

Tuesday, 23rd February, 1892.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. E. Gardner*.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Kellie*, from *G. B. Wright* and others, free miners in *Kootenay District*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Kootenay Lake General Hospital."

By Mr. *Sword*, from "The New Westminster and Vancouver Short Line Railway Company," for a Private Bill amending their Corporate Act.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *A. Parker* and others, property owners and pre-emptors of *Capilano Valley*, *Lynn Valley*, and *Creek Valley*, *New Westminster District*, opposing Private Bill to incorporate "North Vancouver Electric Company." *Ordered* to be printed.

From "The Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company," opposing Private Bill to incorporate "The Twin Cities Railway Company." *Ordered* to be printed.

From *Thomas Gibson*, *William Hodgson*, and others, *re* Chinese and Japanese working underground. *Ordered* to be printed.

From "The Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company," for leave to introduce a Petition to amend their Corporate Act. Referred to the Standing Orders and Private Bills Committee.

From *J. F. Hume* and others, residents of *Nelson*, in favour of the passage of the Consumers' (*Nelson*) Water Works Bill. *Ordered* to be printed.

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

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
23rd February, 1892.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report that they have considered a Bill to incorporate "The Nelson Electric Light Company," and submit the same with amendments.

GEO. B. MARTIN,
Chairman.

The Report was read and received.

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

Whereas the citizens of the City of *Vancouver* desire to have a militia corps established in their city;

And whereas there are many able-bodied young men in the said city who are willing and anxious to join a militia corps, and 350 of them have actually enrolled themselves for that purpose;

Therefore, be it resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to strongly urge the Dominion Government to make all necessary arrangements for the establishment of a militia corps in the City of *Vancouver*; and that His Honour be further respectfully requested to transmit a copy of the Address and of this Resolution to the Minister of Militia at *Ottawa*.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and it was then moved by Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Milne*, and *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a return showing the names of persons and acreage of land which will be affected by the question as to whether the "28th January, 1892," or "22nd February, 1892," be inserted in section 13 of the "Land Act, 1892."

Mr. *Brown* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to make certain provisions in respect of City Municipalities."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" was considered.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to amend section 6 by striking out, in lines two and three, the words "Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works" and insert "Lieutenant-Governor in Council."

Carried.‡

Mr. *Sword* moved to add at the end of section 6, the following :—

"Provided, however, that any person, as defined under section 1 of this Act, shall be entitled to record or pre-empt any land included in any timber lease granted prior to the passing of this Act, if the land which it is proposed to record has not on each eighty acres thereof milling timber to the extent of more than ten thousand feet per acre. Such pre-emptor shall, however, only be entitled during the term of the lease to cut such timber as he may require for use upon his claim; and if he cut timber on the said land for sale, or for any purpose other than for such use as aforesaid or for the purpose of clearing the said land, he shall absolutely forfeit all interest in the land acquired by him, and the Commissioner may cancel his claim thereto."

The motion was negatived upon the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Keith—11.</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Nason,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Fletcher—19.</i>
<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>	

Mr. *Beaven* moved to strike out section 12.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Keith—9</i>
<i>Sword,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Nason,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Fletcher—20.</i>

Mr. *Beaven* moved to strike out of line five, in section 13, the words "twenty-second day of February" and insert "twenty-eighth day of January."

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Keith—7.</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Nason,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Fletcher—20.</i>

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of the Victoria Municipal Election for the year 1892," was considered.

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

To amend section 2 by striking out the words "or hereafter to be instituted," in lines two and three.

To insert in line ten, section 2, between the words "act" and "except," the words "in respect of proceedings which are pending at the time of the passage of this Act."

To strike out the word "settled" where it occurs in the last line, immediately before the word "scale."

Report as amended adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1891,'" was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Kitchen* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented a Return shewing the names of persons and acreage of land which will be affected by the question as to whether 28th January, 1892, or 22nd February, 1892, be inserted in section 13 of the "Land Act, 1892."

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Croft* moved—That Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Esquimalt Water Works Act, 1885,'" be read a second time now.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Milne*, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:50 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 24th February, 1892.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. E. Gardner*.

Mr. *McKenzie* presented a Petition from *Jno. N. Muir*, re refusal by Board of Examiners to renew Teachers' Certificate.

Laid on the table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *G. B. Wright* and others, free miners in *Kootenay District*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Kootenay Lake General Hospital."

From "The New Westminster and Vancouver Short Line Railway Company," for a Private Bill amending their Corporate Act.

Colonel *Baker* presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, as follows:—

February 24th, 1892.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Standing Committee on Railways has the honour to report that it respectfully calls the attention of the House that it is advisable that Private Bills for Tramways should be referred to the Railway Committee.

