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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SESSION, 1877.

Wednesday, 21st February, 1877.

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

This being the first day of the second meeting of the second Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of his Honour the Honourable Albert Norton Richards, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the twentieth day of January, 1877.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker:

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In addressing you, the representatives of the people of British Columbia, for the first time since I had the honour to be appointed as the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, I take the opportunity to assure you that I do so with a full appreciation of the importance of the great trust reposed in me, and I earnestly hope that during my term of office the Province of British Columbia will progress and prosper.

The subject of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway—upon which the future welfare of the Province so much depends, and upon which the public mind has been so long and so anxiously agitated,—is one in which you will be particularly interested. Despatches, from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in answer to the Petition of your Honourable House to Her Most Gracious Majesty upon this important subject have been received; and I extremely regret to announce to you that they still leave the final decision of this vexed and long pending question in abeyance. It is, however, to be noted, with some degree of satisfaction, that Lord Carnarvon expresses a belief that, after the delay of a single summer, there will no longer be any obstacle to the active prosecution of Railway construction in British Columbia. Correspondence upon this matter will be laid before you.

The Commissioners appointed agreeably to the arrangements made last Session between the Dominion and Provincial Governments for the settlement of the Indian land question are at present in the field, and have succeeded in effecting satisfactory and amicable settlements with various tribes of Indians. The present Commission, however, has proved to be an exceedingly expensive method of adjusting the Indian Reserves. I am therefore pleased to inform you that the Dominion Government have assented to suggestions forwarded to them by my Government, which will hasten the completion of the labours of the present Commissioners and provide for an easy and inexpensive means of settling all further questions respecting Indian lands.

With regard to the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, considerable progress has been made with the preliminary works under very adverse circumstances, and I trust shortly to receive from the Engineers the necessary plans and specifications approved by the Imperial authorities, upon receipt of which I shall be enabled to invite tenders for the construction of the main work.

The unprecedented flood which occurred early in the season, and caused serious injury to the settlers in the fertile valley of the Fraser, induced my Ministers to institute a survey with a view of ascertaining the possibility of dyking the Sumass, in order to prevent a recurrence of the disaster in that District. A report upon this subject will also be laid before you.

I regret to say that the same flood occasioned very great damage to the Cariboo Trunk Road and the bridges thereon, necessitating for the purpose of placing that important highway in a thorough state of repair, an expenditure considerably in excess of that contemplated alike by my Ministers and by your honorable body when the Estimates were passed last Session.

In respect to School matters, changes have been made in accordance with the expressed wishes of this honourable Legislature at its last session. A Deputy Superintendent has been appointed for the Mainland, and it affords me pleasure to say that the important institution at Cache Creek, that had been allowed to fall into decay and much diminished usefulness, has since the appointment materially improved. A High School, to provide for free instruction in the higher branches of education, has also been established in this city. It is now doing very useful work, and has already proved to be a valuable adjunct to our school system.

The produce of our principal Gold Fields has somewhat fallen off during the past year. A proposition will be submitted to you, with a view of encouraging the erection of Quartz Mills, and the development of that more permanent, and therefore more important, branch of Gold Mining.

The Coal and Lumber industries have continued to extend, the exports showing a considerable increase over previous years.

The growing importance of our Coal mines renders it advisable to provide necessary safeguards in their working; a measure will therefore be submitted to you to provide for their inspection, with the object of decreasing the danger of calamitous accidents.

Acts to provide for the better Administration of Justice, and to establish an improved County Court system will be submitted to you.

An Act to amend the "Election Regulation Act," which will provide for the more perfect security of independent voting in accordance with the spirit of the "Ballot Act, 1873," will be introduced for your consideration.

I shall propose to you a measure to amend the "Constitution Act" by providing for a more equitable representation of the Province in your honourable Assembly.

I have to congratulate you upon the satisfactory condition of the Revenue, which shows an advance under nearly all the principal heads of receipts.

The Public Accounts will be laid before you at once; and Estimates for the current year are in course of preparation, and will be sent down to you at an early day.

In leaving you now to your deliberations, I have the utmost confidence that you will undertake your important Legislative duties in a spirit of patriotism, striving on every occasion to guard and advance the true interests of the Province.

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

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

Mr. Speaker informed the House, through the Clerk, that during the recess he had received notifications of vacancies which had occurred in the Assembly by *William Smithe*, Esquire, having accepted the office of Minister of Finance and Agriculture; and by *Arthur Wellesley Vowell*, Esquire, and *John Bryden*, Esquire, having resigned their seats; and that he had issued Warrants to the Registrar of the Supreme Court to issue Writs to fill such vacancies, and that the Honourable *William Smithe* had been re-elected, and that *William Cosgrove Milby*, Esquire, had been elected in the place of *Arthur Wellesley Vowell*, Esquire; and *David William Gordon*, Esquire, had been elected in the place of *John Bryden*, Esquire.

The Certificates of Election were read by the Clerk, as follows:—

“SUPREME COURT, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
“Registrar’s Office, 10th February, 1877.

“Whereas *William Smithe*, Esquire, one of the members for the Electoral District of *Cowichan*, did on or before the 31st day of July last, accept office under the Crown, and did thereby vacate his seat for such District in the House of Assembly.

“And whereas on the 31st day of July last, a Writ for the Election of a Member to represent such District was duly issued to *John Morley*, Esquire, the Returning Officer of the said District.

“Now I do hereby certify that, on the 14th day of August last, the said Writ was returned to me, by the said Returning Officer, with his Certificate attached thereto, whereby it appears that the said *William Smithe*, Esquire, has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, re-elected to be a Member of the House of Assembly for the said District.

(Signed) “CHAS. E. POOLEY,
“Registrar Supreme Court.”

“SUPREME COURT, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
“Registrar’s Office, 10th February, 1877.

“Whereas *Arthur Wellesley Vowell*, Esquire, one of the members for the Electoral District of *Kootenay*, did on or before the 3rd day of June last, resign and vacate his seat as a member for such District in the House of Assembly.

“And whereas on the 3rd day of June last, a Writ for the Election of a Member to represent such District was duly issued to *Cornelius Booth*, Esquire, the Returning Officer of the said District.

