

Monday, 24th February, 1890.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Fraser*.

Colonel *Baker* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Railways.
The Report was read, and is as follows:—

February 24th, 1890.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Standing Committee on Railways beg to report the preamble proved of a Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate 'The Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company,'" together with the amendments thereto; a copy of which is hereunto annexed.

JAMES BAKER,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
24th February, 1890.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

"A Bill to incorporate a Company to construct and maintain works and using the waters of Seymour Creek, or other creek, for the purpose of generating electricity to be used as a motor power, or other purposes."

"A Bill to amend the 'Vancouver Water Works Company Act, 1886.'"

"A Bill granting certain mining and water privileges."

Your Committee beg leave to report the preamble of Bill called "The New Westminster Electric Motor Power Company, Limited Liability," proved, and submit the same with amendments.

The promoters of a Bill called "The British Columbia Jockey Club" failed to prove the necessary notices, and your Committee respectfully recommend the suspension of the Rules to admit the same.

The notices respecting a "Bill to Incorporate the Okanagan and Kootenay Railroad Company" have been complied with.

G. B. MARTIN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended and the Fifth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, which was received on the 20th instant, was adopted.

Mr. *Martin* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Okanagan and Kootenay Railway Company."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Anderson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wide Tire Act, 1889.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Semlin* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to represent to the Dominion Government the great benefit that would accrue to this Province if salmon to the Eastern Provinces of Canada were introduced into the rivers of British Columbia, and to ask the Dominion Government to cause salmon fry from the Eastern Provinces to be deposited in the rivers of British Columbia during the present year.

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

1. Have the Government taken any action in accordance with the opinion of this House, as expressed by a resolution in Committee of the Whole, March 22nd, and adopted by the House April 19th, 1888, viz.:—

“That in the opinion of this Committee the Government should take into consideration the advisability of issuing a Commission under the ‘Public Inquiries Act, 1872,’ to inquire into the allegations contained in the petition of *F. B. McNamee & Co.*, in so far as they affect *John Nicholson’s* claims for compensation and the other creditors in British Columbia of that firm who assisted them in carrying on the work of constructing the Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*, by furnishing them with labour, material, cash, and supplies.”

2. If so, what was the result of such action?

3. If not, is it the intention of the Government to do so?

4. If not, why?

5. Have Messrs. *McNamee & Co.*, or any one in their behalf, applied to the Government since the 1st January, 1888, for a petition of right *re* claims for compensation on account of work performed on the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock, &c.?

6. If so, was such petition granted?

7. If not, upon what grounds was it refused?

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

“The Government have neither issued a Commission nor granted a Petition of Right, for reasons set out in a Report from the Attorney-General; a copy of which can be obtained in the usual way.”

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered forthwith.

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. Mr. *Davie* moved—“That Bill (No. 21) intituled ‘An Act to amend the Medical Act,’ be read a second time now.”

Mr. *Beaven* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Grant*,—

To strike out all the words after “That” to the end of the motion, and insert:—

“the whole subject of the admission of medical men to practice in the Province, and the working in the past of the ‘Medical Ordinance, 1867,’ the ‘Medical Amendment Ordinance, 1870,’ and the ‘Anatomy Ordinance, 1869,’ and the present operation of the ‘British Columbia Medical Act, 1886,’ the Act purporting to be a consolidation of the Medical Acts, 51 Vic., chap. 81, vol. 1, of the ‘Consolidated Acts, 1888,’ and an Act to amend the same, 52 Vic., chap. 14, 1889, and Bill No. 21 of 1890, intituled ‘An Act to amend the Medical Act,’ be referred to a Select Committee with instructions to report such legislation as they may deem necessary to the House. The Committee to be empowered to call for persons, papers and records, to examine witnesses and to report from time to time to the House.”

The Amendment was negatived.

Bill read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Haslam* in the Chair.
 The Bill was reported complete with amendments.
 Report *Ordered* to be considered on Wednesday next.

The adjourned debate on Mr. *Duck's* motion of 18th February, *re* Songish Indian Reserve, was resumed.

