
Tuesday, 2nd February, 1904.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* presented 15 petitions from residents of Victoria, Vancouver, Chilliwack, New Westminster, Golden, Port Hammond, Squamish, Agassiz, Quesnel, Comox, Nanaimo, Duncan, Revelstoke, Ladners and Kamloops, asking for amendments to the Game Laws.

Laid on the table.

The Hon. the Premier presented further correspondence in connection with the Report submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by the Hon. *Chas. Wilson* and the Hon. *R. F. Green*, on their mission to Ottawa as a delegation from the Province of British Columbia.

On the motion of Mr. *Ross*, seconded by Mr. *Bowser*, it was *Resolved*,—

That in the interests of higher education, it is desirable that the means for the introduction of a scheme whereby a University may be established within the Province of British Columbia should receive the early consideration of the Government of this Province.

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

1. Is it the intention of the Government, during recess of the House, to take into consideration the subject of superannuation of public servants of the Province, and bring down an Act dealing with same at next Session of the House?

2. Also, to bring in a measure dealing with Civil Service Reform?

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

“1. It is the intention of the Government to give the matter of Civil Service Reform most serious consideration, with a view of legislating on the subject at a later date.

“2. Answered by answer to No. 1.”

The Report on Bill (No. 61) intituled “An Act respecting the Election of Mayor of the City of Victoria for the year 1904,” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Mr. *Fell*, the Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill :—

(No. 61) An Act respecting the Election of Mayor of the City of Victoria for the year 1904.

His Honour was pleased, in His Majesty's name, to give assent to the Bill.

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

“In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to this Bill.”

The Report of Resolutions from Committee of Supply reported on 28th January, ult., and on 29th January, ult., was further considered.

Resolutions 89 to 209 read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock to resume it again at 8:30 P.M.

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

Resolution 215.

Mr. *Oliver* moved that the vote be struck out.

Mr. *Henderson* raised the point of order that it was incompetent to move to strike out the vote, because the same was a fixed statutory charge imposed by and under chap. 1 of the Statutes of 1901, intituled “An Act to regulate the appointment of Agent-General.”

Mr. Speaker *Pooley*: The Act in question does not authorise the expenditure of public moneys. The Supply Bill alone is the only authority for that purpose. The Public Loan Bills direct and provide for payment of interest, and the Constitution Act provides for payment of indemnity and mileage to Members of the Legislative Assembly; yet neither of these Acts are authority for the payment of public moneys to meet these charges. They must be provided for in the Estimates in the usual way.

The motion is in order.

With leave of the House, Mr. *Oliver* then withdrew his motion.

Resolution passed.

Resolutions 216 to the end passed a second time.

Resolutions read a third time and agreed to.

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

That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty, the following sums be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of British Columbia:—

\$	11,133.85	for the financial year ending 30th June, 1903.
	185,413.81	for the financial year ending 30th June, 1904.
	2,442,354.31	for the financial year ending 30th June, 1905.

\$2,638,901.97

The Chairman reported the Resolution.

Report received and adopted.

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* presented Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

The Bill was forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," be reported to the House.

The Chairman reported the Resolution and the Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

The Order for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to remove doubt as to the validity of the Election of a Member to represent the Lillooet Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly," was discharged.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the further consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the law respecting the Qualification and Registration of Electors, the Regulation of Elections of Members of the Provincial Legislative Assembly, and the Trial of Controverted Elections," and Mr. *J. A. Macdonald's* amendment, as follows:—

To add the following to section 300:—

"Save and except as to any right or rights, liability or liabilities which, prior to this Act, have accrued or been incurred, or which might accrue or have been incurred but for this Act. And it is hereby declared that the true intent and meaning of section 152 of chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes of 1897, and section 43 of chapter 25 of the Statutes of 1899, taken together, was and is that the Returning Officer should retain the ballots, ballot boxes and other documents mentioned in said sections until the expiration of the period of ten days from the date of the certificate declaring the result of the election."

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Cameron—11.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Shatford—16.</i>

Mr. *Drury* moved that section 166 be amended by striking out the words "up to the closing of the poll" in the third and fourth lines.

Negatived.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act respecting the Constitution, Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes relating to the Administration of Justice," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Act,'" was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* moved to amend section 3, line five, by striking out the word "said" and inserting the words "the preceding."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting Sanitary Drainage Companies," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The following Orders were discharged:—

For second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act.'" "

For Committee on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act relating to the Attachment of Debts."

The Report on Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to provide an additional sum for the completion of the New Westminster Bridge across the Fraser River," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to secure to certain Pioneer Settlers within the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Land Belt their surface and under-surface Rights," a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:25 o'clock, P.M.

Wednesday, 3rd February, 1904.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

The 15 petitions from residents of Victoria, Vancouver, Chilliwack, New Westminster, Golden, Port Hammond, Squamish, Agassiz, Quesnel, Comox, Nanaimo, Duncans, Revelstoke, Ladners and Kamloops, asking for amendments to the Game Laws, were received.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Report of the Fisheries Commissioner of British Columbia for the year 1903.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Coast-Yukon Railway Company," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Cowichan, Alberni and Fort Rupert Railway Company," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Vancouver Insurance Company," was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to enable the City of Vancouver to acquire any Lands and Interests in, on or adjoining the foreshore of a certain portion of False Creek, Vancouver," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900,'" was discharged.

Mr. *Cotton* presented the Tenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
3rd February, 1904.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the preamble of Bill No. 54, being intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900,'" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. CARTER-COTTON,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

On the third reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the law respecting the Qualification and Registration of Electors, the Regulation of Elections of Members of the Provincial Legislative Assembly and the Trial of Controverted Elections," Mr. *Bowser* moved that the Order for the third reading be discharged and that the Bill be recommitted, for the purpose of considering the following proposed amendment:—

That section 64, sub-section (1), line six, and sub-section (3), line two, be amended by striking out the words "two hundred" and substituting the words "one hundred," in each case.

