

Monday, 30th January, 1899.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. C. Speers*.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 30th, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

Your Committee have considered Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Chartered Commercial Company of Vancouver," and now beg to report the preamble of said Bill proved, and submit the said Bill herewith, with amendments.

D. W. HIGGINS,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Kellie*, Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Truck Act, 1898,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Macpherson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Tisdall*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of a copy of the agreements entered into between the late Government and *McKenzie & Mann*, in connection with the *Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway*; also the *Stikine-Teslin Railway*.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *McBride*,—

To amend the said Resolution by adding the following words to the end thereof:—"together with a copy of all correspondence between the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, and Messrs. *McKenzie & Mann*, or any one on their behalf, relative to the said agreements, and to any agreement respecting the construction of a trail from *Glenora* to *Teslin Lake*."

Amendment carried.

Motion, as amended, carried.

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

That a Select Committee of this House, consisting of Messrs. *Macpherson*, *R. Smith*, *Robertson*, *Clifford*, and the mover, be appointed to enquire into the circumstances attending the granting, on 1st August, 1893, of leases No. 7 and No. 9, *Cowichan-Alberni District*, to the "Toronto and British Columbia Lumber Company, Limited," and in regard to the said company not having built a mill in connection with lease No. 7, and to enquire into the circumstances attending the payment by the said company on 9th June, 1898, of the sum of \$15,000, in alleged satisfaction of arrears of rental previously stated to amount to \$17,748.85; with power to send for persons and papers and to examine witnesses under oath.

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

- (1.) What is the total amount of fees paid by the Government since the 8th August last to *F. B. Gregory*, Barrister, *Victoria*?
- (2.) In respect of what matters?
- (3.) What are the amounts of the various bills for services rendered in each matter, and at what amount allowed by the Department

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

"1. Total amount of fees paid to F. B. Gregory, Victoria, since 8th August, 1898, \$720.

"2. In respect of *Queen v. Belle Adams*, *Queen v. Knowles*, *Queen v. Sleur*, *Queen v. Morrell*.

"3. Bill rendered *Queen v. Belle Adams*, \$750; amount allowed, \$600. Bill rendered in other cases, \$200; amount allowed, \$120."

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

1. What action, if any, was taken by the late Government to bring to the notice of the Dominion Government a Resolution of this House of the 14th April, 1898, protesting against the granting of any charters for railways in British Columbia, unless such railway companies have first severally obtained a charter from the Provincial Legislature?

2. And if the notice of the Dominion Government was drawn to the protest, what answer if any, was received from said Government?

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

"A copy of the Resolution in question was forwarded for the information of the Dominion Government, and the receipt of the same was duly acknowledged."

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

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act respecting Appointments to Boards and other Public Bodies."

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Power of Attorney Act.'"

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act.'"

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Partnership Act.'"

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act respecting the Registration of Real Property in British Columbia," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to confirm an Agreement between Her Majesty, in right of Her Province of British Columbia, and Frank Owen and William John Stokes, and to Incorporate the Cariboo-Omineca Chartered Company,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act for the relief of the Municipal Corporation of the City of New Westminster," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Ashcroft Water, Electric and Improvement Company," was considered.

Mr. *Prentice* moved to amend section 26 of the Bill by adding to the said section the words—"and shall also have the power of supplying water to consumers for domestic, mining, manufacturing and irrigation purposes, within the said area."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the South Kootenay Railway Company," 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 5:55 o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, 31st January, 1899.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. C. Speers*.

Mr. *Robertson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Booth*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to send down to this House a Return showing—

1. What officials, since the 8th August, 1898, have been dismissed, and from what office.
2. Names of such officials.
3. Length of service by each such official.
4. Length of notice of dismissal in each case.
5. Reason for dismissal in each case.
6. What appointments have been made by the Government since August 8th, 1898.
7. Names of the appointees and to what office appointed.

Mr. *Kinchant* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Kellie*,—

To strike out clause 5.

Amendment carried.