The amendment moved by Mr. *Beaven* was ruled out of order, as exceeding the limits of an abstract resolution, and being, if passed, a direction to the Government as to the form and contents of the deed of conveyance from the Crown to the City of *Victoria* of said reserve.

Original motion put and carried.

Mr. *Semlin* moved that Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889,'" be read a second time now.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order, as the principle of the Bill had already been considered and dealt with this Session.

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

Has a grant been issued to the Dominion Government of any land reserved for the use of the Indians? If so, what are the particulars?

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

"No grant has been issued."

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

What security, if any, did the *San Francisco Bridge Co.* give to the Government of the Province of British Columbia for the completion of the bridges on the *North Arm* of *Fraser River*, in accordance with the plans and specifications?

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

"A Bond for.....\$15,000

"And a certified cheque for..... 1,500

"Total.....\$16,500

"In addition there is an unpaid balance of \$1,709.50 in the hands of the Government."

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889,'" was again considered.

On the motion of Mr. *Ladner* the following new clauses were read 1st and 2nd time and added to the Bill:—

"Section 96 of the 'Municipal Act, 1889,' is hereby amended by adding as sub-section (120) 'To levy a dog tax not to exceed two dollars per annum.'

"Sub-section (118) of section 96 of the 'Municipal Act, 1889,' is hereby amended by adding at the end of said sub-section the following words: 'and to regulate the storage on the same.'

"Section 98 of the 'Municipal Act, 1889,' is hereby amended by adding after the word 'draining' on the fifth line thereof the words 'or dyking,' and after the word 'drained' on the eighth line the words 'or dyked,' and after the word 'deepening' on the eleventh line the word 'dyking,' and after the word 'deepening' on the thirteenth line the word 'dyking,' and after the word 'draining' on the sixteenth line the words 'or dyking.'

"Sub-section (1) of section 98 of the 'Municipal Act, 1889,' is hereby amended by adding after the word 'draining' on the second line of said sub-section the words 'or dyking.'

"Sub-section (2) of section 98 of the 'Municipal Act, 1889,' is hereby amended by adding after the word 'draining' on the third line of said sub-section the words 'or dyking,' and after the word 'deepening' on the fourth line the word 'dyking.'

"Sub-section (4) of section 98 of the 'Municipal Act, 1889,' is hereby amended by adding after the word 'deepening' on the second line of said sub-section the word 'dyking.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Robson* the following was added as a new clause:—

4. Section 153 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:—

"153. (a.) Every male inhabitant of any Township or District Municipality, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty, who is not otherwise assessed by the said Township or District Municipality, shall be liable to perform statute labour on the roads or highways in the Township or District Municipality, provided that such statute labour shall not exceed two days in any one year.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Robson* the following was read a first and second time:—

"(b.) Every male person (whether resident or non-resident) assessed upon the assessment roll of any Township or District Municipality shall, if his property be assessed at not more than five hundred dollars, be liable to two days' statute labour; at more than five hundred dollars but less than one thousand, three days; at more than one thousand dollars, but less than two thousand dollars, four days; and for every one thousand dollars over two thousand dollars, or any fractional part thereof over five hundred dollars, one additional day; but the Council of any Township or District Municipality may, by a by-law operating generally and rateably, reduce or increase the number of day's labour to which all the parties rated on the assessment roll shall be respectively liable, so that the number of day's labour to which each person is liable under this section shall be in proportion to the amount at which he is assessed:

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:45 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 25th February, 1890.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Fraser*.

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889,'" was again considered.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven* it was *Resolved* to add to sections of which notice has been given by the Hon. Mr. *Robson* with reference to statute labour—

"Section . Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any law, the council of any township or district municipality may, by by-law passed for that purpose, reduce the amount of statute labour to be performed or commuted for, or entirely abolish statute labour in the municipality."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Robson* the following clauses were read a first and second time:—

"(c.) The Council of any Township or District Municipality may, by by-law, direct that a sum not exceeding one dollar for each day's labour shall be paid as commutation of statute labour:

"(d.) The Council of any Township or District Municipality may, by a by-law passed for that purpose, fix the rate at which parties may commute for their statute labour, and the sum so fixed shall apply equally to residents who are subject under sub-section (b) to statute labour and to non-residents in respect of their property:

"(e.) Where no such by-law under sub-section (d) has been passed, the statute labour in respect of lands of non-residents shall be commuted at the rate of one dollar for each day's labour."