Negated on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Shatford—15.</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Wright—18.</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>		

Mr. *Drury* moved that the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of considering the following amendment to section 166 :—

To strike out the words “up to the closing of the poll,” where they occur in the third and fourth lines of the section.

Negated on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Cameron,</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite—14.</i>
<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Shatford—17.</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>			

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 33) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Health Act,’” was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to insert the words “and treatment” after the word “causes” in the sixth line of section 2 of the Principal Act, as enacted by section 2 of said Bill (No. 33.)

Carried.

Dr. *King* moved to amend the same by inserting the following as section 3 thereof :—

“3. Section 60 of chapter 91 of Revised Statutes of British Columbia is hereby amended by adding the following sub-section thereto :—

“(a.) The Health Officers of any municipality health district or outlying district shall in every year in the months of April or May visit all logging, lumber, railway, saw-mill and mining camps in their district and examine into the sanitary conditions thereof, and shall also examine the water supply of said camps.”

Carried.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act respecting the Constitution, Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes relating to the Administration of Justice," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Cotton*, Private Bill (No. 55A) intituled "An Act to amend the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1901," was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to qualify Archibald McDonald to represent the Lillooet Electoral District in the present Session of the Legislative Assembly," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
3rd February, 1904.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to qualify Archibald McDonald to represent the Lillooet Electoral District in the present Session of the Legislative Assembly," and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'South African War Land Grant Act, 1901,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
3rd February, 1904.

Ordered, That the said Message and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'South African War Land Grant Act, 1901,'" and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 P.M.

Thursday, 4th February, 1904.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Liquor Licence Act, 1900,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

Where was the loss of \$700 in connection with the importation of stock incurred?

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

"On importations of 1901, resulting from deaths, animals not up to standard, and loss on auction sale."

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

1. Has any portion of the \$4,000 voted last Session as Vote 134 been expended?
2. If so, how much, and in what manner?
3. If not, why not?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. The Government does not think it desirable."

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

1. Did the Public Works Engineer, or any other engineer, report as to the advisability of protecting the town of Vernon by the construction of a dam at the outlet of Long Lake?
2. If so, will the Government submit a copy of such report at once for the information of this House?
3. Has Mr. *Price Ellison* a water record covering the waters of Long Lake, or the overflow thereof, or a portion thereof?
4. If so, what amount of water is so recorded?
5. What is the estimated amount of water flowing from Long Lake?
6. Has any other person recorded water from Long Lake?
7. If so, how much in each case?
8. Which is the prior location?
9. Who are the persons claiming damages from the construction of the above-mentioned dam?
10. What is the amount of damages claimed?
11. In what manner does the construction of this dam protect the City of Vernon?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. 1,500 inches.
- "5. No estimate on record in the Department.
- "6. All records are indexed by the name of the party recording, and not in the name of the lake or stream. The office at Vernon has been asked to furnish the desired information, as a search here would take a great length of time.
- "7. Answered by No. 6.
- "8. Answered by No. 6.
- "9. *R. T. Williams* and *Albert Geir*.
- "10. *R. T. Williams*, \$1,005. *Albert Geir*, \$1,500, or the removal of dam.
- "11. This dam—as reported by Government Agent at Vernon—was built primarily to prevent flood of 1892, at which time the outlet enlarged, and Long Lake, about eight miles

long by two miles wide, was lowered about three feet in ten days. The rush of water washed out a lot of land, two bridges and about 100 feet of the Mission Road, where it runs through the City of Vernon, and threatened further damage to the city before the flood subsided. It also damaged the S. & O. Railway track to the extent of several thousand dollars. These sudden floods have always been regarded as a menace to the safety of the City of Vernon."

On the third reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act Amendment Act, 1900,'" the Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved that the Bill be recommitted, for the purpose of considering the following amendment:—

That all the words in section 2 after "sub-section," in the fifth line thereof, be struck out, and that the following be substituted therefor:—

"(2.) Upon receipt of a certificate of forfeiture of land to the Crown, issued under the provisions of section 133 of the 'Assessment Act, 1903,' the estate and interest in any land so forfeited shall be registered by filing said certificate and making a reference to same in the Register books against every title affected thereby, and also upon receipt of said certificate any certificate of title or of registered estate outstanding in respect of the same shall be deemed to be cancelled as to said forfeited estate or interest"

The amendment was then made.
Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1898,'" was considered

Bill recommitted.
Reported complete with amendments.
Reported adopted.
Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Line Fences and Water-courses Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendments.
Report adopted.
Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to regulate the Speed and Operation of Motor Vehicles on Highways," was committed.

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

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was resumed.

Second reading negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Wells,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Young—13.</i>
<i>Hall,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>
<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Maccowan,</i>
<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Grant—22.</i>
<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>		

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Counties Definition Act,'" was discharged.

Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" called.

Mr. Speaker *Pooley* ruled the Bill out of order. (*See Speaker's Decisions, 131 and 138.*)

On the second reading of Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Master and Servant Amendment Act, 1899,'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act, 1898,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock to resume it again at 8:30 P.M.

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

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act respecting Railway and Steamship Transportation in certain Cases," was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Evans,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>	<i>Grant—18.</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>
<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Young—18.</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>		

Mr. Speaker voted with the yeas.

Bill committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of Labour Organisations."

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Health Act,'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act respecting the Constitution, Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes relating to the Administration of Justice," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10:45 o'clock, P.M.