JAMES BAKER,
Chairman.

The Report was read and received.

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of all Orders in Council and correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any person or persons, relative to the reserve placed on certain lands at or near *Slocan Lake*, or to the refusal of the application of any person or persons to take up land at or near *Slocan Lake*, or to the allowance of any such applications.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Robson*, Leader of the Government, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Beaven*, Leader of the Opposition—

The Rules and Orders were suspended, and it was then *Resolved*—

That the following Address of Condolence to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family, on the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, be presented to Her Majesty:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:

We, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, desire humbly to tender to Your Majesty and the members of the Royal Family assurances of our profound sorrow and heartfelt sympathy for the great loss Your Majesty and the nation have sustained by the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

Though geographically distant from the centre of Your Majesty's Empire, the people of British Columbia have ever been most devotedly attached to Your Majesty's royal person and family, and the sudden and untimely death of the lamented Prince has plunged them in deepest grief.

We, therefore, venture to hope that Your Majesty and the Royal Family will be graciously pleased to accept this humble, but loyal and sincere, assurance of our sorrow and sympathy in the affliction which the Supreme Ruler, in His inscrutable providence, has permitted to befall Your Majesty.

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

That the Address be engrossed, signed by the Speaker and forwarded through the proper channel.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE).

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Turner*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Robson*,—
Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered forthwith.

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

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

Colonel *Baker* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cattle Ranges Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

That a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. *Booth, Semlin, Cotton, Stoddart, Rogers,* and the mover, be appointed for the purpose of enquiring into all the circumstances connected with the application and sale of lands at *Port Simpson* and vicinity, during the years 1889, 1890, 1891, and 1892.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Keith—10.</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Milne,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Fletcher,</i>
<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Nason,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>	<i>Anderson—17.</i>
<i>Davis,</i>			

Mr. *Brown* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1891.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Hall* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

What correspondence has taken place between the Provincial and Dominion Governments relating to the Resolution of this House of the 9th March, 1891, relating to a mail service between *Victoria* and *Port Simpson, Naas River,* and points on *Queen Charlotte Islands*?

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

"The resolution, with a Minute supporting the representations made therein, was forwarded to the Dominion Government by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on the 28th March, 1891, and acknowledged by the Secretary of State on the 6th April, who stated that the matter would receive consideration."

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

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

An Act respecting the "Companies Act, 1890."

An Act to amend the "Constitution Act."

An Act to amend the "Magistrates Act."

An Act to amend the "Land Act."

An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of the *Victoria Municipal Election* for the year 1892.

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

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. *Croft*—That Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Esquimalt Water Works Act, 1885,’” be read a second time now, was resumed.

The debate was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Vernon*, further adjourned until Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Consumers’ Water Works Company, Limited,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and then—

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

LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY,
24th February, 1892.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg leave to recommend that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills be extended until the 5th March.

GEO. B. MARTIN,
Chairman.

The Report was read, received, and adopted.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act to regulate Mining Partnerships.”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:35 o’clock, p.m.

Tuesday, 1st March, 1892.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Horne*, from *A. S. Black* and others, members of the Law Society of British Columbia, residing at *Vancouver*, (re establishing *Vancouver City* a Judicial District).

By Mr. *Hall*, from *F. W. Foster* and others, re amendments to the “Game Act.”

By Mr. *Keith*, from *Donald McGillivray*, *J. B. Pike*, and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate “The Coquitlam Electric Company.”

By Mr. *Horne*, from *G. D. Brymner*, Manager of the Bank of *Montreal*, at *New Westminster*, re passage of Bill validating Debentures issued by *Surrey Municipality*.

By Mr. *Horne*, from *Jno. Hendry* and others, ratepayers of the Corporation of *Surrey*, for a Private Bill to validate certain Debentures issued by the Corporation of *Surrey*.

The Petition from *Jno. N. Muir*, re refusal by Board of Examiners to renew Teacher’s Certificate, was read.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Annual Report on the Asylum for the Insane, at *New Westminster*, for the year 1891.

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

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
1st March, 1892.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The Petition of the Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company;

The Petition for an Act to incorporate the Twin Cities Railway Company;

The Petition for an Act to incorporate the North Vancouver Electric Company, Limited.

Your Committee also considered a Bill to amend the "Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Company's Act, 1880," and submit the same with amendments.

Also a Bill to incorporate the Association of the Sisters of Charity of Providence in British Columbia, and submit the same without amendment.

G. B. MARTIN,
Chairman.

The Report was read and received.