“Now I do hereby certify that, on the 11th day of September last, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer with his Certificate attached thereto, whereby it appears that *William Cosgrove Milby* has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, chosen to represent the said District in the House of Assembly.

(Signed) “CHAS. E. POOLEY,
“Registrar Supreme Court.”

“SUPREME COURT, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
“Registrar’s Office, 10th February, 1877.

“Whereas *John Bryden*, Esquire, the member for the Electoral District of *Nanaimo*, did on or before the 23rd day of December last, resign and vacate his seat as member for such District in the House of Assembly.

“And whereas on the 23rd day of December last, a Writ for the Election of a Member to represent such District was duly issued to *Thos. L. Fawcett*, Esquire, the Returning Officer for the said District.

“Now I do hereby certify that, on the 25th day of January last, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate attached thereto, whereby it appears that *David William Gordon*, Esquire, has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, chosen to represent the said District in the House of Assembly.

(Signed) “CHAS. E. POOLEY,
“Registrar Supreme Court.”

The Honourable *William Smithe* and Mr. *Gordon*, having been duly sworn, were introduced, and took their seats.

Resolved, That the documents referring to the election of Messrs. *Smithe*, *Gordon*, and *Milby*, for the Electoral Districts of *Cowichan*, *Nanaimo*, and *Kootenay* respectively, be entered in the Journals of the House.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*,

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

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*,
Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned to Monday next, at 2 p.m.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, a Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act for revising and consolidating the Laws of the Province of British Columbia" was introduced and read a first time.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, papers relating to the non-fulfilment by Canada of the Railway Clause of the Terms of Union. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, having been first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Ordered, That Select Standing Committees for this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for papers, persons, and records.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

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

Monday, 26th February, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *William Cosgrove Milby*, having been duly sworn, was introduced and took his seat.

Mr. *Dickinson* presented a Petition from *James Crawford* and others.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented the Third Annual Report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Fifth Annual Report on the Public Schools of the Province. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented the Lists of Voters in force on the first of September, 1876. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Report of the Honourable the Executive Council respecting the Graving Dock. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented his Report, as Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for the year 1876. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented a Report of the Medical Superintendent of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, 1876. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented a Statement of Expenditure for the year 1875, and for the nine months ended 30th September, 1876, with Returns of Revenue for the year 1876. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. *Gordon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Milby*,—

1. That an humble address be presented to His Honour, to thank him for his gracious speech at the opening of this Session of the Legislature; to inform him that we will give our best attention to the consideration of the matters therein alluded to; and to convey to him our assurance that with him we earnestly hope that during his term of office the Province of British Columbia will progress and prosper.

2. That the subject of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway—upon which the future welfare of the Province so much depends, and upon which the public mind has been so long and so anxiously agitated,—is one in which we are particularly interested. We note that Despatches, from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in answer to the Petition of this House to Her Most Gracious Majesty upon this important subject have been received; and extremely regret with His Honour that they still leave the final decision of this vexed and long pending question in abeyance. We observe, however, with some degree of satisfaction, that Lord Carnarvon expresses a belief that, after the delay of a single summer, there will no longer be any obstacle to the active prosecution of Railway construction in British Columbia; and that correspondence upon this matter will be laid before us.

3. That we hear with satisfaction that the Commissioners appointed agreeably to the arrangements made last Session between the Dominion and Provincial Governments for the settlement of the Indian land question, are at present in the field, and have succeeded in effecting satisfactory and amicable settlements with various tribes of Indians. The present Commission, however, having proved to be an exceedingly expensive method of adjusting the Indian Reserves, we are glad to be informed that the Dominion Government have assented to suggestions forwarded to them by His Honour's Government, which will hasten the completion of the labours of the present Commissioners and provide for an easy and inexpensive means of settling all further questions respecting Indian lands.

4. It is satisfactory to learn that, with regard to the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, considerable progress has been made with the preliminary works under very adverse circumstances, and that His Honour trusts shortly to receive from the Engineers the necessary plans and specifications approved by the Imperial authorities, upon receipt of which His Honour will be enabled to invite tenders for the construction of the main work.

5. That we are interested to learn that the unprecedented floods which occurred early in the season, and caused serious injury to the settlers in the fertile valley of the Fraser, induced His Honour's Ministers to institute a survey with a view of ascertaining the possibility of dyking the Sumass, in order to prevent a recurrence of the disaster in that District, and that a report upon this subject will also be laid before us.

6. That we concur in the regret expressed by His Honour that the same flood occasioned very great damage to the Cariboo Trunk Road and the bridges thereon, necessitating, for the purpose of placing that important highway in a thorough state of repair, an expenditure considerably in excess of that contemplated alike by His Honour's Ministers and by this House when the Estimates were passed last Session.

7. That we learn with pleasure that in respect to School matters, changes have been made in accordance with the expressed wishes of this Legislature at its last Session; that a Deputy Superintendent has been appointed for the Mainland, and that the important institution at Cache Creek, that had been allowed to fall into decay and much diminished usefulness, has, since the appointment, materially improved; that a High School, to provide for free instruction in the higher branches of education, has also been established in this city, and that it is now doing very useful work, and has already proved to be a valuable adjunct to our school system.

8. That we regret that the produce of our principal Gold Fields has somewhat fallen off during the past year; and hail with satisfaction the promise that a proposition will be submitted to us with a view of encouraging the erection of Quartz Mills, and the development of that more permanent, and therefore more important, branch of Gold Mining.

9. That it is gratifying that the Coal and Lumber industries have continued to extend, and that the exports show a considerable increase over previous years.

10. That we are aware that the growing importance of our Coal Mines renders it advisable to provide necessary safeguards in their working, and are pleased to hear that a measure will therefore be submitted to us to provide for their inspection, with the object of decreasing the danger of calamitous accidents.

11. That the Acts to provide for the better Administration of Justice, and to establish an improved County Court system to be submitted to us will be duly considered.

12. That an Act to amend the "Election Regulation Act," which will provide for the more perfect security of independent voting in accordance with the spirit of the "Ballot Act, 1873," which will be introduced for our consideration, will also be duly considered.