Mr. *Thomson* moved to insert the following as a new section:—

“Sub-section (1) of section 168 of the ‘Municipal Act, 1889,’ is hereby amended by striking out all the first words in the sub-section down to and including the word ‘cities,’ in the fourth line, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:—

“(1.) In city municipalities, from any person vending spirituous or fermented liquors by retail, for each house or place where such vending is carried on, not less than one hundred dollars and not more than two hundred dollars for every six months.”

Clause read a first time.

The clause was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Semlin,
Ladner,

Robson,
Duck,

Thomson,
Haslam,

Anderson—7.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Beaven,

Orr,

Davie—3.

On the motion of Mr. *Ladner* the following was added as a new section:—

“Sub-section (1) of section 168 of the ‘Municipal Act, 1889,’ is hereby amended by striking out the following words, in the fourth and fifth lines:—‘or thirty dollars for every six months in township or district municipalities,’ and inserting in lieu thereof the following:—

“In township or district municipalities, from any person vending spirituous or fermented liquors by retail, for each house or place where such vending is carried on, not less than thirty dollars and not more than one hundred dollars for every six months.”

On the motion of Mr. *Thomson* it was *Resolved* to add to sub-sections of sec. 168: “From the proprietor or manager of any theatre, for each exhibition, not exceeding ten dollars.”

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven* it was *Resolved* to amend section 175 by inserting the following sub-section between sub-sections “(f)” and “(g)”:—

“(f²) The Alderman who is appointed a Licensing Commissioner by the Council shall, provided he is not disqualified by law, have full power, by writing under his hand and seal, to appoint a qualified Alderman, who is a member of the same Council, to act for him at any sitting of a Licensing Court, and the Alderman so appointed shall during the quarterly session of the Licensing Court for which he has been so appointed, but not for any longer, be deemed to be fully empowered to sit as one of the Board of Licensing Commissioners, provided he is not disqualified by law.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven* it was *Resolved*—

Section 175 of the “Municipal Act, 1889,” is hereby amended by inserting the following sub-section, as (f³):—

“(f³) In the event of an Alderman who is appointed a Licensing Commissioner by the Council not voting and acting as such, or being unable or unwilling to vote and act as such, or not appointing another Alderman to act temporarily in his stead, the Council may appoint another of their members to sit, vote and act in his stead as a Licensing Commissioner for the unexpired period of his term, and his appointment shall be cancelled by the Council and shall be *ipso facto* null and void, and the Alderman appointed in his stead shall have all the rights and powers as one of the Board of Licensing Commissioners that the Alderman appointed before him possessed, and shall be equally subject to the same disqualification, and to be superseded by the Council for not carrying out his functions as a member of the Board.”

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven* it was *Resolved* to amend section 177 by adding, after the word “Court,” in the 4th line, the following words:—

“The applicant shall cause to be inserted in a newspaper published in the municipality where such application is made, a notice of his intention to apply for the transfer of such license, stating the name of the applicant, the situation of the licensed premises, and the name of the person or persons to whom it is proposed to transfer the license. The notice shall appear in the newspaper for thirty days at least before the sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners to whom the application is made:

"Provided, always, that in any municipality where no newspaper is published, such notice shall appear in a newspaper circulating in the municipality, and shall be posted for the same period on the door of the Court House (if any), on the door of the Council Chambers, or the place where the Council usually meet, and in two or more conspicuous places within the municipality."

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven* it was *Resolved* to amend section 180 by inserting in line two, after the word "municipality," the following words:—

"And the petitions or requisitions for the granting of such licenses, signed by the requisite number of lot owners and resident householders, and the wives of such resident householders living with them, and otherwise prepared in accordance with the law."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Robson* it was *Resolved* to amend section 183 by striking out the words "resident electors entitled to vote for a member of the Legislative Assembly in the polling division," on the 6th, 7th and 8th lines thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "land owners and resident householders and the wives of such resident householders living with them, within the township or district municipality."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Robson* it was *Resolved* to amend section 205 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," by striking out all the words after "Peace," in line 2, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following words: "for the whole Bailiwick or District in which their respective Municipalities lie."