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

Whereas the Hon. the Member for *West Kootenay* has complained, from his place in this House, of insulting and abusive language used towards him in the lobby of the House by *Frank S. Barnard*, Esq., M.P.;

Be it therefore *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed for the purpose of enquiring into the matter of the said complaint; which Committee shall consist of Messrs. *John Robson*, *Robert Beaven*, and *James Baker*; with power to call for persons, books, and papers, and to report to the House.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Reports on the Surveys of Crown Lands during the year 1891.

Colonel *Baker* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to authorize the Kootenay Power Company, Limited, to construct Tramways and Electrical and other works in the vicinity of Nelson."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Milne* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of Victoria to borrow certain sums of money, and for other purposes."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages of the Province.

Mr. *Kellie* moved, seconded by Colonel *Baker*—

That whereas, owing to custom, the Indians from the neighbourhood of *Colville*, in State of Washington, do annually come into British Columbia and hunt along the *Arrow Lakes* and *Columbia River*, and by so doing exclude the Indians of *Kootenay*, in British Columbia, from following the chase in those parts of the Province above mentioned;

Be it therefore resolved, That in the interests of British Columbia, our Government do instruct its officers in *Kootenay*, or elsewhere, to see that the provisions of the "Game Act," empowering the collection of the sum of fifty dollars for all non-residents who come into British Columbia for the purposes of hunting, be enforced in regard to these foreign Indians when they cross the International Boundary for the purpose of hunting in British Columbia.

The motion was withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. *Hall*, seconded by Mr. *Hunter*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Resolution be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, that he will cause to be pointed out to the Dominion Government the very urgent necessity which exists for the providing of an efficient mail service on what is known as the northern coast route of this Province, by steamers of good speed and accommodation, equal in all respects to the American steamers plying to *Alaska*.

The present requirements are as hereunder, viz. :—*Victoria* to *Port Simpson*, *Naas* and way ports every fourteen days, and *Victoria* to *Queen Charlotte Islands* points every four weeks.

The Report on Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public School Act, 1891,’” was considered.

Mr. *Brown* moved to amend section 5 by striking out the word “annually” in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the words “in the manner hereinafter provided.”

Carried.

Mr. *Brown* moved to amend section 6 by inserting at the beginning of the section the words “At the first election under this Act”; and by substituting the word “six” for the word “seven,” in the first line; and by inserting the words “and at each subsequent election to as many votes as there are trustees to be elected,” after the word “trustees” in the second line.

Carried.

Mr. *Brown* moved to strike out section 8 and substitute—

“8. At the first election under this Act, the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to serve for two years, and the three candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall be declared elected to serve for one year; and at each subsequent annual election three trustees shall be elected to serve for two years: Provided that any election under the authority of section 11 of this Act may, if convenient, be held concurrently with the annual election; and provided further, that all trustees may remain in office and exercise all the powers of trustees until their successors shall have been elected.”

Carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to further amend the ‘Game Protection Act,’” was discharged.

Mr. *Anderson* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act to incorporate the *Victoria* and *Sidney* Railway Company.”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Brown* moved that Bill (No. 24) intituled “An Act to make certain provisions in respect of City Municipalities,” be read a second time now.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Thursday next.

Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Act, 1891,’” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Friday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented the Report of the Royal Commission in the matter of an enquiry into the conduct of the affairs of the Municipal Council of *Victoria*.

Mr. *Milne* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following questions :—

(1.) If the returns in reference to the *Behring Sea*, sent down to this House, includes all the correspondence and telegrams sent or received by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, especially in reference to the claims for compensation by sealers for seizures of vessels and cargo?

(2.) Were any telegrams or correspondence sent or received on or about March 1st, 1890, in reference to the above?

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

“(1.) The Return presented to the House on the 18th ultimo includes all correspondence sent or received by the Provincial Secretary.

“(2.) The accompanying copies of telegrams were received and sent on or about March 1st, 1890.”

[TELEGRAMS.]

OTTAWA, 24th February, 1890.

To *Jno. Robson* :

Tell Captain J. D. Warren to proceed to Washington immediately and report to Mr. Tupper, Arlington Hotel. Government will pay his transport and board; he is to take with him log of seized vessels and any other information bearing on seizure or claim.

(Signed) JOHN TILTON.

VICTORIA, 25th February, 1890.

John Tilton,

Deputy Minister Fisheries, Ottawa :

Is it intended that Warren should act for the ten vessels he represented at Ottawa, or only his own four?

(Signed) JNO. ROBSON.

VICTORIA, 26th February, 1890.

To *Deputy Minister of Fisheries* :

Warren's affairs are in the hands of a receiver, and he is restrained by injunction from dealing with sealing claims, except through the Court. Am I at liberty to inform receiver of your telegram?

(Signed) JNO. ROBSON.