13. That His Honour's proposition for a measure to amend the "Constitution Act" by providing for a more equitable representation of the Province in our Assembly will receive every consideration.

14. That we rejoice upon the satisfactory condition of the Revenue, which shows an advance under nearly all the principal heads of receipts.

15. That we thank His Honour for the assurance that the Public Accounts will be laid before us at once; and that Estimates for the current year are in course of preparation, and will be sent down to us at an early day.

That we thank His Honour for the expression that, in leaving us to our deliberations, His Honour has the utmost confidence that we will undertake our important Legislative duties in a spirit of patriotism, striving on every occasion to guard and advance the true interests of the Province.

The first clause being again read, was agreed to.

The second clause being read, a debate arose.

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

In paragraph 2, line 6, to strike out all words after "received" and insert the following: "but we regret that Your Honour has been advised to state that the final decision of this question has been left 'in abeyance,' inasmuch as a final decision thereon was given, in 1874, by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, and was accepted and regarded by the Governments of the Dominion and of this Province, as well as by this House and Your Honour's Ministers, as a conclusive settlement of the matter. We would, however, respectfully express our extreme disappointment that Your Honour has not been able to inform us that Her Majesty has been pleased to accede to the prayer of our Petition; and, in accordance therewith, to cause the Dominion Government to be moved to carry out the terms of the settlement referred to. We have also to inform Your Honour that we extremely regret that you should have been advised by your Ministers to note 'with some degree of satisfaction' the statement attributed to Lord Carnarvon that even a summer's delay would take place in the active prosecution of railway construction in the Province, as such delay is a violation of the letter and spirit of the settlement above mentioned, and is mischievously calculated to unnecessarily defer, and indeed to jeopardize, the construction, by the Dominion Government, of the portion of Railway between Esquimalt and Nanaimo agreed, in 1874, to be constructed by them with 'all practicable dispatch.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to report fully upon the management of Indian affairs in this Province, with power to the said Committee to call for persons, books, and papers.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee, with power to call for persons, books, and papers, be appointed to take evidence and enquire into all matters relating to any money payments made by the Treasury to the Hon. *Ebenezer Brown* during the last twelve months; and that the said Committee be hereby required to produce to this House, for its consideration, all the evidence when taken, together with a report of their proceedings in the matter. That the Committee be also required to take the evidence referred to as nearly as possible in the form of depositions, which shall be signed by the deponents respectively making the same.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, for copies of all papers relating to the resignation of the Hon. *Ebenezer Brown* as President of the Executive Council.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Evans*,—

That Section 30 of the Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia be amended by striking out all the lines after the word "House" in the 6th line to the end of the section, and substituting the following:—

"Such notice shall be given by the introducer audibly reading it in open Session and laying it on the table before 6 o'clock p. m."

The Motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Return showing the name, residence, and date of appointment, of all persons on the Commission of the Peace for the Province of British Columbia, or any portion thereof, be placed before this House in a printed form.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the Ballot Act, 1873."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on 1st March next.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the Election Regulation Act, 1871."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on 3rd March next.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce the following Bills (Nos. 4, 5, 6) intituled—

"An Act respecting the Revised Laws of British Columbia, 1871."

"An Act respecting the printing and distributing of the Statutes, Journals, and Sessional papers of the Legislative Assembly."

"An Act respecting the Legislative Assembly."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bills introduced and severally read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on 5th March next.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce the following Bills (Nos. 7, 8, 9) intituled—

“An Act respecting the appointment of Magistrates.”

“An Act respecting the appointment of Coroners.”

“An Act respecting Municipal Elections.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bills introduced and severally read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on 6th March next.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act for the protection of certain Animals and Birds in British Columbia.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on 8th March next.

On the motion of Mr. *Williams*, seconded by Mr. *Fisher*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying for a Return of all papers and correspondence which have passed between the Lands and Works Department and Messrs. *Reed, Bros.*, or their Agent, Mr. *Dawson*, in regard to the Coffe-dam, since 23rd March, 1876, to date.

Mr. *Walkem* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Questions:—

Has the Hon. *Ebenezer Brown* resigned his position as President of the Executive Council? and, if so, was such resignation tendered in writing?

What is the date of the document (if any) tendering the resignation? and when and by whom was such resignation accepted?

Has His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor ever been officially informed, by letter or by Order in Council, of such intended resignation of the Hon. the President? and, if so, when?

Has His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at any time signified his intention of accepting such resignation? and, if so, when and in what form was it done?

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

“1. Mr. *Brown* has tendered his resignation in writing.

“2. The date of his resignation is the 11th September, 1876. It was accepted by the Ministry on the date of its arrival.

“3. His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was informed by me, verbally, of the resignation, shortly after it was received by me.

“4. The same was verbally accepted by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, shortly after the receipt of Mr. *Brown's* resignation by me.”

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

What are the dates of the Governor's Order and Government Gazette or newspaper notice whereby the lands in the *Osoyoos* Division of *Yale* District, as defined in the British Columbia Gazette of the 3rd February, 1877, were reserved for the use of Indians in the year 1871.

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

“The land in question was first reserved by Mr. *Cox*, the Government Agent and Custom House Officer at *Osoyoos*, in 1861.

“On the 1st May, 1871, Mr. *Haynes*, the Land Commissioner at *Osoyoos*, reported to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works that, in accordance with instructions received from Mr. *O'Reilly*, he had marked out the land referred to as an Indian Reservation.

“On the 16th July, 1874, an Order in Council was passed on the recommendation of the late Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Mr. *Beaven*, and gazetted on the 18th of the same month, notifying the public that, *inter alia*, ‘land reserved or known as a reservation previous to the date of this notice’ is reserved until further notice; and this reserve has never been removed.”

Mr. *Williams* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Whether any extension of time has been granted to the contractors for the completion of the Coffe-dam at *Esquimalt*? If so, for how long?

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

“Yes; the time for the completion of the Coffer-dam has been extended to the 31st July, 1877.”