And section 205 by adding thereto the following sub-section:

- (2.) No Mayor or Reeve, after taking the oaths or making the declarations as such, shall be required to take any further or other oath to enable him to act as a Justice of the Peace.

Mr. *Ladner* moved to amend section 212 by adding after the word "every," on the first line of said section, the word "city," and after the word "more," on the second line, the words "or in township or district municipalities a salary of one hundred dollars or more."

The motion was negatived.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Robson* it was *Resolved* to amend section 145 by adding, after the word "December," in the third line, the words "or any day previous thereto fixed by law."

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

MR. SPEAKER:

LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY,
25th February, 1890.

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report the preambles to the following Bills proved:—

"An Act to amend the 'Coquitlam Water Works Act, 1886.'"

"An Act to incorporate the Westminster Street Railway Company."

G. B. MARTIN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act respecting Railways," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Cunningham* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* presented the Public Accounts for the half-year ended 31st December, 1889, (period from 1st July to 31st December, 1889).

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

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

Wednesday, 26th February, 1890.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Fraser*.

Mr. *Haslam* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mischievous Animals Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

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

That this House will on Friday next, 28th inst., resolve itself into Committee of Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Mr. *Semlin* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act for the better protection of Cattle Ranges.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. *Cunningham* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Electric Company."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Smith* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered at the next sitting of the House.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and upon the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to send down to this House copies of all Orders in Council in connection with the reservations of rocks or rocky land contained in grants or conveyances of real estate situate in the Districts of *Victoria*, *Esquimalt*, or *Lake*, by the *Hudson's Bay Co.*, prior to January 1st, 1862.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to incorporate the New Westminster Electric Light and Motor Power Company," was discharged.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coquitlam Water Works Act, 1886,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Nason* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered at the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the Vancouver Street Railways Company and the Vancouver Electric Illuminating Company, Limited Liability," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Friday next.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to incorporate the New Westminster Street Railway Company," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Thomson* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Friday next.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Petition from *Thos. S. Rooke* and others, residents of *Seymour Creek* (re waggon road from *Moodyville* to *Seymour Creek*).

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Petition from *J. A. Laidlaw* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Burnaby Lake Improvement Company."

Laid on the table.

The Report on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act,'" was considered.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Davie* it was *Resolved* to add the following as a new clause:—

The Acts passed by the Legislature of this Province in the fifty-second year of Her Majesty's reign intituled respectively "An Act to amend 'An Act respecting the Profession of Medicine and Surgery,'" and "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act,'" are hereby repealed and the following shall be read as section 35 of the "Medical Act:"

"35. Any homœopathic physician holding a diploma of qualification from any authorized school or college requiring a three years' course of study may be registered under this Act, and such homœopathic physician shall not be bound to pass the examination required by section 29 of this Act, but in lieu of such examination he shall pass, before the Council, or such of them as may be appointed for that purpose, a satisfactory examination in the following subjects, viz: Anatomy, physiology, pathology, chemistry, obstetrics, and surgery."

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

The Report on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was considered.

On the motion of Mr. *Ladner* section one was amended by inserting after the figures "36," in line one, the words "of the Supreme Court Act."

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Homestead Act,'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed on Friday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bush Fire Act,'" was considered.

On the motion of Mr. *Croft* it was *Resolved* to amend section one by inserting after the word "Act" the following words: "and the 'Bush Fire Amendment Act, 1889,' are."

And to amend section two by inserting after the word "forest," in line two, the following words: "or woods."

And to amend section three by inserting after the word "money," in the 13th line, the following words: "nor less than fifty dollars and."

Report as amended adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act,'" was further considered.

On the motion of Mr. *Duck* it was *Resolved* to amend section three by inserting between "Act" and "must," in line 6, the words "or of a person having obtained the degree of Doctor of Civil Laws, or Bachelor of Laws, in any recognized University of Great Britain and Ireland, or Dominion of Canada, or of the United States of America."