Friday, 5th February, 1904.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

On the motion of Mr. *Clifford*, seconded by Dr. *Young*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the deep sea fishing for halibut on the coast of British Columbia is yearly assuming larger proportions :

And whereas the New England Fish Company, an American Company, has two steamers constantly employed, and is making regular shipments over the C. P. R. to eastern markets :

And whereas the steamers employed by the New England Fish Company are American bottoms :

And whereas American companies using American bottoms practically control the trade, by reason of their being enabled to get their fish into the American markets duty free :

And whereas, owing to these facts, no Canadian company using Canadian bottoms can compete with any hope of success :

Be it therefore *Resolved*, That the House views with regret this state of affairs, and is of the opinion that an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to communicate with the Dominion Government, protesting against American vessels being allowed the privilege of fishing in our waters and using our harbours, to the detriment of Canadian vessels, Canadian crews and Canadian fishermen.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

5th February, 1904.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Committee recommend to the House that Rule 67 be suspended, and that the Committee be empowered to consider a Bill introduced intituled "An Act to amend the 'Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1901.'"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. CARTER-COTTON,

Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

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

Whereas a large percentage of the jams and jellies labelled "genuine" or "pure" which are offered for sale within the Province are adulterated :

And whereas the low prices quoted on these articles secure for them a ready sale, to the disadvantage of the pure article :

And whereas the interests of the manufacturers of pure goods, the fruit-growers and the public generally are thereby injured :

Be it therefore *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this House that an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, respectfully requesting him to urge upon the Dominion Government the desirability of the immediate and strict enforcement of the "Pure Foods Act."

And further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. the Secretary of State for Canada.

Mr. *Brown* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions :—

1. Is *John Clayton*, Stipendiary Magistrate at Bella Coola, paid by the year, and, if so, what is his salary ?

2. Is *J. F. Williams*, Stipendiary Magistrate at Rivers Inlet, paid a salary, and, if so, what salary ?

3. Does Mr. *Williams* live in Rivers Inlet or in Vancouver ?

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

“1 and 2. The gentlemen named are in receipt of no salary.

“3. I do not know ; Mr. *Williams's* commission is for the County of Vancouver, which includes Rivers Inlet. I understand, however, that during the fishing season Mr. *Williams* resides at Rivers Inlet, and at Vancouver for the balance of the year.”

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled “An Act to secure to certain Pioneer Settlers within the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Land Belt their surface and under-surface Rights,” was resumed.

Bill read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act respecting the Constitution, Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes relating to the Administration of Justice,” was considered.

Mr. *Bouser* moved to amend section 66, lines five and six, after the word “law,” by striking out the words “and as to the evidence applicable to such issues,” and inserting the words “but the Judge shall make no comment on the evidence.”

Negatived.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to strike out section 100 and insert the following :—

“100. The costs of every appeal to the Full Court and of the trial and hearing of every cause or matter shall follow the event, except—

“(a.) Where the title to real estate, or some interest therein, is in question :

“(b.) Where the validity of a patent or franchise is concerned :

“(c.) Where the matter in question relates to the taking of annual or other rent, customary or other duty or fee, or a like demand of a general or public nature affecting future rights :

“(d.) As provided in the ‘County Courts Act’ respecting appeals in actions or suits where the amount claimed or counter-claimed or the value of the subject-matter of the action of suit is less than one hundred dollars.

Provided that nothing herein contained shall deprive an executor, administrator, trustee, or mortgagee, who has not unreasonably instituted or carried on or resisted any proceedings, of any right to costs out of a particular estate or fund to which he would be entitled according to the rules hitherto acted upon.”

Carried.

Mr. *Henderson* moved to strike out the following words in line four of section 23, “City of Nelson,” and substitute therefor the following, “County of Kootenay.”

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Cameron</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Fraser—18.</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Bouser,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Grant—20.</i>

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Houston* presented the Second Report from the Printing Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
VICTORIA, February 5th, 1904.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Committee met on February 4th, 1904. On motion, the following were ordered to be printed :—

1. Abstract *re* Wild Lands in Cowichan District.
2. Report concerning Provincial Home at Kamloops.

The report was received.

JOHN HOUSTON,
Chairman.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 5th, 1904.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That they have considered many proposed amendments to the "Municipal Clauses Act." They approve of those in Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act,' annexed hereto, and recommend the same to the favourable consideration of the House. We recommend that the "Municipal Clauses Act" be consolidated next Session, and that the Act be divided into three classes, cities of the first and second class, and rural municipalities.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The Report was received.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading on Monday next.

JAMES F. GARDEN,
Chairman.

On the motion of Mr. *Oliver*, Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act,'" was introduced and read a first time.
Second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock to resume it again at 8:30 P.M.

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

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horticultural Board Act,'" was committed. Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting certain Contracts of Insurance," was committed.

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

The adjourned debate on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act,'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time and committed.
Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to regulate Immigration into British Columbia," was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Parks Act,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act for the Incorporation and Regulation of Joint Stock Companies and Trading Corporations," was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act relating to the Attachment of Debts," was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act respecting the Official Map of a portion of Comiakén District," was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10:55 o'clock, P.M.

Monday, 8th February, 1904.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *McNiven* presented a petition from *A. M. Gregg* and others, residents of Victoria, asking amendments to the "Game Act."

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Ellison* presented the First Report from the Mining Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
4th February, 1904.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That your Committee has resolved that it is not deemed advisable to make changes in either the "Mineral Act" or the "Placer Mining Act" at this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

PRICE ELLISON,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Mr. *Clifford* presented an Interim Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into all matters relating to the construction of Government House, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
8th February, 1904.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Committee appointed by resolution of the House on January 21st last to inquire into certain matters pertaining to the construction of Government House beg to make this Interim Report:—

At a session of the Committee held on February 6th, Messrs. *Maxwell Muir* and *W. T. Dalton*, referred to in the resolution, through their respective counsel, declined to give evidence touching the charges made in the memorandum attached to the award, claiming that the memorandum is an integral part of the award, and is, therefore, privileged from any review by the Legislature or a Committee thereof.