VICTORIA, March 29th, 1890.

E. G. Prior, M.P., and T. Earle, M.P., Ottawa :

British sealing schooner *Pathfinder* seized by American revenue cutter at Neah Bay, where she went in distress, and towed to Port Townsend, where held. *Pathfinder* had been sealing off coast Vancouver, and had skins on board. Owners desirous to avoid precipitating international complications and anxious to know what to do. Please see Ministers at once and ascertain what can be done. Wire answer.

(Signed) JNO. ROBSON.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:45 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 2nd March, 1892.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *F. W. Foster* and others, *re* amendments to the “Game Act.”

From *Donald McGillivray, J. B. Pike*, and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate “The Coquitlam Electric Company.”

From *G. D. Brymner*, Manager of the Bank of *Montreal*, at *New Westminster*, *re* passage of Bill validating Debentures issued by *Surrey Municipality*. *Ordered* to be printed.

From *Jno. Hendry* and others, ratepayers of the Corporation of *Surrey*, for a Private Bill to validate certain Debentures issued by the Corporation of *Surrey*. *Ordered* to be printed.

The Petition from *A. S. Black* and others, members of the Law Society of British Columbia, residents of *Vancouver*, (re establishing *Vancouver City* a Judicial District), was ruled out of order.

The following Petitions were presented:—

By Hon. Mr. *Turner*, from the Corporation of the City of *Victoria*, opposing Private Bill to amend "Esquimalt Water Works Act." Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

By Mr. *Martin*, from "The Nicola Valley Railway Company," opposing Private Bill to incorporate "The Nicola, Kamloops, and Similkemeeen Coal and Railway Company." Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

By Mr. *Kitchen*, from *C. C. Cameron* and others, land owners on the *Serpentine River*, and from *Walter Walker* and others, ratepayers and land owners at same place, opposing Private Bill to validate certain debentures issued by the Corporation of *Surrey*. Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

By Mr. *Kitchen*, from *Ellis George* and others, and from *Wm. Johnson* and others, ratepayers and land owners in *Surrey* Municipality, opposing Private Bill to validate certain debentures issued by said Municipality. Ruled out of order.

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

LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY,
2nd March, 1892.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, having considered the Petition of *H. Abbott*, *J. M. Browning*, *W. F. Salsbury*, and the *Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company*, of the 22nd day of February, 1892, beg to report that the prayer of the said Petition be granted.

Your Committee also beg to report that on the 1st day of March, 1892, they met to consider "An Act to incorporate the *Vancouver and New Westminster Short Line Tramway Company, Limited*."

That counsel for the promoters of the Bill, and in support of the petition presented to the House against the passage of the Act, were heard; after which an adjournment was had until the 2nd day of March, 1892. Upon the assembling of the Committee this day, it was decided that the following entry should be spread upon the records of the Private Bills Committee, hereto annexed and marked "A."

In pursuance of the matters stated in the said entry, your Committee recommend that the promoters of the said Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Vancouver and New Westminster Short Line Tramway Company, Limited*," be permitted to withdraw the same.

Your Committee considered the two following Bills:—

A Bill to create the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Vancouver Island* and his successors in office a Corporation Sole;

And a Bill to incorporate the Sisters of *St. Ann* in the Province of *British Columbia*.

And beg to report the same without amendment. Respectfully submitted.

G. B. MARTIN,
Chairman.

The Report was read and received.

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MEMORANDUM TO BE INSERTED IN THE PRIVATE BILLS COMMITTEE RECORD BOOK.

On consideration of a Bill to incorporate the *Vancouver-New Westminster Short Line Tramway Company*, the Attorney-General appeared as representing the Government, Mr. *Forin* as representing the *Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company, Limited*, and Mr. *Bodwell* as representing the promoters of the *Vancouver-New Westminster Short Line Tramway Bill*.

The Attorney-General claimed pre-audience, and explained that the Government considered a matter of principle was involved in the discussion of this Bill, and that it was for the

Committee to consider whether or not it was proper to take away from the present company the benefit of their franchise, unless it was clearly shewn that the needs of the public demanded such an Act to pass the Legislature.

Mr. Forin then appeared on behalf of the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company, Limited, and presented their Petition. Mr. Oppenheimer, the President of the Company, was also present.

It was explained that the present company had already in view the shortening of their actual line of road to about eleven miles; that contracts had been entered into for the purchase of new plant, consisting of two 250 horse-power engines, 500 horse-power boilers, two 250 horse-power generators, and two new cars; and that by reason of the improvements which were about to be inaugurated, and for which contracts had already been let, the distance and time occupied in transporting passengers would be shortened to about eleven miles and about thirty minutes, respectively; that the fare is now seventy-five cents, which is a reduction of fifty per cent. on former rates, and that as the traffic increases the Company intend to make further reductions; that they also had in view the reducing of some of the steeper grades in their road at an expenditure of about \$10,000, and that they believed that with these improvements it was not possible that a shorter or more completely equipped road could be established for the accommodation of the public.