Motion, as amended, carried.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to confirm an Agreement between Her Majesty, in right of Her Province of British Columbia, and Frank Owen and William John Stokes, and to Incorporate the Cariboo-Omineca Chartered Company,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act for the relief of the Municipal Corporation of the City of New Westminster," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Atlin Short Line Railway and Navigation Company," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'North Star and Arrow Lake Railway Act, 1898.'"

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver, Northern and Yukon Railway Company."

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting the British Columbia Telephones, Limited."

The Report on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Master and Servant Act,'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved—"That Bill (No. 6) intituled 'An Act to Incorporate the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company,' be read a second time now."

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

The Hon. Mr. *Cotton* presented a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and *John D. Sibbald*, Gold Commissioner (*Revelstoke*), touching the latter's dismissal, and a resolution passed by the citizens of *Revelstoke* (in mass meeting) on the 7th inst., protesting against Mr. *Sibbald's* dismissal.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act for the eradication of and to prevent the spreading of Noxious Weeds," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act for the relief of the Municipal Corporation of the City of New Westminster," was read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 5:10 P. M.

Wednesday, 1st February, 1899.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. C. Speers*.

Mr. *Kidd* presented the Third Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 1st, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the following papers were ordered to be printed:

1. Statement of special warrants signed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the expenditure incurred thereon, between the 28th March, 1898, and 26th January, 1899.

2. Mineral tax return, showing names of mines that have paid the tax on their outputs, under the provisions of the mineral tax; amounts so paid; value of each mine paying such tax, and amount said mines would have paid if they had been assessed as real property.

3. Correspondence touching the dismissal of John D. Sibbald, Gold Commissioner Revelstoke.

THOMAS KIDD,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
1st February, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

Your Committee have considered Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Big Bend Transportation Company, Limited," and now beg to report the preamble of said Bill proved, and submit the same herewith, with amendments.

Your Committee are of opinion that the time limited for reporting on Private Bills should be extended until Monday, the 13th day of February, instant, and that the Standing Rules should be suspended therefor; and your Committee recommend the same accordingly.

D. W. HIGGINS,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all correspondence between *D. D. Mann* and *William Mackenzie*, or anyone acting on their behalf, or on behalf of either of them, and the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, relative to an application made for the issuance of Crown Grants to lands at *Kitimaat*.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Semlin*—Bill (No. 33) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *McKechnie*—Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Medical Act, 1898.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *McKechnie*—Bill (No. 35) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Health Act.’”

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 36) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Jurors Act.’”

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act to provide for setting aside certain Vault Accommodation in the Parliament Buildings for the use of the Supreme Court.”

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 38) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Escheats Act, 1898.’”

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 39) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Interpretation Act.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Cotton*—Bill (No. 40) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fire Escape Act.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Cotton*—Bill (No. 41) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Definition of Time Act, 1898.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Cotton*—Bill (No. 42) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Succession Duty Act.’”

Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Ashcroft Water, Electric and Improvement Company,” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘North Star and Arrow Lake Railway Act, 1898,” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company,” was resumed.

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver, Northern and Yukon Railway Company,” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act to amend ‘An Act to confirm an Agreement between Her Majesty, in right of Her Province of British Columbia, and Frank Owen and William John Stokes, and to Incorporate the Cariboo-Omineca Chartered Company,” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Master and Servant Act,'" called.

On the motion of Mr. *Macpherson*, seconded by Mr. *R. Smith*, it was *Ordered* that the order for third reading be discharged, and the Bill be recommitted forthwith, to consider the following proposed amendments:—

"4. Whenever a master deducts from the wages of his workmen or servants any sum to provide a fund for paying for medical attendance upon such workmen or servants, it shall be the duty of the master to keep an account by itself of all moneys so deducted, and a committee appointed by a majority of such workmen or servants shall have the right at any time to inspect and audit said account.

"5. The master shall not have the right to pay out said fund, or any portion thereof, to any medical practitioner or other person until the appointment of such medical practitioner or other person to perform services for which he is to be paid out of said fund shall have been approved by a majority of the workmen, either present or represented by proxy, at a special meeting called for that purpose.

