednesday, April 3rd next, resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Assessment Act, 1903,’” was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to Assess, Levy and Collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies,” was considered.

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* moved in amendment to add after the word “thereof,” in the eleventh line of section 6, the following words:—

“ Provided always that where any railway company does not provide free transportation over its line to Judges of the Supreme and County Courts, Government Assessors, and all members of the Local Legislature, the assessed value per mile shall be eleven thousand dollars.”

Mr. Speaker *Eberts* ruled the motion out of order on the ground that the same would increase taxation.

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained.

Report adopted.

Third 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 11:15 P.M.

Tuesday, 26th March, 1907.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *G. K. B. Adams*.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 26th, 1907.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

The preamble proved of—

Bill (No. 60) intituled “ An Act to incorporate the Portland Canal Railway Company.”

Bill (No. 61) intituled “ An Act to incorporate the East Kootenay Logging Railway Company.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. B. MACGOWAN,
Chairman.

The report was received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Fulton*, Bill (No. 26) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Coal Mines Act,’ ” was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled “ An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Veterinary Association,” was further considered.

Mr. *McPhillips* moved in amendment to add after section 8 the following section, to be numbered 9:—

“ 9. The first Council shall be composed of the following persons:—W. H. Gaddes, V. S., of Kelowna; R. Hamilton, M. R. C. V. S., of Victoria; H. H. S. George, M. R. C. V. S., of Kamloops; W. S. Bell, V. S., of Cranbrook; A. Knight, V. S., of Chilliwack; K. A. Roberts, M. R. C. V. S., of Vancouver; and S. F. Tolmie, V. S., of Victoria; and they shall have the same power and authority as the elected members of the Council and shall continue in office until their successors, as is hereinafter provided, are elected.”

Carried.

Mr. *McPhillips* moved in amendment to strike out section 11 and substitute the following, to be numbered as section 12:—

“ 12. The first election to be held of the members of the Council shall take place at a time and place to be fixed by the Council, but at a time not later than six months from the

passage of this Act, and the members of the Council shall be elected by ballot at each succeeding annual general meeting, and the persons qualified to vote and to be elected shall be such persons only as are members of the Association duly registered, and no person shall be entitled to vote who is in arrears in respect to any fees payable by him to the Association. The manner of holding such election and the taking of votes thereat shall be determined by by-law passed by the Council, and in default of such a by-law being passed, the method prescribed by this section shall be followed."

Carried.

Mr. *McPhillips* moved in amendment to strike out section 12 and substitute the following, to be numbered as section 13:—

"13. The Council of the Association shall appoint a Registrar, and the Council of the said Association shall at the first meeting after the election of the Council in each year appoint a Registrar, and such other officers as the said Council may consider necessary, and shall elect from their number a President, Vice-President and Treasurer."

To re-number all the following sections of the Act.

Carried.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act,'" was considered.

Mr. *Bowser* moved in amendment that the word "and" be struck out in the fifth line of section 85 of the "County Courts Act," and the words "and Deputy Registrars" be inserted after the word "Registrars."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to Assess, Levy and Collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies," was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to revive and continue the existence of certain Companies," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Investment and Loan Societies Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Young* presented Papers relating to certain Acts passed by the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia during the Session 1906.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to aid the University of British Columbia by a Grant of Provincial Lands," a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act regulating the Hours of Labour in certain Industries," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to aid the Municipality of the City of Slocan," was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to validate By-law No. 23 of the City of Slocan, and to provide for the Conveyance of Property sold under the Provisions of the said By-law," was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Shops Regulation Act, 1900,'" 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 4:35 P.M.

Wednesday, 27th March, 1907.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *G. K. B. Adams*.

Mr. *McPhillips* presented a petition from the Willow River Gold Mining Company, opposing Private Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act respecting Slough Creek, Limited."
Received.

On the motion of Mr. *Garden*, Private Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900,'" was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

On the motion of the Premier, Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act,'" was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 27th, 1907.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The preamble proved of the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 50) "An Act to Revive, Ratify and Confirm the 'Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act of 1905.'"

Bill (No.) "An Act to incorporate the Bentinck Arm and Quesnel Railway Company."

Bill (No. 63) "An Act to incorporate the Rainy Hollow Railway Company."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. B. MACGOWAN,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 27th, 1907.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act respecting the Securities Corporation of British Columbia, Limited," has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. BOWSER,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

1. Was a ditch constructed at or near Glenvalley at the cost of the Department?
2. If so, has the Government any control over such ditch?
3. If so, to what extent does the Government control such ditch?
4. Have the Government given permission for any person or persons to use such ditch for logging or other purposes?
5. If permission has been given, is the Government responsible for damages caused by the backing up of the water in such ditch?
6. If the Government is not responsible, who is?