Mr. Bodwell, on behalf of the promoters of the Vancouver-New Westminster Short Line Tramway Company, stated that next to making the undertaking a profitable matter of business, the object of his Company was to procure for the public the best possible means of transit between the two cities; that he was satisfied with the explanations given by the President of and counsel for the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company, and that if the improvements were carried out it appeared to him that the public interests would be fully protected; that the promoters of his Bill had no wish or desire to inflict any injury upon the other Company unless the public could be benefitted accordingly, and that if a sufficient guarantee for the performance of the matters referred to by counsel were given he would be prepared, on behalf of his Company, to withdraw their Bill.

It was then arranged that these matters which had been stated by the President of and counsel for the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company should be set out at length in the Private Bills Committee Record Book, it being understood that the Vancouver-New Westminster Short Line Tramway Bill is withdrawn upon the condition that the above-mentioned improvements are to be carried out at a date not later than the first day of July, 1892, from which time hourly trips between the two cities are to be made, commencing at six o'clock a.m., and terminating at eleven o'clock p.m. each day.

Colonel *Baker* presented the Second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Standing Committee on Railways has the honour to report the Preamble proved of an Act intituled "An Act to incorporate the Kaslo and Slocan Railway Company," and the Bill complete with amendments.

Your Committee beg to recommend to your Honourable House that the following clause be added as sub-section (3), clause 78, of the "British Columbia Railway Act," 53 Vic., chap. 39, 1890:—

"Wherever a line of railway connects with a line of railway belonging to any other company, and it is proved to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that from the nature of the country, or other circumstances, it would be impracticable, except at heavy expense, to build a parallel line, or that the public interests would be better promoted by giving to one company running powers for their trains over a portion of the line of the other company, it shall be lawful to grant such powers, under such limitations and under such conditions as to compensation as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may deem advisable."

The Report was read and received.

JAMES BAKER,
Chairman.

On the motion of Colonel *Baker*, the Petition from *H. Abbott*, *J. Browning*, and *W. F. Salisbury*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Columbia and Slocan Railway Company," was withdrawn.

Colonel *Baker* presented a Petition from "The Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company," for a Private Bill to extend their corporate powers.

Laid on the table.

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* presented a Report from the Committee appointed to enquire into the matter of the complaint of the Member for *West Kootenay* of insulting and abusive language used towards him in the lobby of the House by *Frank S. Barnard*, Esq., M.P., as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
2nd March, 1892.

Your Committee appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the complaint of the Member for West Kootenay that he had been insulted in the lobby of the House by *Frank S. Barnard*, Esq., M.P., beg to report the evidence in the case, together with a written apology from Mr. *Barnard*.

JNO. ROBSON,
Chairman.

VICTORIA, 1st March, 1892.

To the Hon. the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

SIR,—Having learned that Mr. *Kellie*, the member for West Kootenay, has brought to the notice of the House a matter which I presumed was entirely a private one, and having learned that I have committed a breach of privilege of the House, I desire to express my regret, and tender an apology to the House for the same. Having made arrangements to leave for Ottawa to-night I am unable to attend the House personally.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,
F. S. BARNARD.

The Report was received.

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

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Keith* moved that Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,' (chap. 84, vol. 1, Con. Acts, 1888,) and the 'Coal Mines Regulation Amendment Act,' 1890," be read a second time now.

The Hon. Mr. *Pooley* moved in amendment—To leave out the word "now" and insert "this day six months."

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Milne*, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:50 o'clock, p. m.

Thursday, 3rd March, 1892.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Cotton*, from the *Vancouver* Trades and Labour Council (*re* Chinese and Japanese working underground).

By Mr. *Horne*, from *J. Wulffsohn* and others, ratepayers of the Corporation of *Surrey*, supporting Bill to validate certain Debentures issued by the Corporation of *Surrey*.

The Petition from "The Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company," for a Private Bill to extend their corporate powers, was read and received.

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

LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY,
3rd March, 1892.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report that the Standing Orders in connection with a Bill to incorporate a company named "The Coquitlam Electric Company," have been complied with.

G. B. MARTIN,
Chairman.

The Report was read and received.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and the Second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Railways was adopted.

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

Whereas the disease of leprosy exists in this Province and is confined to the Mongolian race;

And whereas the Dominion Government refuses to exclude that race from this Province; And whereas a lazeretto for the care of lepers is maintained by the Dominion Government at *Tracadie*, New Brunswick;

Be it therefore resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to urge upon the Dominion Government the duty of caring for leprous Chinese, by establishing and maintaining a like establishment in this Province.