"6. A master who shall refuse to allow the committee to inspect and audit said account, or who shall pay out any moneys therefrom to a person not approved by said committee, shall be liable for each offence, upon summary conviction before a Justice of the Peace, Police Magistrate, or Stipendiary Magistrate, to a fine of fifty dollars.

"7. The expression 'master' shall include a body of persons, corporate or unincorporate."

Bill recommitted accordingly.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

On the motion of Colonel *Baker*, seconded by Mr. *Eberts*, it was *Ordered* that Mr. *Booth* be added to the Committee on Public Accounts, in place of Mr. *Turner*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:10 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 2nd February, 1899.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. C. Speers*.

Mr. *Macpherson* presented the Third Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 2nd, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That Bill (No. 18), "An Act to Incorporate the Cariboo and Skeena Railway Company," has been withdrawn.

We have considered Bills—

(No. 21) "An Act to amend the 'Kitimaat Railway Act, 1898.'"

(No. 29) "An Act to amend the 'Kootenay and North-West Railway Company's Act, 1898,'"

and herewith report the preambles of the said Bills proved, and beg leave to submit the said Bills with amendments.

ROBERT MACPHERSON,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, it was *Resolved*,—

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

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

By the Hon. Mr. *McKechnie*, Bill (No. 43) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *McKechnie*, Bill (No. 44) intituled “An Act to further amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act.’”

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*, Bill (No. 45) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Constitution Act.’”

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*, Bill (No. 46) intituled “An Act respecting the Department of the Attorney-General.”

By the Hon. Mr. *Cotton*, Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act respecting the Department of the Provincial Secretary.”

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*, Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act to provide for the Appointment of Her Majesty’s Counsel learned in the law.”

Mr. *Helmcken* moved, seconded by Mr. *Robertson*,—

Whereas a Bill intituled “An Act relating to the employment of Chinese and Japanese persons on Works carried on under Franchises granted by Private Acts,” was passed by the Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, which said Bill was reserved for the pleasure of His Excellency in Council by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province :

And whereas the said Act was duly considered by the Honourable the Minister of Justice for the Dominion of Canada, who by his report dated 15th October, 1897, was not prepared to recommend that the said Bill should come into effect by reason of any action on the part of His Excellency the Governor-General :

And whereas the Legislative Assembly of this Province passed an Act identical in terms with the said Act of 1897, which Act is known as the “Labour Regulation Act, 1898” :

And whereas the Emperor of Japan has protested against the said Act to the Government of Great Britain, which said protest has been forwarded to the Governor-General of Canada for consideration :

And whereas, in and by a Report of the Committee of the Honourable Privy Council, approved by His Excellency on the 17th December, 1898, it is suggested that the Provincial Government might be prepared to recommend the repeal of the said Act :

And whereas, under and by virtue of the terms of the “British North America Act,” the said Province has exclusive authority to deal, inter alia, with property and civil rights in the Province :

Therefore, be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, that as the said Act is conceived to be in the best interests of this Province, this House is not prepared to pass an Act to repeal the said Act.

Mr. *Munro* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Green*,—

That all the words after “That,” in the twentieth line, be struck out, and the following be inserted in lieu thereof :—“it is in the interests of the Province that this question should be left to the action of the Government.”

The motion and the amendment were withdrawn, with leave of the House.

Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Master and Servant Act,’” was read a third time and passed.

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

(No. 33) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896.’”

(No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act, 1898.'"

(No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors Act.'"

(No. 37) intituled "An Act to provide for setting aside certain Vault Accommodation in the Parliament Buildings for the use of the Supreme Court."

(No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Escheats Act, 1898.'"

(No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act.'"

(No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Escape Act.'"

(No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Definition of Time Act, 1898.'"

(No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act.'"

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:45 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, 3rd February, 1899.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. C. Speers.

The certificate of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of the election of *John Herbert Turner*, Esq., *Albert Edward McPhillips*, Esq., and *Richard Hall*, Esq., Members for *Victoria City* Electoral District, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the said *John Herbert Turner*, *Albert Edward McPhillips* and *Richard Hall*, was laid on the table, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Journals of the House.

"SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,
"VICTORIA, B.C., 3rd February, 1899.

"Whereas vacancies occurred in the Legislative Assembly by the resignation of *John Herbert Turner*, *Albert Edward McPhillips*, and *Richard Hall*, three of the Members-elect for the *Victoria City* Electoral District:

"And whereas, on the 19th day of January, 1899, a writ for the election of three Members to represent such District was duly issued to *J. E. McMillan*, Esquire, the Returning Officer of the said Electoral District:

"Now I do hereby certify that on the 3rd day of February, 1899, the said writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate attached, whereby it appears that *John Herbert Turner*, *Richard Hall*, and *Albert Edward McPhillips* have been, under and by virtue of the said writ, elected Members to represent the said Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

"B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE,
"Registrar Supreme Court.

"*The Honourable the Speaker of the
"Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.*"

John Herbert Turner, Esq., Member for *Victoria City* Electoral District, having been duly sworn, was introduced by Mr. *A. W. Smith* and Mr. *Eberts* and took his seat.

Richard Hall, Esq., Member for *Victoria City* Electoral District, having been duly sworn, was introduced by Colonel *Baker* and Mr. *Helmcken* and took his seat.

Albert Edward McPhillips, Esq., Member for *Victoria City* Electoral District, having been duly sworn, was introduced by Mr. *Pooley* and Mr. *McBride* and took his seat.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading on Monday next.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act, 1898,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to provide for setting aside certain Vault Accommodation in the Parliament Buildings for the use of the Supreme Court," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Escheats Act, 1898,'" was committed

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Escape Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Definition of Time Act, 1898,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed on Monday next:—

(No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act.'"

(No. 46) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of the Attorney-General."

(No. 47) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of the Provincial Secretary."

The Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'North Star and Arrow Lake Railway Act, 1898,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act for the eradication of and to prevent the spreading of Noxious Weeds" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Macpherson*, seconded by Mr. *R. Smith*, it was *Ordered* that the order for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver, Northern and Yukon Railway Company," be discharged and the Bill forthwith re-committed, to consider the following proposed amendment:—

Section 17, line 44, strike out all the words between "places" and "at."

Bill committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Mr. *Helgesen* moved—"That Bill (No. 26) intituled 'An Act to amend the Dentistry Act,' be read a second time now."

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

Amendment carried on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Henderson—19.</i>
<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Munro—10.</i>
<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>		

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:40 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, 6th February, 1899.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

On the motion of Mr. *Irving*, seconded by Mr. *McPhillips*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented by this House to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to move the Dominion Government, now one of H. M. surveying vessels is stationed on this coast, to arrange with the Imperial Government to have the unsurveyed waters of *Okishollow Channel*, *Rivers Inlet*, *Douglas* and *Devastation Channels*, leading to *Kitimaat Arm*, and the *Skeena River* and approaches, surveyed; and that this very necessary and important work, in view of the increasing trade along this coast, may be taken in hand at as early a date as possible.

On the motion of Mr. *Clifford*, Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Mining.

On the motion of the Hon. *Jos. Martin*, Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the Counties Definition Act," was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act respecting the Registration of Real Property in British Columbia," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act relating to the Inspection of Steam Boilers," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896,'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act, 1898,'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Health Act,'" was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>
<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>	<i>Henderson—18.</i>
<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Helmcken—15.</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	

To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:50 o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, 7th February, 1899.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, it was *Resolved*,—

That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the motion "That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty."

House in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Higgins* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

The Resolution was reported to the House and adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—

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

Mr. *Clifford* asked the Hon. the Acting Minister of Mines the following question :—

Have the Government received any report or communication from the Gold Commissioner, Mr. *Graham*, advising what he considers the best course to pursue in dealing with townsites and location of Government Offices in the *Atlin District*?

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

“No.”

Mr. *Clifford* asked the Hon. the Acting Minister of Mines the following question :—

Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to protect those miners in the *Atlin* country who took out mining certificates, and staked off claims and recorded them, in good faith, under the mining laws of the *North-West Territories*?