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

"1, 2 and 3. The Government gave the sum of \$6,011.75 to the Glen Valley Dyking District to acquit liabilities in connection with certain works performed, on the understanding that the Government was relieved of all further expenditure and responsibility in connection therewith. In the Supplementary Estimates for the year ending 30th June, 1901, the sum of \$6,000—Vote 126c—was appropriated for this purpose. Authority for this is contained in Order in Council, No. 135, 1901.

"4. No.

"5. Answered by reply to No. 4.

"6. Unable to say."

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

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce legislation at the present Session of the House providing for the granting to the City of Nanaimo of a portion of the coal tax collected, or which may hereafter be collected, from the mines within the corporate limits of the City of Nanaimo?

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

"No."

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

1. What steps, if any, have been taken by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company to survey the 10,000 acres of land on Kaien Island granted them for the Pacific terminus?
2. Can any selection of the one-quarter area to be re-conveyed to the country be made before such survey?
3. Has the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company prevented British subjects or others from landing on this area, which was granted them as a townsite and for public purposes?

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

"1. The Government is not aware that any steps have been taken by the Railway Company to survey the lands granted by the Province for the Pacific terminal.

"2. No.

"3. The Government has no knowledge of any instance of persons having been prevented from landing on the townsite."

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

1. Has the Government received any request, either by petition or otherwise, asking for a lease of any portion of the Central Park Government Reserve?
2. If so, what action has the Government taken, or proposes to take, in respect to such application?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. The matter is receiving consideration.”

The Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Interpretation Act,’ ” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled “ An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Veterinary Association,” was further considered.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Jones,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Behnsen,</i>
<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>	<i>Davey—24.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Jardine,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite—5.</i>
<i>McInnis,</i>			

PAIRS :

Messieurs

<i>Shatford,</i>	<i>Eagleson,</i>
<i>Parson,</i>	<i>Naden,</i>
<i>Mackay,</i>	<i>King.</i>

The Report on Bill (No. 20) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Investment and Loan Societies Act,’ ” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair,

Mr. *Fell*, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills :—

(No. 2) An Act for Licensing Non-resident Commercial Travellers or Agents for sale of Liquors and Tobacco.

(No. 3) An Act relating to Trade and other Licences outside Municipal Boundaries.

(No. 4) An Act to amend the “ Assessment Act, 1903.”

(No. 9) An Act to Ratify an Order in Council regarding Probate Duty.

(No. 13) An Act Regulating the Hours of Labour in certain Industries.

(No. 15) An Act to amend the “ County Courts Act.”

(No. 19) An Act to Assess, Levy and Collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies.

(No. 20) An Act to amend the “ Investment and Loan Societies Act.”

His Honour was pleased, in His Majesty’s name, to give assent to these Bills.

The same was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words :—

“ In His Majesty’s name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills.”

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act relating to the Municipality of the City of Slokan," was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to validate By-law No. 23 of the City of Slokan, and to provide for the conveyance of Property sold under the provisions of the said By-law," was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Shops Regulation Act, 1900,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock Tuesday, 2nd April.

And then the House adjourned at 4:35 P. M.

Tuesday, 2nd April, 1907.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. T. Tapscott*.

The following petitions were presented :—

By Mr. *Thomson*—From the Continental Power Company, Ltd., opposing Private Bill to incorporate the Prince Rupert Light and Power Company.

Received and referred to Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Kergin*—From the Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway Company, for leave to present a petition for a Private Bill.

The following election return was read and *Ordered* placed on the Journals of the House:

"PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

"VICTORIA, 2nd April, 1907.

"Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by the resignation of the Honourable *Richard McBride*, elected at the late general election a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Dewdney Electoral District; and

"Whereas on the 14th day of March, 1907, a writ for the election of a Member to represent such Electoral District was duly issued to *J. A. Catherwood*, the Returning Officer of said Electoral District;

"Now, I do hereby certify that on the 28th day of March, 1907, the said writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate attached, whereby it appears

that *William J. Manson* has been, under and by virtue of the said writ, elected a Member to represent the said Dewdney Electoral District.

“ A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
“ Deputy Provincial Secretary.

“ To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.”

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 2nd, 1907.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the time limited for the presentation of reports be extended until the 11th day of April, inclusive, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. BOWSER,
Chairman.

The report was received and adopted.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 2nd, 1907.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 55) intituled “ An Act to incorporate the Vancouver ‘Stock Exchange,’ ” has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. BOWSER,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

By Mr. *McPhillips*—Bill (No. 32) intituled “ An Act for the Protection of Persons Employed in Factories.”

By Mr. *Bowser*—Bill (No. 30) intituled “ British Columbia Immigration Act, 1907.”