Mr. *Eberts* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Coquitlam Electric Company, Limited."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Martin* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the North Vancouver Electric Company, Limited."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Eberts* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Amendment Act, 1891.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 35) intituled the "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts for the protection of certain Animals, Birds, and Fishes."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Nason* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Liquor License Regulation Act, 1891.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented a Return showing the section of the Act under which the land was purchased, the numerals of the Crown grant (if any), the name, acreage, price per acre, and district, from which the sum of \$243,551.42 has been received at the Treasury from the sale of Crown land for the fiscal year 1890-91.

Mr. *Cotton* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:—

Has the Government, under the provisions of section 37 of the "Land Act," as amended by section 7 of the "Land Act Amendment Act, 1891," granted, or promised conditionally to grant, any tracts or pieces of land to any individuals or corporations? If so, to what individuals or corporations have such grants been made or promised? What are the amounts of such tracts or pieces of lands? Where are the said tracts situated, and what are the purposes of public advantage for which such grants were made or conditionally promised?

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

"The Government has neither granted, nor promised conditionally to grant, any tracts or pieces of land to any individual or corporation under the provisions of section 37 of the 'Land Act,' as amended by section 7 of the 'Land Amendment Act, 1891.'"

Pursuant to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved—That Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1891,'" be read a second time now.

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 5:55 o'clock, p. m.

Friday, 4th March, 1892.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From the *Vancouver* Trades and Labour Council (*re* Chinese and Japanese working underground). *Ordered* to be printed.

From *J. Wulffsohn* and others, ratepayers of the Corporation of *Surrey*, supporting Bill to validate certain Debentures issued by the Corporation of *Surrey*. *Ordered* to be printed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 2:15 o'clock.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

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

LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY,
4th March, 1892.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honour to report that they have examined the petition of the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company for an amendment to their charter, in order to extend their line to cover the line of railway for which the usual notices have been given, applying for a charter for the Columbia and Slocan Railway Company. As the parties making the application are the same in both cases, and the application in this petition merely amounts to a change of title, your Committee beg to recommend that the petition be received.

J. P. BOOTH,
Chairman, pro tem.

The Report was read, received, and adopted.

Mr. *Sword* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Land and Works the following question:—

What was the amount of the appropriation for 1891 for *Cowichan District* expended within the limits of *Cowichan Municipality*?

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

“\$2,452 of the *Cowichan District Road* appropriation was spent within the Municipality of *North Cowichan* last season, principally upon the *Victoria* and *Nanaimo Trunk Road*.”

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

That whereas the *Behring Sea Seal Fishery* is an industry of very great importance to the inhabitants of British Columbia, annually circulating, as it does, a very large sum of money throughout almost all branches of trade, and giving employment to a great number of men as sailors and hunters;

And whereas such employment is greatly in the interest of the Dominion at large as a nursery for hardy seamen;

And whereas the sealers, after repeated molestations by the Government of the United States, were last year arrested in the height of the season by a joint proclamation issued by the British and American Governments closing *Behring Sea* until 1st May next; such proclamation having been issued without previous notice, and when the sealing vessels were fully equipped at great cost for the usual duration of voyage, caused very heavy loss to the sealers;

That whereas the owners of sealing vessels have forwarded claims for compensation for their losses to the Dominion Government for presentation to the Imperial Government, but so far no reply has been made to their memorial;

That whereas it was stated in the British House of Commons during last Session that the losses sustained by the sealers would be fully counterbalanced by the enhanced value of seal skins, owing to the limited catch;

And whereas the reverse of this has been the case, seal skins having fallen 50 per cent. in price;

That whereas the press of the United States has given currency to rumours emanating from *Washington* of the intention of the American Government to apply for an extension of the *modus vivendi* for another year;

And whereas the whole of the sealing fleet are now at sea fully equipped for the year's voyage, and any extension of the time for keeping the *Behring Sea* closed would be a great aggravation of last year's hardship;

Be it therefore resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to represent to the Dominion Government the great importance of at once addressing the Imperial Government, emphatically urging on that Government that compensation should be made to the sealers for the losses already sustained by them, and that the *modus vivendi* be not extended unless provision be also made to recoup the sealers for any losses they may sustain owing to such extension.

Pursuant to Order the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Act, 1891,’” was resumed.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Fletcher—18.</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Keith—7.</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	

Ordered to be committed on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Eberts* presented a Petition from *Wm. B. Allen* and others for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Canadian Northern Railway Company."
Read and received.