Your Committee would respectfully suggest that the House reaffirm its position that the charges contained in the memorandum are distinct from the award, and that the action of the Committee in pressing the inquiry into the charges contained in the memorandum be endorsed. And, further, your Committee respectfully request that they be empowered to compel witnesses to testify, as, without this power, the Committee feel that they will be unable to thoroughly perform their duties before the close of the Session.

CHAS. W. D. CLIFFORD,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 75) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Bills of Sale Act.’”

By Mr. *Bowser*—Bill (No. 76) intituled “An Act respecting the Fraudulent Preference of Creditors by persons in Insolvent Circumstances.”

By Mr. *McInnes*—Bill (No. 73) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Animals Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by Dr. *King*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of the Forms being used by the Assessors under the provisions of the “Assessment Act;” also, copies of the instructions issued to Assessors in connection with carrying out the provisions of the “Assessment Act.”

On the motion of Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by Dr. *King*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence between *Albert Geer* and *T. R. Williams*, of Long Lake, near Vernon, and the Department of Public Works, in reference to damages to the land of the said *Albert Geer* and *T. R. Williams*; also, copies of all correspondence between the Department of Lands and Works and any other person, *re* the construction of a dam at Long Lake.

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

1. What is the area of reserved land in the Province?
2. What is the area of Crown lands alienated by the Crown since the Union with Canada?
3. What is the aggregate amount of taxes paid since said Union by railway companies and land companies, respectively, on land alienated to them by the Crown?
4. What were the several land reservations made for, respectively?

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

“1. About 10,000,000 acres.

“2. It is not possible to answer the question without having a statement prepared from the records, which would be a work involving much labour and time.

“3. It will take a very long time to arrive at an answer to this question. The lands referred to are taxable, in some cases, as soon as alienated by the companies direct to the

parties to whom alienated, and in other cases direct to the companies at the expiration of the period of exemption, if not already alienated by such companies; and as these lands are distributed on the assessment rolls with the other taxable lands of private individuals, without any distinctive mark to show that they were originally subsidy lands, the whole rolls will have to be examined and a list made out of each parcel included in the separate land grants.

"4. A Return to the Legislature of the principal reserves, giving the information desired, is published in the Sessional Papers for 1903, at folio J 23."

Dr. *Young* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. What correspondence has there been with the Gold Commissioner at Atlin in reference to Boulder Creek?

2. What action, if any, has the Minister taken in the matter?

3. Is it the intention of the Department to introduce legislation to bring about such an equitable condition of affairs as shall conserve the interests of the real developers of the country?

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

"1. 4th September, 1902. Telegram instructing Gold Commissioner that placer miners must not be allowed to put tailings in creek so as to interfere with successful working of Delamare Company's property.

"13th November, 1902. Letter to Gold Commissioner, enclosing letter from Agent for 'La Societe Miniere de la Colombie Britannique,' complaining of difficulty the Company experienced in operating their property, owing to dumping of tailings in Boulder Creek, and asking the Gold Commissioner to report thereon.

"27th November, 1902. Report of Gold Commissioner.

"31st December, 1902. Letter to Gold Commissioner, instructing him to exercise his discretion in dealing with the matter of dumping tailings in Boulder Creek, and that those dissatisfied with his rulings may appeal to the Courts.

"2. Answered by answer to No. 1.

"3. It has been intimated to the Department that a decision has been rendered in the County Court of Vancouver, which very much affects this question, and the Government is now considering this matter with a view of ascertaining the best course to pursue."

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

1. Has any damage been done to the City of Vernon by reason of floods from Long Lake since 1892?

2. If not, what reason had the Government for supposing that damage would be done in the future?

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

"1. No.

"2. The danger is always imminent when flood impending."

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

1. Has the Government any information in its archives in regard to Dr. *Brown's* exploration of Vancouver Island in 1864?

2. How many men were employed by Dr. *Brown* to carry out the exploration?

3. Can the Government give the names of those forming the expedition?

4. What contract was made with these men?

5. Has this contract been carried out?

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

"This matter is receiving attention, and the information desired will be furnished if the same is available."

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Has the evidence taken at the coroner's inquest at Fernie, relating to the explosion of May, 1902, been printed, as ordered by the House?

2. If not, why not?

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

“1. No.

“2. The capacity of the Printing Department has been so heavily taxed of late that it has not been possible to undertake a work of such magnitude as that in question. It is the intention, however, to put the matter in hand at the earliest possible date.”

Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act respecting the Constitution, Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes relating to the Administration of Justice,” was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 42) intituled “An Act to secure to certain Pioneer Settlers within the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Land Belt their surface and under-surface Rights,” was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* moved to amend section 3 by striking out the words “reserving, however, the gold and silver therein,” in lines seven and eight thereof.

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Horticultural Board Act,’” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mechanics’ Lien Act,’” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 45) intituled “An Act relating to the Attachment of Debts,” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 64) intituled “An Act respecting the Official Map of a portion of Comiaken District,” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trail Incorporation Act, 1901, Amendment Act, 1903,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

8th February, 1904.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 74) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trail Incorporation Act, 1901, Amendment Act, 1903,’” and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first and second times and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any other person or persons *re* the taxation of the Canadian Pacific Railway, or any other railway or railways in the Province, and any reports or commissions bearing on this subject, extending over the years 1885 to 1903.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act further to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock, to resume it again at 8:30 P.M.

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

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Judgments Act, 1899,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act for prevention of Frauds and Perjuries." (For prevention of many fraudulent practices, which are commonly endeavoured to be upheld by perjury and subornation of perjury), was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'South African War Land Grant Act, 1901,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to qualify Archibald McDonald to represent the Lillooet Electoral District in the present Session of the Legislative Assembly," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Clifford*, the Standing Rules and Orders were suspended in order to move the adoption of the Interim Report presented to-day by the Select Committee appointed to inquire into all matters relating to the construction of Government House.

Mr. *Clifford* then moved the adoption of the Report.

A debate arose.