Mr. *Williams* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Whether any alterations have been made in the original plans and specifications of the Coffer-dam? If so, what is the nature and comparative difference of such alterations? Also, whether such extension of time and alteration was suggested by Mr. *Dawson*; and if so, when?

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

“Yes; the contractors for the Coffer-dam have been permitted to place the abutment-ties 5 feet higher than designated on the original drawings.

“Attention was first drawn to the necessity of altering the original plans by the contractors’ agent, on the 4th October, 1876; and, in consequence, certain alterations were made and approved of by the Resident Engineer on the 20th October, 1876.”

And then the House adjourned, at 5-50 p. m.

Tuesday, 27th February, 1877.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

The adjourned debate on the proposed amendment to the second clause of the proposed Address in reply to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor’s Speech, was resumed.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the House, at its rising, do adjourn until two o’clock to-morrow.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. *Tolmie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the Law of Trespass, so as to provide for summary jurisdiction in certain cases.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Williams* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fisher*,—

That a Select Committee, with power to call for persons and papers, be appointed to enquire into and report to this House upon the manner in which the contract for the Coffer-dam, and all other business connected with the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock, has been dealt with and carried on since the first day of January, 1876; the Committee to consist of Messrs. *Williams*, *Evans*, *Fisher*, *Beaven*, and *Humphreys*.

The House named Messrs. *Fisher*, *Beaven*, *Tolmie*, and *Morrison*, to form the Committee, with the mover, and the motion, as amended, was carried.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p. m.

Wednesday, 28th February, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The adjourned debate on the proposed amendment to the second clause of the proposed Address in reply to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech, was resumed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock p. m.

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

The adjourned debate on the proposed amendment was resumed.

Mr. *Gallagher* moved that the House do now adjourn.

The House continued to sit until after midnight.

THURSDAY, 1ST MARCH, 1877.

The motion, that the House do now adjourn, was withdrawn by leave of the House.

The debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce the following Bills (Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20) intituled—

"An Act respecting Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery and Assize, and Nisi Prius."

"An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act, 1871.'"

"An Act for providing, in certain cases, for the distribution of the Estates of persons dying intestate and leaving property in the Province.

"An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876.'"

"An Act respecting short forms of Mortgages in British Columbia."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bills introduced and severally read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bills (Nos. 17, 18, 19,) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act, 1871,'" "An Act providing in certain cases for the distribution of the estates of persons dying intestate and leaving property in the Province," "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876,'" be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Bills (Nos. 16, 20,) intituled "An Act respecting Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery and Assize and Nisi Prius," "An Act respecting short forms of Mortgages in British Columbia," be read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

And then the House adjourned, at 2.40 a. m.

Thursday, 1st March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Smith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to establish liens in favour of mechanics, labourers, and others."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Mr. *Smith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867,' the 'Licences Amendment Act, 1874,' and the 'Licences Amendment Act, 1875.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Mara*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas British Columbia is a country possessed of many valuable resources, and one of the most important is stock, the development of which ought to be encouraged; and whereas the confidence of success depends in a great measure upon the introduction of manufactories, such as tanneries, woollen factories, and shoe factories throughout the Province; therefore be it resolved:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to take the matter into his earnest consideration with a view of encouraging the same.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Evans*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will recommend to the Dominion Government the expediency of establishing a semi-monthly Mail, between *Victoria* and *Cassiar*, in the summer months; and monthly Mails, between the above named places, in the winter season.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, seconded by *W. M. Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to visit the Royal Hospital and the Lunatic Asylum; such Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Ash*, *Smith*, *Brown*, *Douglas*, and *Gallagher*; with power to call for persons and papers, and report.

The adjourned debate on the proposed amendment to the second clause of the proposed Address in reply to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech, was resumed.

And the question being put that the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question, the motion was carried on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Milby,</i>	<i>Pimbury.</i> —15.
<i>Brown, E.</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Gallagher,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Humphreys.</i> —8.

Mr. *Ash* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*,—

That the following words be added to Clause 2:—

"We extremely regret that the Despatches of Lord Carnarvon convey the opinion that the settlements recommended by his Lordship in 1874 have been rendered impracticable in some respects, as we consider the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway should be built at once."

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

The debate on the proposed amendment, moved by Mr. *Ash*, was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned, at 6 o'clock p. m.

Friday, 2nd March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Gordon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Smith*,—

That whereas it has been reported that disturbances have taken place at *Nanaimo*, in consequence of a strike among certain Miners; be it therefore resolved,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Commission be appointed to proceed at once to *Nanaimo* to make inquiry into all the circumstances, with a view to effect an amicable arrangement.

The motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

The adjourned debate on the proposed amendment, moved by Mr. *Ash*, to the second clause of the proposed Address in reply to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech, was resumed.

Mr. *Douglas* moved, That the House do now adjourn.

The motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

And the question being put, That the words proposed be added to the Clause, the motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Walkem,
Beaven,
Gallagher,

Evans,
Douglas,

Brown, W. M.,
Ash,

Williams,
Humphreys.—9.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Elliott,
Smithe,
Vernon,
Brown, E.

Tolmie,
Dickinson,
Smith,
Mara,

Fisher,
Gordon,
Milby,

Davie,
Morrison,
Pimbury.—14.

The second clause being again read, was agreed to.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 6 o'clock p. m.

Monday, 5th March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The third clause of the proposed Address in reply to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech, being read, was agreed to.

The fourth to the fifteenth clauses, both inclusive, being again read, were agreed to. And it was *Resolved* accordingly.

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

That the Resolution to present an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Honour for his gracious Speech, be referred to a Select Committee composed as follows:—

The Honourable the Attorney-General, the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the Honourable the Minister of Finance, and Messrs. *Gordon* and *Milby*, with instructions to prepare and report an Address to His Honour.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, from the Select Committee, reported an Address, which read as follows:—

To the Honourable ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS, *Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.*

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for your gracious Speech at the opening of this Session of the Legislature.

We will give our best attention to the consideration of the matters therein alluded to; and we convey to Your Honour our assurance that, with Your Honour, we earnestly hope that during your term of office the Province of British Columbia will progress and prosper.