Mr. *Stoddart* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Twin Cities Railway and Telephone Company.

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to regulate Mining Partnerships," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Consumers' Water Works Company, Limited," was committed, with Mr. *Sword* in the Chair.

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 two o'clock on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province of British Columbia for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1893; and in accordance with the provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867," he recommends these Estimates to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
4th March, 1892.

HUGH NELSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply on Tuesday next.

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

Monday, 7th March, 1892.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Sword*, from "The British Columbia Dyking and Improvement Company," opposing Private Bill to Incorporate "The Sumas Reclamation Company."

By Mr. *Kitchen*, from *John Douglas* and others, opposing Private Bill to validate certain Debentures issued by *Surrey Municipality*.

By Mr. *Horne*, from *B. M. Crank* and others, residents and land owners of *Vancouver City* (*re* clearing lands within the city limits).

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

LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY,
7th March, 1892.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

A Bill to extend the Nicola, Kamloops, and Similkameen Railway.

A Bill for an Act to validate the Debentures issued by the Corporation of the District of Surrey.

A Bill to amend the New Westminster and Vancouver Short Line Railway Act.

GEO. B. MARTIN,
Chairman

The Report was read and received.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1891.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Societies' Incorporation Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No 41) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Inferior Courts Practitioners' Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. Speaker gave the following decision with respect to the point of order raised by the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition on the 4th inst., as to the practice of requiring the distribution of Private Bills *after the first reading*:—

Rules 56 and 57 were not repealed by the order of the House of 22nd March, 1886. They were amended in every essential particular except that which requires a Private Bill to be distributed after the first reading. There being no reference in the amended Rules to the distribution of a Bill, I am of opinion that the practice which has prevailed in this House for many years should be adhered to.

D. W. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

Mr. *Martin* moved—That the Report of the Private Bills Committee presented on March 2nd be adopted.

After some debate the motion was withdrawn.

Colonel *Baker* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company's Act, 1890.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Cotton* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Westminster and Vancouver Short Line Railway Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Martin* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Sumas Reclamation Company."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Horne* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act relating to certain Public Works in the District of Surrey."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Martin* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Constitution Act'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts for the protection of certain Animals, Birds, and Fishes," was discharged.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Turner*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Davie*,—

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Stoddart* in the Chair, to consider the advisability of introducing a Bill intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts for the protection of certain Animals, Birds, and Fishes."

(IN THE COMMITTEE).

Resolved, That a Bill intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts for the protection of certain Animals, Birds, and Fishes," be reported to the House.

The Committee reported the Resolution.

Report received and adopted.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts for the protection of certain Animals, Birds, and Fishes," was then read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to regulate Mining Partnerships," was committed, with Mr. *Smith* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Thursday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:50 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 8th March, 1892.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Kitchen*, from the Corporation of *Surrey*, opposing Private Bill to validate certain Debentures issued by the Corporation.

By Mr. *Milne*, from *R. S. Rendall* and 1,512 others, opposing proposed legislation to re-open liquor saloons on Sunday.

By Mr. *Croft*, from "The Esquimalt Water Works Company," opposing Private Bill of *Victoria City* to amend "Victoria Water Works Act."

The Petition was read and received.

A point of order having arisen as to the right to debate the motion to receive the Petition, Mr. Speaker *Higgins* ruled that the motion was not debatable, under Rule 84 of our Orders.

The following Petitions were read and received and *Ordered* to be printed:—

From "The British Columbia Dyking and Improvement Company," opposing Private Bill to Incorporate "The Sumas Reclamation Company."

From *John Douglas* and others, opposing Private Bill to validate certain Debentures issued by *Surrey Municipality*.

From *B. M. Crank* and others, residents and land owners of *Vancouver City* (*re* clearing lands within the city limits).

Mr. *Brown* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Provincial Voters' Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Kitchen*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Hunter*, *Stoddart*, *McKenzie*, *Booth*, and the mover, be appointed to enquire into the circumstances connected with the refusal of the application of the Bishop of *New Westminster* to purchase a certain piece of Crown land in Suburban Block XII., *New Westminster City*; with power to call for persons and papers, and report to this House.

Mr. *Keith* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to open a Land Registry Office in the City of *Nanaimo*?

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

"Not at present."

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

Have the Government, under the provisions of section 17 of the "Land Act Amendment Act, 1891," granted, or promised to grant, to any railway or tramway company incorporated under authority of the Legislature of the Province, during the period since January 1st, 1891? If so, to what company or companies has such grants been made, and what has been the amount of such grants?

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

"The only case is that of 'The New Westminster and Vancouver Electric Tramway Company, Limited,' to which Company the Government have agreed to give a right of way through Crown lands traversed by the Tramway of 100 feet.