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned until the next setting of the House.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Petition from *J. A. Laidlaw* and others (for leave to present a petition for a Private Bill, re draining *Burnaby Lake*).

Laid on the table.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to incorporate the New Westminster Electric Light and Motor Power Company," be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Thomson* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Nanaimo Telephone Company, Limited."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

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

Thursday, 27th February, 1890.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Fraser*.

The Petition from *J. A. Laidlaw* and others, for leave to present a petition for a Private Bill (*re* draining *Burnaby Lake*), was received.

The Petition from *Thos. S. Rooke* and others, residents of *Seymour Creek* (*re* waggon road from *Moodyville* to *Seymour Creek*), was ruled out of order, as it asked for an appropriation of public moneys.

The Petition from *J. A. Laidlaw* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Burnaby Lake Improvement Company," was ruled out of order; the time limited for presenting petitions to the House having expired.

Mr. *Ladner* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Printing. The Report was rejected.

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

MR. SPEAKER:

LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY,
February 27th, 1890.

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report the following Bills, with amendments:—

"An Act to Incorporate the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company."

"An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Mills, Timber, and Trading Company."

G. B. MARTIN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss the subject of the British Columbia Southern Railway.

Moved by Colonel *Baker*, seconded by Mr. *Duck*,—

Whereas a company known as the "Spokane Falls and Northern Railway Company" has applied to the Dominion Parliament for charters for railways from the following points:— From the boundary line at a point of intersection of *Pend d'Orielle River* to the town of *Nelson*, and thence to the western terminus of the *Crow's Nest Railway*; from the boundary line at the point of intersection of the *Kettle River*, thence to the coast of the Province:

And whereas the construction of such lines would make a through line of railway communication from the *Crow's Nest Pass* to the coast of the Province, to be known as the "British Columbia Southern Railway," and would, by reason of the great navigable waterways which intersect the said line of railway at right angles at four different points, be the means of developing the vast natural resources of the whole southern portion of the Province, and thereby would be a great benefit to trade :

And whereas it is understood that strenuous opposition, not in the interest of the Province, is being offered in order to defeat the passing of the said Bills through the Dominion House :

And whereas to defeat the measure would be straining, to the point of abuse as against the vital interests of the Province, the sub-section (10) of section 92 of the "British North America Act, 1867:"

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Honour will immediately move the Dominion Government, that the charters applied for by the "Spokane Falls and Northern Railway Company" may be granted: Provided always, that clauses be inserted compelling the Company to commence work this year on both lines, that is to say: from *Pend d'Oreille* towards *Nelson*; from *Kettle River* to the west; and from the coast of the Province to the east; that work should be continued concurrently from all these points; that the railway to the western terminus of the *Crow's Nest* line should be completed in four years, and the railway to the west in six years from the granting of the charters; and that, in default of these terms being complied with, both charters, together with the rights appertaining thereto, shall be forfeited; and that a copy of this Resolution be at once transmitted by telegraph to the Dominion Government.

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

To strike out paragraph four, and amend the fifth paragraph, in line two, between "will" and "immediately," by inserting the words "without prejudice to Provincial rights."

Amendment put and carried.

Original motion as amended put and carried, and it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas a company known as the "Spokane Falls and Northern Railway Company" has applied to the Parliament of Canada for charters for railways from the following points:— From the boundary line at the point of intersection of *Pend d'Oreille River* to the town of *Nelson*, and thence to the western terminus of the *Crow's Nest* Railway; from the boundary line at the point of intersection of the *Kettle River*, thence to the coast of the Province:

And whereas the construction of such lines would make a through line of railway communication from the *Crow's Nest Pass* to the coast of the Province, to be known as the "British Columbia Southern Railway," and would, by reason of the great navigable waterways which intersect the said line of railway at right angles at four different points, be the means of developing the vast natural resources of the whole southern portion of the Province, and thereby would be a great benefit to trade :