Report adopted.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Coast-Yukon Railway Company," was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Cowichan, Alberni and Fort Rupert Railway Company," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to enable the City of Vancouver to acquire any Lands and Interests in, on or adjoining the foreshore of a certain portion of False Creek, Vancouver," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, 9th February.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900,'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1898,'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to regulate the Speed and Operation of Motor Vehicles on Highways," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act, 1898,'" was considered.

Mr. *Macgowan* moved to add as section 6:—

"Section 78 of the 'Medical Act, 1898,' is hereby amended by adding thereto the following proviso:—

"Provided that any of the aforesaid funds may be devoted to any purpose which the Council may, in their discretion, see fit towards the advancement of medical science, and in so doing make any grant or grants from time to time to defray any expense that may, in their discretion, be incurred in providing for the reception of and the meetings of the Canadian Medical Association when held within British Columbia."

Carried.

Third reading at the next sitting of the House.

The Report on Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act respecting Railway and Steamship Transportation in certain Cases," was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 1:05 o'clock, A.M.

Tuesday, 9th February, 1904.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

1. What amount of public money was expended by the road foreman at Enderby, *Wm. Hancock*, during the years 1902 and 1903, and by *Chas. Little*, foreman at Mara, and to whom paid?

2. Also the amount spent during the said years in connection with Mara bridge?

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

“1. By Foreman *W. Hancock*, Enderby, 1902, \$1,986.07; 1903, \$1,169.14 = \$3,155.21.

“By Foreman *C. Little*, Mara, 1902, \$832.91; 1903, \$604.82 = \$1,437.73.

“Statement to whom paid annexed.

“2. \$10.50.”

The Report on Bill (No. 74) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trail Incorporation Act, 1901, Amendment Act, 1903,’” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 40) intituled “An Act to regulate Immigration into British Columbia,” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 44) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act, 1897,’” was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to add the following new clause as section 8:—

“8. (1.) Whenever, before the commencement of this Act, any shares in the capital of any company incorporated under the ‘Companies Act, 1897,’ credited as fully or partly paid up, shall have been issued for a consideration other than cash, and at or before the issue of such shares no contract, or no sufficient contract, was filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, in compliance with section 50 of the ‘Companies Act, 1897,’ the company or any person interested in such shares, or any of them, may apply to the Court for relief, and the Court, if satisfied that the omission to file a contract or sufficient contract was accidental or due to inadvertence, or that for any reason it is just and equitable to grant relief, may make an order for the filing with the Registrar of a sufficient contract in writing, and directing that on such contract being filed within a specified period it shall, in relation to such shares, operate as if it had been duly filed with the Registrar aforesaid before the issue of such shares.

“(2.) Any such application may be made in the manner in which an application to rectify the register of members may be made under section 44 of the ‘Companies Act, 1897,’ and either before or after an order has been made or an effective resolution has been passed for the winding-up of such company, and either before or after the commencement of any proceedings for enforcing the liability on such shares consequent on the omission aforesaid, and any such application shall, if not made by the company, be served on the company.

“(3.) Any such order may be made on such terms and conditions as the Court may think fit, and the Court may make such order as to costs as it deems proper, and may direct that an office copy of the order shall be filed with the Registrar aforesaid, and the order shall in all respects have full effect.

“(4.) Where the Court in any such case is satisfied that the filing of the requisite contract would cause delay or inconvenience, or is impracticable, it may, in lieu thereof, direct the filing of a memorandum in writing, in a form approved by the Court, specifying the consideration for which the shares were issued, and may direct that on such memorandum being filed within a specified period it shall, in relation to such shares, operate as if it were a sufficient contract in writing within the meaning of section 50 of the ‘Companies Act, 1897,’ and had been duly filed with the Registrar aforesaid before the issue of such shares.

“(5.) The jurisdiction by this section given to the Court is not by implication to curtail or derogate from its jurisdiction to grant relief in any such case under section 44 of the ‘Companies Act, 1897,’ or of this Act, or otherwise.”

Carried.

Mr. *J. A. Macdonald* moved to add the following new section :—

Section 122 of the “Companies Act, 1897,” is hereby repealed as to companies which shall be subject to the following sub-section, and the following substituted therefor :—

“122. (1.) All companies hereafter incorporated under this Act shall have power, exercisable by the directors, subject to any restrictions imposed by the Articles of Association of the company, to borrow money for the purpose of carrying out the objects of their respective incorporations, and to execute mortgages and pledges of their real and personal property, rights and powers; to issue debentures secured by mortgage, or pledge or otherwise; to sign bills, notes, contracts and other evidences of or securities for money borrowed, or to be borrowed, by them for the purposes aforesaid, and to pledge debentures as security for temporary loans.

“(2.) Any company incorporated under this Act prior to the 15th February, 1904, or under any of the Acts repealed by section 160 of this Act, shall have the like power as is contained in the preceding sub-section on passing a special resolution declaring that such sub-section shall apply to such company.”

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 45) intituled “An Act relating to the Attachment of Debts,” was considered.

Mr. *Henderson* moved that section 4 be amended by striking out the word “or” before the word “contract” in the eleventh line thereof, and inserting the words “or judgment” after the word “contract.”

Negatived.

Mr. *Henderson* moved that the words “as between solicitor and client” be struck out in line three, section 16.

Negatived.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 68) intituled “An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia,” was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act further to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act,’” was considered.

Mr. *Ross* moved to add to section 21 the following :—

“(a.) The owner, agent or manager of every mine shall keep in the office of the mine an accurate plan of the workings of the mine, showing the same up to a date not more than three months previously, and shall also file a correct copy of the same at intervals not greater than three months each from the first filing thereof with the Minister of Mines, and shall further produce a correct copy of the same, or any part thereof, whenever so required by the Inspector for the time being, or any Coroner holding an investigation under the provisions of this Act, and file the same with the said Inspector or Coroner.”

Carried.