"No lands have been promised or applied for for any of the other purposes mentioned in section 17 of the 'Land Amendment Act, 1891,' and section 7 of the same Act precludes the giving of land by way of bonus."

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed before the House copies of all Orders in Council, petitions, documents, correspondence, and telegrams in connection with the arrest of *Ah Kee* in *Kootenay District*.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion—That Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,' (chap. 84, vol. 1, Con. Acts, 1888,) and the 'Coal Mines Regulation Amendment Act, 1890,'" be read a second time now, and the amendment of the Honourable Mr. *Pooley*—To leave out the word "now," and insert "this day six months," was resumed.

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

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

Debate resumed.

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Keith—12.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Nason,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Anderson—17.</i>
<i>Davie,</i>			

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Nason,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Anderson—17.</i>
<i>Davie,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Keith—12.</i>

Motion as amended put and carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented papers, correspondence, &c., relating to the issue of Inscribed Stock under the authority of Loan Acts, chaps. 13 and 22 of 1891.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Consumers' Water Works Company, Limited," was again Committed, with Mr. *Sword* in the Chair.

The Committee reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Friday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:30 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 9th March, 1892.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* presented a Supplementary Return to an Order of the House for copies of all Orders in Council and correspondence relative to the reserve on lands at *Slocan Lake*.

The following Petitions were read and received and *Ordered* to be printed:—

From the Corporation of *Surrey*, opposing Private Bill to validate certain Debentures issued by the Corporation.

From *R. S. Rendall* and 1,512 others, opposing proposed legislation to re-open liquor saloons on Sunday.

The following Petitions were presented:—

By Mr. *Milne*, from *Amor DeCosmos*, opposing Private Bill to Incorporate "The Victoria and Sydney Railway Company." Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

By Mr. *Cotton*, from the Corporation of the City of *Vancouver*, opposing Private Bill to Incorporate "The North Vancouver Electric Company."

By Mr. *Kitchen*, (two) from *Mowat & Turner*, *H. M. Stranberg*, and others, opposing Private Bill to validate certain Debentures issued by *Surrey Municipality*.

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

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
9th March, 1892.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report that the Standing Orders in connection with a Bill to Incorporate the Canadian Northern Railway Company have been complied with.

Respectfully submitted.

G. B. MARTIN,
Chairman.

The Report was read and received.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* presented the returns of the Official Administrator of Intestate Estates to 31st December, 1891.

On the motion of Mr. *Kitchen*, seconded by Mr. *Sword*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas for many years past gravel bars and driftwood in the *Fraser River*, between *Popcum* and *Mission*, have caused the rapid current of the said river to cut away a large extent of valuable land, and have also caused the overflow by the said river of thousands of acres of agricultural land in the District of *Westminster*, thereby causing great loss to the agricultural interests of the said district, and have also greatly interfered with the navigation of the said river;

Therefore, be it resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to strongly urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of immediate action being taken to remedy the evil complained of, by dredging out the gravel bars and removing the driftwood in the said river; and that His Honour be further respectfully requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Government at *Ottawa*.

On the motion of Mr. *Kellie*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the settlement and development of the districts within the Railway Belt are retarded by the action of the Dominion Government in withdrawing these lands both from settlement and purchase;

Therefore, be it resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to communicate with the Dominion Government and call their attention to the injury done to this Province by their having withdrawn from sale and settlement all lands within the Railway Belt, and to ask them to take such action as will throw open these lands to settlement.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *Keith*, seconded by Mr. *Forster*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor requesting him to cause to be placed before the House copies of all Orders in Council, correspondence, and other documents in any way connected with the carrying into effect of the desire of this House, as expressed last Session by resolution, respecting the making of the "Chinese Immigration Act of Canada" more restrictive in its provisions.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Nelson Electric Light Company, Limited," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cattle Ranges Act,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Wednesday next.

The adjourned debate on the motion—That Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Esquimalt Water Works Act, 1885,'" be read a second time now, was resumed.

On the motion of Mr. *Keith* the debate was further adjourned until Monday next.

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

MR. SPEAKER :

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
9th March, 1892.

Your Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report that the Standing Orders in connection with a Bill to amend and consolidate the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886," have been complied with.

GEO. B. MARTIN,
Chairman.

The Report was read and received.

Mr. *Cotton* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886,' and Amendments thereto."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Company's Act, 1880,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Association of the Sisters of Charity of Providence in British Columbia," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Kaslo and Slocan Railway Company," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1891,'" and Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1891,'" were committed, with Mr. *Hall* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend and Consolidate the Law with respect to Affidavits and Declarations."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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