The subject of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway—upon which the future welfare of the Province so much depends, and upon which the public mind has been so long and so anxiously agitated,—is one in which we are particularly interested. We note that Despatches, from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in answer to the Petition of this House to Her Most Gracious Majesty upon this important subject have been received; and extremely regret with Your Honour that they still leave the final decision of this vexed and long pending question in abeyance. We observe, however, with some degree of satisfaction, that Lord Carnarvon expresses a belief that, after the delay of a single summer, there will no longer be any obstacle to the active prosecution of Railway construction in British Columbia; and that correspondence upon this matter will be laid before us.

We hear, with satisfaction, that the Commissioners appointed agreeably to the arrangements made last Session between the Dominion and Provincial Governments for the settlement of the Indian land question are at present in the field, and have succeeded in effecting satisfactory and amicable settlements with various tribes of Indians. The present Commission, however, having proved to be an exceedingly expensive method of adjusting the Indian Reserves, we are glad to be informed that the Dominion Government have assented to suggestions, forwarded to them by Your Honour's Government, which will hasten the completion of the labours of the present Commissioners, and provide for an easy and inexpensive means of settling all further questions respecting Indian lands.

It is satisfactory to learn that, with regard to the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, considerable progress has been made with the preliminary works under very adverse circumstances; and that Your Honour trusts shortly to receive from the Engineers the necessary plans and specifications, approved by the Imperial authorities, upon receipt of which Your Honour will be enabled to invite tenders for the construction of the main work.

We are interested to learn that the unprecedented floods which occurred early in the season, and caused serious injury to the settlers in the fertile valley of the Fraser, induced Your Honour's Ministers to institute a survey, with a view of ascertaining the possibility of dyking the Sumass, in order to prevent a recurrence of the disaster in that District, and that a report upon this subject will be laid before us.

We concur in the regret expressed by Your Honour that the same flood occasioned very great damage to the Cariboo Trunk Road and the bridges thereon, necessitating, for the purpose of placing that important highway in a thorough state of repair, an expenditure considerably in excess of that contemplated alike by Your Honour's Ministers and by the House when the Estimates were passed last Session.

We learn with pleasure that in respect to School matters, changes have been made in accordance with the expressed wishes of this Legislature at its last Session; that a Deputy Superintendent has been appointed for the Mainland, and that the important institution at Cache Creek, that had been allowed to fall into decay and much diminished usefulness, has, since the appointment, materially improved; that a High School, to provide for free instruction in the higher branches of education, has also been established in this city, and that it is now doing very useful work, and has already proved to be a valuable adjunct to our school system.

We regret that the produce of our principal Gold Fields has somewhat fallen off during the past year; and hail with satisfaction the promise that a proposition will be submitted to us with a view of encouraging the erection of Quartz Mills, and the development of that more permanent, and therefore more important, branch of Gold Mining.

It is gratifying that the Coal and Lumber industries have continued to extend, and that the exports show a considerable increase over previous years.

We are aware that the growing importance of our Coal Mines renders it advisable to provide necessary safeguards in their working, and are pleased to hear that a measure will therefore be submitted to us to provide for their inspection, with the object of decreasing the danger of calamitous accidents.

The Acts to provide for the better Administration of Justice, and to establish an improved County Court system to be submitted to us will be duly considered.

An Act to amend the "Election Regulation Act," which will provide for the more perfect security of independent voting in accordance with the spirit of the "Ballot Act, 1873," which will be introduced for our consideration, will also be duly considered.

Your Honour's proposition for a measure to amend the "Constitution Act" by providing for a more equitable representation of the Province in our Assembly will receive every consideration.

We rejoice upon the satisfactory condition of the Revenue, which shows an advance under nearly all the principal heads of receipts.

We thank Your Honour for the assurance that the Public Accounts will be laid before us at once; and that Estimates for the current year are in course of preparation, and will be sent down to us at an early day.

We thank Your Honour for the expression that, in leaving us to our deliberations, Your Honour has the utmost confidence that we will undertake our important Legislative duties in a spirit of patriotism, striving on every occasion to guard and advance the true interests of the Province.

The said Address was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Address in reply to the Speech be engrossed, and presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by such Members as are of the Executive Council.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of continuing the Mail Service between *Barkerville* and the *Forks of Quesnellé*, via *Keithley Creek*.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Statement of Bonds deposited under the "Civil Officers Securities Act, 1872;" and, also, a Return of all persons on the Commission of the Peace for the Province. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *Pimbury* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fisher*,—

We extremely regret that the Despatches of the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, in reply to our Petition of last Session, convey the opinion that the settlements recommended by His Lordship, in 1874, have been rendered impracticable in some respects; and we consider that the *Esquimalt* and *Nanaimo* Railway, proposed then to be begun at once, ought to be delayed no longer than the time mentioned in His Lordship's Despatch of 18th December last.

Resolved, That the House at its rising do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Talmie* moved in amendment to Mr. *Pimbury's* motion,—

To strike out all after the word "settlements," in the second and third lines, and insert the following:—"so pointedly set forth, and so hopefully and trustingly recommended to the Dominion Government in his Lordship's despatches of 1874, have in some respects been rendered temporarily impracticable, and, inasmuch as the *Esquimalt-Nanaimo* Railway will be of great national importance, whether the Trans-continental

railway line first touches the Pacific Ocean at *Bute Inlet* or at *Burrard Inlet*, we consider that the commencement of the Island Railway should not be delayed beyond the time mentioned in his Lordship's despatch of 18th December, 1876."

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

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of all papers relating to the resignation of the Honourable *Ebenezer Brown*, as President of the Executive Council. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

And then the House adjourned at 6 o'clock, p.m.

Tuesday, 6th March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills shall consist of the following Members:—Messrs. *Beaven*, *Davie*, *Morrison*, *Evans*, and *Gordon*.

Messrs. *E. Brown*, *Tolmie*, *Ash*, and *Beaven* were nominated, and Mr. *Fisher* was elected as Chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts.

Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *James Crawford* and others.