Mr. *Williams* moved to add the following as section 14A :—

“14A. Section 67 of the said Act is amended by adding the following as sub-section (6):—

“(6.) Immediately after each visit the Inspector shall cause to be posted in some conspicuous place at or near the mine a statement showing what portion of such mine has been inspected, and the condition found to prevail therein.”

Carried.

Mr. *McInnes* moved to amend section 9 by inserting between the words "he" and "has" in the first line of paragraph (a) of sub-section (2) the following words: "is a British subject and."

Carried on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Cameron,</i>
<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Tatlow—19.</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Young,</i>	<i>Grant—18.</i>
<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>		

Mr. *McBride* moved to insert the word "Regulation" between the words "Mines" and "Act" in line six of sub-section (2) of section 11.

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act,'" was considered.

Mr. *Brown* moved that section 6 of the said Act be amended by inserting after the words "Rules of Court" in said section the words "which may be hereafter passed."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
9th February, 1904.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That they have considered Bill (No. 55A) being "An Act to amend the 'Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1901.'"

They find the preamble proved, and beg to report the Bill with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. CARTER-COTTON,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Report on Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'South African War Land Grant Act, 1901,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Judgments Act, 1899,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to qualify Archibald McDonald to represent the Lillooet Electoral District in the present Session of the Legislative Assembly," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act,'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Midway and Vernon Railway Company Act, 1901,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended and Bill (No. 55A) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1901,'" was then read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Counties Definition Act,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock to resume it again at 8:30 P.M.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Cowichan, Alberni and Fort Rupert Railway Company," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Vancouver Insurance Company," was considered.

Mr. *Hall* moved to strike out the word "Vancouver" in the title, and substitute the words "British Columbia." Also to strike out the word "Vancouver" where it occurs in sections 1 and 17, and substitute the words "British Columbia" in each case.

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to enable the City of Vancouver to acquire any Lands and Interests in, on or adjoining the foreshore of a certain portion of False Creek, Vancouver," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 46) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Line Fences and Water-courses Act.’”

Bill (No. 58) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Medical Act, 1898.’”

The third reading of Bill (No. 63) intituled “An Act respecting Railway and Steamship Transportation in certain Cases,” was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Grant—14.</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>
<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>
<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Young—21.</i>
<i>Jones,</i>			

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 56) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Master and Servant Amendment Act, 1899,’” was discharged.

Bill (No. 71) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Liquor Licence Act, 1900,’” was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Clauses Act,’” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 72) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Elections Act,’” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, 10th February.

Bill (No. 73) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Animals Act,’” was read a second time and committed.

Report complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12:40 A.M.

Wednesday, 10th February, 1904.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented a Return of copies of the Forms being used by the Assessors under the provisions of the "Assessment Act"; also, copies of the instructions issued to Assessors in connection with carrying out the provisions of the "Assessment Act."

On the motion of Dr. *Young*, Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897,'" was introduced, read a first and second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

What amount of royalty, during the year 1903, was paid by the San Juan Lumber Co., or other companies or persons, on timber cut in Renfrew District in the vicinity of Gordon and San Juan Rivers?

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

"No royalty has been paid yet."

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

1. What is the total acreage of land held under timber lease by the Davies-Sayward Lumber Company in West Kootenay?

2. What is the approximate location of each of these leaseholds?

3. Has the Davies-Sayward Lumber Company, during the currency of these leases, obtained from the Government any rebate or remission of the rentals legally payable under the terms of the leases?

4. If any such rebate or remission has been allowed, upon what grounds was the allowance made, and to what amount?

5. Has the Davies-Sayward Lumber Company maintained at all times, during the currency of these leases, a saw-mill appurtenant to the leaseholds, of the capacity required by the Land Act?

6. Is the Davies-Sayward Company now in arrears for timber rentals, and, if so, to what amount?

7. Has the Davies-Sayward Lumber Company now any saw-mill in operation that is appurtenant to these timber leaseholds?

8. If the law is not being complied with by this company, is it the intention of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to cancel these leases?

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

"1. 10,694 acres.

"2. Salmon River and vicinity, Goat River, Duncan River, Lardeau River.

"3. Yes.

"4. A remission of \$1,945.70 was made under authority of the Revenue Act, on the ground of the inability of the Company to make payment in full in consequence of financial losses.

"5. The Company established mills at Salmo and Pilot Bay, which they maintained and operated.

"6. Yes. \$1,069.40.

"7. The Department is not fully advised on this point.

"8. The matter will be considered."

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

1. Is the Government aware that most, if not all, of the locomotive and train crew staffs of the Vancouver, New Westminster and Yukon Railroad Company employed on construction work are aliens?

2. Does the Government propose taking this matter up with the Dominion Government, with the object in view of having the Dominion Government enforce the Dominion Alien Act?

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

“1. The Government has no knowledge as to the personnel of the staff of the Vancouver, New Westminster and Yukon Railway Company.

“2. The matter will receive immediate attention.”

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

1. Are there any arrears of taxes due the Government on land in Queen Charlotte Islands?

2. If so, the amount of such arrears, and by whom due?

3. Are there any arrears due the Government for timber royalty for timber cut on Queen Charlotte Islands?

4. If so, the amount due, and by whom?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Annexed is a statement giving the names and amount of arrears of taxes.

“3. No.

“4. Answered by the reply to question 3.”

ARREARS OF TAXES, QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS.