By Mr. *Ross*—Bill (No. 31) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act Amendment Act, 1904.’ ”

On the motion of Mr. *Jardine*, seconded by Mr. *Henderson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of a copy of the provisional agreement entered into between the Government and the Corporation of the City of Victoria in reference to the Songhees Indian Reserve.

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

1. Have the Government received any proposal from any person or persons looking to the acquisition of Crown lands for colonisation purposes?

2. If so, what are the details of the proposition?

3. What action, if any, has the Government taken in respect thereto?

4. If no action has been taken, what action does the Government propose to take?

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

“ 1. Yes.

"2. That the Government grant large tracts of land in return for which it would be agreed to settle a certain number of people within the Province.

"3. None.

"4. None."

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to aid the University of British Columbia by a Grant of Provincial Lands," was resumed.

Mr. *Macdonald* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Henderson*,—

That the word "now" in the motion that the Bill intituled "An Act to aid the University of British Columbia by a Grant of Provincial Lands" be read a second time now, be struck out, and the following be substituted therefor, "six months."

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the British Columbia Railway Act," a debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

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

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Portland Canal Railway Company."

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to incorporate the East Kootenay Logging Railway Company."

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to Revive, Ratify and Confirm the 'Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act, 1905.'"

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Bella Coola Railway Company."

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act respecting the Securities Corporation of British Columbia."

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Rainy Hollow Railway Company."

The Report on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the Shops Regulations Act, 1900," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2:30 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4:35 o'clock, P.M.

Wednesday, 3rd April, 1907.

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

Prayers by the Rev. *F. T. Tapscott*.

The Hon. Minister of Finance presented an Abstract of Revenue and Expenditure for six months ending 31st December, 1906.

William J. Manson, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Premier and Mr. *Taylor* and took his seat.

The petition from the Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway Company was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 3rd, 1907.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the preamble of the following Bills has been proved, and the Bills ordered to be reported as amended :—

Bill (No. 51) "An Act to incorporate the Okanagan Telephone Company."

Bill (No. 52) "An Act to incorporate the Cariboo and Pacific Mining, Smelting and Development Company."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. BOWSER,
Chairman.

The report was received.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Portland Canal Railway Company," was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* presented a Return to an Order of the House for a Return of a copy of the provisional agreement entered into between the Government and the Corporation of the City of Victoria in reference to the Songhees Indian Reserve.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to incorporate the East Kootenay Logging Railway Company," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to Revive, Ratify and Confirm the 'Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act, 1905,'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Bella Coola Railway Company," was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act respecting the Securities Corporation of British Columbia," was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Rainy Hollow Railway Company," was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Vancouver Stock Exchange," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Mr. *McPhillips* presented the First Report from the Municipal Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
VICTORIA, April 3rd, 1907.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That they have considered certain proposed amendments to "The North Vancouver City Incorporation Act, 1906," annexed hereto, and recommend the same to the favourable consideration of the House, and the enactment of the same by way of a public measure.

A. E. MCPHILLIPS,
Chairman.

The report was received.

Order called for the House to again consider Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to revive and continue the existence of certain Companies," in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker gave the following ruling:—

"I am asked to rule as to whether Bill No. 18 now before the House should be brought in by Message in view of the principle that it purports to deal with lands and personalty which it is alleged are the property of the Crown by reason of the demise of joint stock companies owning same prior to the expiration of their term of existence.

"At common law, process in the nature of an action at law must have been completed before land could properly be considered as belonging to the Crown under a claim of escheat. This process is called in general terms 'Inquest of Office,' sometimes 'Office Found,' being a course of legal proceedings carried on in the name of the Crown under claim that the land in question is escheated for want of heirs. The 'Escheat Act, 1898,' has altered the common law rule by dispensing with the necessity for inquisition, but not removing entirely the necessity of action for the recovery of the lands. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council is empowered by the 'Escheat Act, 1898,' to waive escheat so as to vest the lands in the persons who would have been entitled thereto but for the forfeiture, and of transferring land or personal property after escheat to persons having a legal or moral claim thereto. In case a joint stock company's life expires by effluxion of time it is difficult to determine who would be the persons in whom the title would vest, even if the Lieutenant-Governor in Council waived forfeiture or escheat. The power of transference to persons having a legal or moral claim not having been exercised by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the Act in question proposes to deal with the land and personal property and it is apparent that the right of the Crown is affected. The old common law distinction as to the forfeiture of real and personal property, whereby realty went to the mesne lord and personalty to the Crown, does not affect the present question, inasmuch as forfeiture now accrues in respect of all classes of property to the Crown.

"Under the circumstances, as the right of the Crown to the property in question does not appear to have been waived or transferred, I think it safer that the Bill should be introduced by Message, and so accordingly decide.

"3rd April, 1907.

"D. M. EBERTS, *Speaker.*"

The Bill was then withdrawn.

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.