On the motion of Mr. *Gordon*, seconded by Mr. *Smith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of appointing an Inspector of Weights and Measures for this Province at an early date.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to prevent the destruction of pasturage on the Islands in the *Gulf of Georgia*."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying for the return of all papers and correspondence referring to the *Esquimalt* and *Nanaimo* Railway, since 1st February, 1876, to date.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee, with power to call for persons and papers, be appointed to enquire into the circumstances connected with the disappearance from the Treasury of voucher No. 1461, dated 21st December, 1872, for the payment of the sum of \$360 to Mr. *Holbrook*, as President of the Executive Council, and report to the House the evidence taken on such enquiry; such Committee to consist of the following Members, viz. :—Messrs. *Davie*, *Dickinson*, *Douglas*, *Smithe*, and *Gallagher*.

On the motion of Mr. *W. M. Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Ash*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that the particulars, in detail, of all moneys expended in excess of the sum granted for the year 1876 be submitted to this House, before the Estimates are brought down.

Mr. *Smith* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following question :—

On the 9th of May, 1876, "Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the expediency of taking some steps towards preventing the country from being flooded with a Mongolian population, "ruinous to the best interests of British Columbia, particularly her labouring classes." Committee reported as per Chairman : 'That in the opinion of this Committee it is "expedient for the Government to take some steps (at as early a day as possible) to "prevent this Province being overrun with a Chinese population, to the injury of the "settled population of the country." Resolution passed the House and Report adopted. I would, therefore, ask the Government what steps, if any, have been taken to prevent the influx of Mongolians, and to protect the labour and industry of the working classes of our own people.?"

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

"The Government has not been able to take any steps in regard to the subject of the Honourable Member's question."

Mr. *Evans* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Whether he intends to complete the Land Returns called for by a Resolution of the House, February 6th, 1876?

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

"The Land Returns will be completed as far as practicable."

Mr. *Evans* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

Whether he has made any arrangement to hold Courts in *Cariboo* during the present winter; and, if not, why?

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

"No arrangement was made for holding a County Court during Mr. *Ball's* short leave of absence."

Mr. *Evans* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Questions:—

Whether any of the Denominations, among whom the *Ross Bay* Cemetery has been apportioned, have signified their willingness to conform with the recommendation of the Committee on *Ogden Point* lands, appointed by the House during last Session; and, if so, which of them?

Whether the Government is ready to bring in a Bill in reference to this matter, as proposed last Session?

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

"The recommendation of the Committee on *Ogden Point* lands appointed by the House last Session could not be carried out, inasmuch as the Committee appointed to report upon the proposed Act rose without making a report, consequently no action has been or could be taken in the matter.

"The Government are not prepared to bring in a Bill, and did not promise to do so."

Resolved, That the House at its rising do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Beaven* moved, That Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act respecting Municipal Elections" be now read a second time.

Mr. *Tolmie* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*, That the word "now" be struck out, and the words "six months hence" be substituted therefor.

The amendment was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to afford to owners and occupiers of land a summary remedy in certain cases of trespass," was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—Messrs. *Elliott, Vernon, Smithe, E. Brown, Dickinson, Tolmie, R. Smith, Gordon, Fisher, Ash, Pimbury, Mara, Walkem.*—13.

NAYS—Messrs. *Milby, W. M. Brown, Morrison, Evans, Williams, Davie, Humphreys, Beaven.*—8.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Morrison*, Chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee had risen without report.

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

Wednesday, 7th March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Return showing in detail the amount expended in compiling, printing, and binding the Revised Edition of the Laws of the Colony of British Columbia, 1871, be sent down to this House.

Mr. *Walkem* moved, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*,—

That a Committee be appointed to draft a Report of all the circumstances and facts relating to the promise made by the Dominion Government to grant or pay to this Province, in aid of the *Esquimalt* dock, a sum of \$250,000, in substitution of the promise contained in the 12th clause of our Terms of Union.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Humphreys.</i> —9.
<i>Gallagher,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Milby,</i>	<i>Pimbury.</i> —14.
<i>Brown, E.</i>	<i>Mara,</i>		

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Gallagher*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to visit the Public Schools in the City of *Victoria*; the Committee to be composed as follows:—Messrs. *Milby, Tolmie, Smith, Morrison, Gallagher, and Douglas*; with power to call for persons, books and papers, and report to this House.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the appointment of Magistrates" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act respecting the appointment of Coroners," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 o'clock, p.m.

Thursday, 8th March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The Petition from *James Crawford* and others, presented by Mr. *Dickinson*, was referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. *Mara*, seconded by Mr. *Smith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee, with power to call for persons and papers, be appointed to enquire into the circumstances connected with the refusal by the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works in the *Osoyoos* Division of *Yale* District, of an application made by *James McConnell* to pre-empt a piece of land in *Osoyoos* District, and report to this House; such Committee to consist of Messrs. *Smithe*, *Milby*, *Beaven*, *Williams*, and the mover.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to provide for the better Administration of Justice."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the appointment of Magistrates" was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Beaven* moved, That Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act for the protection of certain Animals and Birds in British Columbia" be now read a second time.

Mr. *Smith* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Fisher*, That the word "now" be struck out, and the words "six months hence" be substituted therefor.

Amendment put and negatived.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and stated that the Committee recommended that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Beaven*, *Vernon*, *Smith*, *Ash*, and *Smithe*.

And it was *Resolved*, That the Bill should be referred accordingly.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of all papers and correspondence passed between the Lands and Works Department and Messrs. *Reed Bros. & Co.*, or their Agent, in regard to the Cofferdam, since 23rd March, 1876, to date. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of mechanics, machinists, and others," was postponed to Tuesday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act respecting short forms of Mortgages in British Columbia" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Morrison*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with one amendment.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Friday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* stated, in reply to Mr. *Beaven's* question respecting lands in *Osoyoos* Division of *Yale* District,—“I am unable to give the date of the Governor's Order, or Gazette notice, reserving said land in 1871. Reserves at that time were made by the Government of the day, but in many cases were not gazetted.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Friday next.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery and Assize and Nisi Prius" was discharged, and the Bill was withdrawn.