Name.	1902.	1903.	
	Dec. 31st.	Dec. 31st.	
Alexander, J. M		\$120 96	
Burns, G. H	\$308 65	28 80	Reverted to the Crown Dec. 11th, 1893.
Duval, J. M	159 05	14 40	" " "
Ellis, W. H	137 25	16 80	" " "
Green, C. Dubois	24 75	1 80	" " "
Harrison, Rev. C		48 80	
Hall & Goepel	43 25	2 40	" " "
Irving, Robert	447 70	57 60	" " "
Langley, A. J., Estate of	436 50	57 60	" " "
Law Union and Crown Insurance Co	265 95	57 60	" " "
Leahy, John		28 80	Present owner, J. J. Delahanty.
Madigan, Benjamin	184 20	16 80	Reverted to the Crown Dec. 11th, 1903.
Milne, Mrs E. C		28 80	
McKillican & Anderson	607 95	57 60	" " "
Nicholles & Renouf	1,933 45	115 20	" " "
Nicholles, John	370 15	21 60	" " "
Pearson, T. B	308 65	24 00	" " "
Robertson, W. A		111 21	
Robertson, W. A., and Wilson, W		10 30	
Saunders, Henry	68 72	3 45	" " "
Sayward & Langley	2,401 24	314 37	" " "
Sayward, W. P	436 66	56 16	" " "
Strong, C. B	255 25	28 80	" " "

The Report on Bill (No. 55A) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1901,’” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 44) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act, 1897,’” was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to qualify Archibald McDonald to represent the Lillooet Electoral District in the present Session of the Legislative Assembly," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Counties Definition Act,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Liquor Licence Act, 1900,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Mr. *Cameron* moved to insert the following as a new clause :—

"Section 135, sub-section (3), of the 'Municipal Clauses Act' is hereby amended by striking out all the words after the word 'stand,' in the eighth line thereof."

Carried.

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

"Section 8 of chapter 15 of the Statutes of 1900, as amended and enacted by section 3 of chapter 31 of the Statutes of 1901, being the "Land Registry Act Amendment Act, 1901," is hereby amended by striking out all the words after the word 'conducted,' in the ninth line thereof."

Ruled out of Order as not being within the title and scope of the Bill.

Mr. *Cameron* moved to add the following section :—

"297F. Any municipal corporation may, in the case of any land heretofore conveyed to any such municipal corporation by the Province for park, pleasure, recreation or other public purposes, exchange such land for other land to be used for similar purposes, or may, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, sell or dispose of same and apply the proceeds thereof as the Council may deem proper; and in the event of an exchange, sale or other disposition of any such lands, the corporation are hereby authorised to execute any conveyances and do all such other acts, deeds and things in the premises as may be necessary in order to effectually vest such property in the person or persons acquiring the same by sale, exchange or disposition, free from any such trusts for such purposes."

Negatived.

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

"Section 9 of chapter 15 of the Statutes of 1900, as amended and enacted by section 3 of chapter 31 of the Statutes of 1901, being the 'Land Registry Act Amendment Act, 1901,' is hereby repealed."

Ruled out of order.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act,'" was committed
Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act,'" was read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Garden* and Mr. *Taylor* stated that they were wrongly recorded on the Votes of 4th inst. as having voted with the ayes on the second reading of Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act respecting Railway and Steamship Transportation in certain Cases," as they were not in the House at the time.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to enable the City of Vancouver to acquire any Lands Interests in, on adjoining the foreshore of a certain portion of False Creek," was read a third time and passed

On the third reading of Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia,"—

Mr. *J. A. Macdonald* moved that all the words in said motion after the word "That" be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:—

"this House regrets that the Government of the day has failed in its manifest duty to lay before this House for consideration during the present Session some adequate measure or measures for the relief of those sections of the Province in which railways are urgently needed."

Ruled out of order.

Mr. *Henderson* moved that the word "now" be struck out, and the following words be added:—

"after the Government have submitted for the consideration of this House some adequate measure or measures for the relief of those sections of the Province in which railways are urgently needed."

Ruled out of order.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900,'" was considered.

Mr. *Davidson* moved that the Bill be recommitted, to consider the striking out of the following clauses added in Committee:—

"Section 184 is amended by adding thereto the following words:

"(a.) The property qualification for a member of the Park Board shall be in all respects the same as for an Alderman of the City, and no person shall be qualified to be or sit on the Park Board unless he is the owner of property as provided for in the case of Alderman in sub-section (2) of section 4 of this Act."

"Section 161 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words: "The property qualification for a member of the Licensing Board shall be in all respects the same as that for an Alderman of the City, and no person shall be qualified to be or sit on the Licensing Board unless he is the owner of property as provided for as in the case of an Alderman in sub-section (2) of section 4 of this Act."

Negatived.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the motion of Mr. *Wells*, seconded by Mr. *Cotton*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas the lumber interests of British Columbia are assuming a degree of importance conducive to the prosperity as well as the increased revenue of the Province:

And whereas serious encroachments upon the market in Canada at present exist by reason of large shipments of American lumber, chiefly to the North-West Territories and to Manitoba, thus depriving largely Canadian manufacturers of our home market:

And whereas the duty imposed upon Canadian lumber entering the United States is prohibitory, reserving exclusively their own market to American manufacturers:

Be it therefore Resolved, That this House views with alarm the serious consequences that must result to the lumber interests of British Columbia, and is of opinion that an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor respectfully asking him to communicate with the Dominion Government, to the end that such legislation be passed as will relieve the great injustice under which the British Columbia lumber interests are suffering, and

praying that a duty be put upon American lumber entering Canada equal, at least, to that imposed upon Canadian lumber entering the United States.

Carried.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock, to resume it again at 8:30 P.M.

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

The Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works presented a Return showing the names of the present holders of timber leases, with the number of acres held by each lessee, and the date of the lease and the date of expiry thereof.

Mr. Speaker laid on the Table the Report of the Librarian for the year 1902-1903.

Mr. *Clifford* moved, seconded by Dr. *Young*,—

That the Select Committee appointed to inquire into matters in connection with the construction of Government House be now further empowered by the House to continue their sittings till the investigation is completed to their satisfaction; and also, that the Committee be given leave to print their findings before presenting the same to the House at its next Session.

Motion withdrawn with leave.