And whereas it is understood that strenuous opposition, not in the interest of the Province, is being offered in order to defeat the passing of the said Bills through the Dominion House:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Honour will, without prejudice to Provincial rights, immediately move the Dominion Government, that the charters applied for by the "Spokane Falls and Northern Railway Company" may be granted: Provided always, that clauses be inserted compelling the company to commence work this year on both lines, that is to say: from *Pend d'Oreille* towards *Nelson*; from *Kettle River* to the west; and from the coast of the Province to the east; that work should be continued concurrently from all these points; that the railway to the western terminus of the *Crow's Nest* line should be completed in four years, and the railway to the west in six years from the granting of the charters; and that in default of these terms being complied with, both charters, together with the rights appertaining thereto, shall be forfeited; and that a copy of this Resolution be at once transmitted by telegraph to the Dominion Government.

Mr. *Anderson* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Canadian Pacific Fire Insurance Company, Limited."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Martin* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act granting to Eben E. Olcott, of New York, the right to mine certain lands opposite the Town of Yale."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Martin* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Water Works Act, 1886.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Cunningham* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886,' and amendments thereto."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Jockey Club."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Cunningham* moved, seconded by Mr. *Haslam*,—

That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—

That it is desirable that township or district municipalities should be empowered to increase the sum payable for a retail liquor licence under sub-section (1) of section 168 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," to not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, for every six months.

The motion was negatived.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Orders in Council relating to any or all applications of *F. B. McNamee & Co.*, or any one in their behalf, or in behalf of their creditors, for a Petition of Right, *re* claims for compensation on account of work performed on the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock, &c. Also copies of all correspondence, together with the report or reports of the Hon. Attorney-General relating to the same.

Mr. *Duck* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Duck* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act respecting the University of British Columbia."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the New Westminster Electric Light and Motor Power Company," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Grant* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coquitlam Water Works Act, 1886,'" was considered and adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:40 o'clock p. m.

Friday, 28th February, 1890.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Fraser*.

Colonel *Baker* presented the Second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

The Report was read, and is as follows:—

February 28th, 1890.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Standing Committee on Railways beg to report the preamble proved of a Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Columbia and Carbonate Mountain Railway Company," together with amendments thereto; a copy of which is hereunto annexed.

JAMES BAKER,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

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February 28th, 1890.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report the preambles proved of the following Bills:—

"An Act to incorporate a Company called 'The News-Advertiser;'"

"An Act to incorporate the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company;" and submit the Bills with amendment.

G. B. MARTIN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Duck*,—

That the return of the number of voters on the respective voters' lists of each of the electoral districts of the Province, ordered by this House on the 7th February inst., shall embrace those persons on the list up to and including the 28th February, 1890.

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

To add to the motion the words "Such return to include all applications to be placed on the register up to the date named."

The amendment was negatived.

The original question was then proposed and *Resolved* in the affirmative.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs' Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act respecting Railways," was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Cunningham* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act,'" was further considered.

Mr. *Grant* moved to amend section 4 by striking out the word "and" on the fourth line, and by striking out the words from "shall," on same line, down to the parenthesis on the sixth line, and inserting "be entitled to;" and to insert between the words "Bar" and "upon," on the seventh line, the words "on application by letter to the Benchers and."

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," and *Resolved* in the negative on the following division:—

AYES :

Messieurs

Semlin,
Grant,

Ladner,

Beaven,

Thomson—5.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Cunningham,
Smith,
Davie,

Vernon,
Allen,
Pooley,

Turner,
Martin,

Croft,
Haslam—10.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned until Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the "Medical Act,'" was further considered.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Davie* the following was added as a new clause:—

"Section 53 of the 'Medical Act' is hereby amended by inserting in line three, between 'dollars' and 'and,' the words 'or such other sum as may from time to time be fixed by the Council.'

Report as amended adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mischievous Animals Act,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Thomson* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the Vancouver Street Railways Company and the Vancouver Electric Illuminating Company, Limited Liability," was considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Semlin* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and upon the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to the House copies of all Orders in Council, letters, and documents relating to the consolidation of the Statutes of 1888 and payment of the Commissioners therefor.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company," was considered and adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time on Monday next.

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