The adjourned debate on the subject of the *Esquimalt* and *Nanaimo* Railway was postponed until Monday next.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act for revising and consolidating the Laws of the Province of British Columbia" be read a second time on Monday next.

The second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Revised Laws of British Columbia" was postponed to Tuesday next.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Beaven* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act respecting the printing and distributing of the Statutes, Journals, and Sessional Papers of the Legislative Assembly."

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill was out of order.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Beaven* moved that Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act respecting the Legislative Assembly" be now read a second time.

Mr. *Smith* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Tolmie*, That the word "now" be struck out, and the words "six months hence" be substituted therefor.

The amendment was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

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

Friday, 9th March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from *Andrew Astrico* and others, which was read and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Davie* presented a Report (being the first) from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Gallagher*, seconded by Mr. *Milby*, it was *Resolved*,—

That in the opinion of this House it is highly desirable that a Supreme Court should be held at *Kootenay* during the ensuing season.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Return of all papers and correspondence referring to or connected with the payment of \$16,590 34 to Messrs. *Finlayson* and *Tolmie*, and \$419 40 paid to Messrs. *Drake & Jackson*, and \$428 50 paid to *A. R. Robertson*, be sent down to this House.

Mr. *W. M. Brown* moved, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,—

That the present rate of public expenditure is excessive and should be reduced, and that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the cost of the service.

The Motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Beaven,
Douglas,

Evans,
Ash,

Brown, W. M.

Humphreys.—6.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Elliott,
Smithe,
Vernon,
Brown, E.

Tolmie,
Dickinson,
Mara,
Gallagher,

Fisher,
Gordon,
Milby,
Davie,

Morrison,
Williams,
Pimbury.—15.

Mr. *Gordon* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act respecting the qualification for the offices of Mayor and Councillors in Municipalities."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *W. M. Brown*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p. m.

Monday, 12th March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. Speaker having expressed his opinion that the Select Committee on Public Accounts had no authority to enquire into any matter until it had been first referred to them by the House,

Mr. *Mara* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fisher*—

That the opinion now read by Mr. Speaker be accepted as his decision, and entered upon the Journals of the House.

The Motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*,—

That the Public Accounts, from 1st January 1876, to date, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*,—

That the word "date" be struck out, and the words "31st December, 1876," be inserted in lieu thereof.

The Amendment was put, and the votes were as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Brown, E.</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Milby,</i>	<i>Morrison.—12.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>
<i>Douglas,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Pimbury,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ash.—12.</i>

The votes being equal Mr. Speaker gave his vote in favour of the Amendment, and it was *Resolved* accordingly.

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting a Return of all letters and sub-collectorate accounts connected with the office of Government Agent and Deputy Gold Commissioner in the precinct of *Okanagan*.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on Mr. *Tolmie's* proposed amendment to Mr. *Pimbury's* motion on the subject of the *Esquimalt* and *Nanaimo* Railway was resumed. The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 6 o'clock p. m.

Tuesday, 13th March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Davie* presented a Report (being the second) from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was received.

The Report on Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act respecting short forms of Mortgages in British Columbia" was adopted.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on Mr. *Tolmie's* proposed amendment to Mr. *Pimbury's* motion, on the subject of the *Esquimalt* and *Nanaimo* Railway, was resumed.

Mr. *Beaven* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*, to substitute the following for Mr. *Tolmie's* proposed amendment:—

Strike out all the words after the word "settlements" in the second and third lines, and insert the following:—"recommended by his Lordship in 1874, have been rendered impracticable in some respects, for we consider that the work of actual construction upon that portion of the railway between *Esquimalt* and *Nanaimo*, proposed then to be begun at once, ought not to be delayed any longer than the early portion of the present year, and the portion of railway on the mainland of British Columbia not longer than the time mentioned in his Lordship's Despatch of 18th December last, viz: after the delay of a single summer, and the portion of railway from *Lake Superior* westward, should be pushed forward continuously and vigorously."

Mr. *Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Tolmie*, That the following words be added to Mr. *Tolmie's* proposed amendment, at the end thereof,—“And that Railway construction be commenced on the Mainland simultaneously with that part of the Island.”

Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was not then in order.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock p. m.

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

The adjourned debate on Mr. *Beaven's* proposed amendment was resumed.

Mr. *Beaven's* proposed amendment was put and negatived on the following division:

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>
<i>Brown, W. M.</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Humphreys.—9.</i>
<i>Ash,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith, R.</i>	<i>Milby,</i>	<i>Pimbury.—14.</i>
<i>Brown, E.</i>	<i>Mara,</i>		

Mr. *Tolmie's* proposed amendment was put and negatived on the following division:

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Humphreys.—8.</i>

NAYS:
Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith, R.</i>	<i>Milby,</i>	<i>Pimbury—15.</i>
<i>Brown, E.</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.</i>	

The original motion of Mr. *Pimbury* was put and carried on the following division:

YEAS:
Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Milby,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Pimbury,</i>
<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>	<i>Humphreys.—17.</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>			

NAYS:
Messieurs

<i>Brown, E.</i>	<i>Smith, R.</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Morrison.—6.</i>
<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>		

And then the House adjourned at 10 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday, 14th March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Tolmie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to prohibit the sale or gift of intoxicating liquors or drugs to minors, and to prevent the frequenting of liquor saloons by such persons."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, 21st instant.

Mr. *E. Brown* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Insurance Company."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1875.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday, 16th instant.

On the motion of Mr. *Milby*, seconded by Mr. *Smith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will recommend to the Dominion Government the absolute necessity of establishing a monthly mail between *Victoria* and *Kootenay*.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*,—

That a Select Committee, with power to call for persons, books and papers, be appointed to take evidence and enquire into the manner in which lands within the Province, and any application therefor, have been dealt with during the past year by

the Land Department, and report their proceedings, the evidence and information obtained, to this House. The Committee to consist of Messrs. *Evans, Dickinson, Gallagher, Williams*, and the mover, and to sit at the Land Department, *Victoria*.

The Motion was amended by striking out all the words after the word "mover" in the last line of the Motion.

The names of the proposed Committee having been objected to, the following Members were nominated to form the Committee with Mr. *Beaven*, the mover, viz.: Messrs. *Dickinson, Smithe, Evans, and Morrison*.