Mr. *Clifford* presented the Second Interim Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the construction of Government House, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
10th February, 1904.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee appointed to inquire into matters connected with the construction of Government House beg to present the following Second Interim Report:—

From the evidence so far given before the Committee, the Committee is convinced that Mr. F. M. Rattenbury, as Supervising Architect, thoroughly protected the interests of the Province, and that in all matters brought to its notice his conduct throughout has been honourable and satisfactory.

Your Committee further beg to report that, owing to the premature ending of its labours, it feels it is not justified in commenting further on the evidence produced.

CHAS. W. D. CLIFFORD,
Chairman.

The Report was received and adopted.

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

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

- (No. 9) An Act to amend the "Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Act."
- (No. 10) An Act for the Protection of Insectivorous and other Birds."
- (No. 12) An Act to amend the "Coal Mines Regulation Act."
- (No. 14) An Act to amend the "Pharmacy Act."
- (No. 15) An Act to amend the "Municipal Clauses Act."
- (No. 16) An Act to amend the "Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act, 1902."
- (No. 18) An Act to amend the "Midway and Vernon Railway Company Act, 1901."
- (No. 19) An Act to further amend the "Steam Boilers Inspection Act, 1901."
- (No. 20) An Act to consolidate and amend the law respecting the Qualification and Registration of Electors, the Regulation of Elections of Members of the Provincial Legislative Assembly, and the Trial of Controverted Elections.
- (No. 21) An Act to amend the "Mechanics' Lien Act."
- (No. 22) An Act to amend the "Sale of Goods Act."
- (No. 24) An Act to amend the "Horticultural Board Act."

- (No. 26) An Act respecting the Constitution, Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes relating to the Administration of Justice.
- (No. 27) An Act to provide for the Proper Management of Gaols, and for the Organisation, Management and Discipline of the Provincial Police Force."
- (No. 29) An Act to amend the "Coal Mines Regulation Act."
- (No. 30) An Act to amend the "Game Protection Act, 1898."
- (No. 31) An Act respecting Sanitary Drainage Companies.
- (No. 33) An Act to amend the "Health Act."
- (No. 34) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."
- (No. 36) An Act to amend the "Poison Act."
- (No. 37) An Act to amend the "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Incorporation Act."
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act Amendment Act, 1900."
- (No. 39) An Act to provide an additional sum for the completion of the New Westminster Bridge across the Fraser River.
- (No. 40) An Act to regulate Immigration into British Columbia.
- (No. 42) An Act to secure to certain Pioneer Settlers within the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Land Belt their surface and under-surface rights.
- (No. 43) An Act to amend the "Public Parks Act."
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the "Companies Act, 1897."
- (No. 45) An Act relating to the Attachment of Debts."
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the "Line Fences and Water Courses Act."
- (No. 47) An Act further to amend the "Coal Mines Regulation Act."
- (No. 48) An Act to amend the "County Courts Act."
- (No. 49) An Act to amend the "Judgments Act, 1899."
- (No. 50) An Act to enable the City of Vancouver to acquire any Lands and Interests in, on or adjoining the foreshore of a certain portion of False Creek, Vancouver.
- (No. 51) An Act to incorporate the Coast-Yukon Railway Company.
- (No. 52) An Act to incorporate the Cowichan, Alberni and Fort Rupert Railway Company.
- (No. 53) An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Insurance Company.
- (No. 54) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900."
- (No. 55A) An Act to amend the "Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1901."
- (No. 57) An Act to regulate the Speed and Operation of Motor Vehicles on Highways.
- (No. 58) An Act to amend the "Medical Act, 1898."
- (No. 59) An Act to amend the "Counties Definition Act."
- (No. 64) An Act respecting the Official Map of a portion of Comiakén District."
- (No. 65) An Act for prevention of Frauds and Perjuries." (For prevention of many fraudulent practices, which are commonly endeavoured to be upheld by perjury and subornation of perjury).
- (No. 67) An Act to amend the "Legal Professions Act."
- (No. 69) An Act to amend the "South African War Land Grant Act, 1901."
- (No. 70) An Act to qualify Archibald McDonald to represent the Lillooet Electoral District in the present Session of the Legislative Assembly.
- (No. 71) An Act to amend the "Liquor Licence Act, 1900."
- (No. 73) An Act to amend the "Animals Act."
- (No. 74) An Act to amend the Trail Incorporation Act, 1901, Amendment Act, 1903.
- (No. 75) An Act to amend the "Bills of Sale Act."
- (No. 77) An Act to amend the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897."

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

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

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

Mr. *Fell*, the Clerk of the House, then read the title of the following Bill:—

(No. 72) An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act."

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor reserved his assent to this Bill.

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

“His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth reserve this Bill for the signification of His Majesty’s pleasure thereon.”

Then the Honourable Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR :

We, His Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty’s person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honour’s acceptance Bill (No. 68) intituled “An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia.”

To this Bill the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour’s command, did thereupon say :—

“In His Majesty’s name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank His Majesty’s loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill.”

Then His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech :—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :

In relieving you from your Legislative duties, it affords me pleasure to express my appreciation of the earnest and careful manner with which you have dealt with the important questions submitted for your consideration.

The measures adopted with the view of ameliorating the financial condition of the Province will, I feel confident, have the desired effect. While it has been deemed expedient to curtail the expenditure, a careful administration of the various departments will, I trust, ensure an efficient service.

I observe that a new Election Act has been passed to remedy the defects of existing legislation.

I am pleased to note the growing activity in the timber industry, and the great increase in the output of mines.

The steady improvement in agriculture, especially in the branches of dairying and horticulture, is a source of great satisfaction.

I thank you for the supplies granted for the administration of public affairs.

I now relieve you from further attendance in the Legislature, and pray that your efforts may be blessed with abundant success.

The Hon. Mr. *McBride*, Provincial Secretary, then said :—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor’s will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please His Honour to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

CHAS. E. POOLEY, *Speaker.*