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

On the motion of Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, it was *Resolved*, That a Committee composed of Messrs. *Tolmie, Pimbury, Williams, Douglas, and Fisher* be appointed to prepare a Bill to provide for the destruction of thistles in rural districts.

Mr. *Walkem* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following questions:—

At whose instance or request, and upon what representations, were the services of Her Majesty's Ship "Rocket" lately engaged to proceed to *Nanaimo*?

What has been the expense to the Province of such service?

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

"The Government considered it prudent to send the 'Rocket' to *Nanaimo*, at the request and on the representation of Messrs. *Dunsmuir & Diggle*, who apprehended a breach of the peace by the miners on strike.

"The cost to the Province has been merely the cost of the coal, namely 11 tons, 12 cwt., at \$5 50 per ton = \$63 80."

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to prevent the destruction of pasturage on the islands in the *Gulf of Georgia*" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Wednesday, 21st instant.

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

That the Sheep Run Protection Bill be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the mover, and Messrs. *Pimbury, Gordon, W. M. Brown, Evans, and Milby*.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act for revising and consolidating the laws of the Province of British Columbia" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act respecting short forms of Mortgages in British Columbia" was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.35 p. m.

Thursday, 15th March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

On the motion of Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, it was *Resolved*, That Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to afford owners and occupiers of land a summary remedy in certain cases of trespass" be submitted to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Dickinson, Douglas, Ash, Gordon*, and the mover.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House, at an early date, a Return showing in detail all offers made to the Government for any portion of the Loan authorized by the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1876;" the terms and conditions under which any portion of the Debentures under the above Act have been disposed of, or deposited with any person or corporation; giving in each case the dates, names, rates, and amounts.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*,—

That the word "names," on the sixth line, be struck out.

Mr. *Tolmie* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Smith*,—

That the following words be added to the original Motion:—"and that such Return be referred to the Public Accounts Committee."

Both Amendments were withdrawn by leave of the House.

Original Motion put and carried.

Mr. *Walkem* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Was any authority or control over the Lands and Works expenditure in *New Westminster* District, during the last twelve months, given to the late President of the Council (Mr. *E. Brown*)? If so, what was the nature and the extent of such authority, when was it given, and how long did it last?

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

"No."

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act for revising and consolidating the Laws of the Province of British Columbia."

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No 18.) intituled "An Act for providing in certain cases for the distribution of the estates of persons dying intestate and leaving property in the Province," was read a second time.

Ordered, to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Dickinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with one amendment.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Correspondence between the Dominion and Provincial Governments on the subject of the Administration of Justice. (*See Sessional Papers*).

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act, 1871,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *W. M. Brown*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

Friday, 16th March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* moved, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,—

That whereas the Legislative Assembly of this Province did, in the last Session of Parliament, petition Her Majesty that the Dominion Government be immediately moved to carry out the terms of the Carnarvon Settlement; and whereas the Government of this Province, in their Report of the 3rd June, 1876, insisted that British Columbia is at least entitled to have the conditions of that Settlement carried out in letter and in spirit; and did humbly and earnestly renew the prayer of the Petition to Her Majesty from the Legislative Assembly of this Province that the Dominion Government be immediately moved to carry out the terms of that Settlement; this House re-affirms its opinion that no alteration should be permitted in that Settlement either in letter or in spirit.

Mr. *Mara* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Gordon*,—

That the debate stand adjourned till the reply to the despatches of His Lordship Earl Carnarvon of December 18th, 1876, and January 18th, 1877, be brought before this House for consideration.

The Amendment was withdrawn by leave of the House.

The debate on the original Motion was adjourned until Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, for a Return of all correspondence with the Dominion Government, respecting the Acts of last Session, since the same were forwarded to the Dominion Government for their information.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of certain Municipal Elections."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fisher*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to examine the road between *Victoria City* and *Metchosin*; said Committee to be composed as follows:—Messrs. *Brown*, *Dickinson*, *Gordon*, *Morrison*, *Walkem*, and *Smith*; with power to call for persons and records.

The Motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of offers made to the Government for the Loan authorized by the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1876;" and a Return of Debentures sold under the said Act up to the 31st December, 1876, giving the dates, names, rates, and amounts, and rate of interest.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act for the relief of *Andrew Astrico*, of *Victoria*."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Tolmie*,—

That whereas the welfare and prosperity of the Province for the most part depends upon the farmer, miner, and stock-raiser; and whereas there has recently been discovered a more southerly route from the *Mouth of Quesnelle* to *Cassiar* for the transportation of horned stock, that route being 200 miles shorter than the old route, with good feed; therefore be it resolved,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Honour will take under his most earnest consideration the expediency of having a cattle trail constructed as above stated in the preamble.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Motion was out of Order.

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

Have any objections been raised by the Dominion Government to the "Assessment Act, 1876?" If so, what is their nature?

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

"Answer will be contained in correspondence to come down on Monday next."

Mr. *Walkem* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

Has any correspondence taken place between the Government, or any member thereof, and any person or persons, leading to or respecting the dismissal from office of *J. L. Crimp*? If so, what is the character of such correspondence, and between whom has it taken place?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* postponed his reply until Monday next.

Mr. *Walkem* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Has he received, at any time during the last twelve months, any letter advising the dismissal from office of *John Johnston Robertson*; and, if so, from whom was such letter received, and upon what ground was the dismissal of Mr. *Robertson* urged?

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

"No."

Pursuant to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* moved, That Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1875,'" be now read a second time.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*:—

That the word "now" be struck out, and the words "six months hence" be substituted therefor.

Amendment put and negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Gallagher,
Milby,
Brown, W. M.

Ash,
Evans,
Douglas,

Williams,
Beaven,

Walkem,
Humphreys.—10.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Elliott,
Smithe,
Vernon,
Brown, E.,

Tolmie,
Dickinson,
Smith,

Mara,
Gordon,
Fisher,

Davie,
Morrison,
Pinbury.—13.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Douglas*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again on Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

Mr. *Smith* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to visit the Royal Hospital and the Lunatic Asylum.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p. m.