The Hon. Mr. *Cotton* raised the point of order that the question, if answered, would compel the Government to declare its policy.

Question ruled out of order.

Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Medical Act,’” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 35) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Health Act,’” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 43) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act.’”

Bill (No. 44) intituled “An Act to further amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act.’”

The Hon. *Jos. Martin* moved—“That Bill (No. 48) intituled ‘An Act to provide for the appointment of Her Majesty’s Counsel learned in the Law,’ be read a second time now.”

Mr. *Hall* moved in amendment, to leave out the word “now” and insert “this day six months.”

The amendment was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Helmcken—15.</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>
<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>	<i>Henderson—18.</i>
<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>		

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:30 o’clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 8th February, 1899.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. W. Trotter*.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Cotton*—Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act respecting the Department of Mines.”

By the Hon. Mr. *Semlin*—Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act respecting the Department of Lands and Works.”

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Execution Act.’”

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act respecting Judgments.”

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 55) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Absconding Debtors Act.’”

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 56) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Registry Act.’”

By Mr. *Neill*—Bill (No. 57) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Bureau of Mines Act.’”

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

What steps, if any, have been taken by the Government to have the northern boundary of the Province defined and established, and especially in that portion of the Province known as the *Atlin* country?

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

“The attention of the Dominion Government has been drawn to the matter, with a view to joint action with the Province in the demarcation of the 60th parallel of north latitude. Mr. Brownlee, C. E., P. L. S., has gone north with instructions to define the boundary in the *Atlin* Mining District.”

Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act respecting the British Columbia Telephones, Limited,” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Kitimaat Railway Act, 1898,’” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 35) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Health Act,’” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act to provide for the appointment of Her Majesty’s Counsel learned in the Law,” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 43) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act,’” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,' was 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 5:35 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 9th February, 1899.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. W. Trotter*.

The Hon. Mr. *McKechnie* presented a Petition from *Green & Martin* and other licensed victuallers of *Nanaimo*, *re* amendment to law governing retail liquor licences.

Received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
9th February, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

Your Committee have considered Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Pine Creek Flume Company, Limited," and now beg to report the preamble of said Bill proved, and submit the same herewith, with amendments.

D. W. HIGGINS,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Helgesen*, seconded by Mr. *Kinchant*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the attention of the Government should be directed to the terms of the lease dated 16th May, A. D. 1894, granted by the Government to the "Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company, Limited Liability," so as to prevent the said company from employing Chinese and Japanese labourers, to the exclusion and injury of the labouring classes of this Province.

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

What action, if any, was taken by the Government in relation to the *Quebec* Conference?

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

"The Hon. Attorney-General went forward to Quebec and conferred with the Canadian Commissioners upon the interests of British Columbia. The executive also sent on to the Commissioners a voluminous memorial, setting out the interests of the Province."

The Order to again consider Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act for the eradication of and to prevent the spreading of Noxious Weeds" in Committee of the Whole was discharged and the Bill withdrawn.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bureau of Mines Act,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act respecting the Registration of Real Property in British Columbia," was again committed.

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

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

(No. 44) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act.'"

(No. 48) intituled "An Act to provide for the appointment of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law."

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" was committed.

Bill reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of the Attorney-General," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of the Provincial Secretary," was committed.

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

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

(No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Counties Definition Act.'"

(No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Execution Act.'"

(No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting Judgments."

(No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Absconding Debtors Act.'"

(No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

(No. 51) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Mines."

(No. 52) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Lands and Works."

The Report on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the South Kootenay Railway Company," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Atlin Short Line Railway and Navigation Company," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company," was resumed.

Bill read a second time.
To be committed to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver, Northern and Yukon Railway Company," was considered.

On the motion of Mr. *Macpherson*, section 17 was amended by striking out all the words between "places" and "at," in line 4.

Report, as amended, adopted.
Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Chartered Commercial Company of Vancouver, Limited," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Big Bend Transportation Company, Limited," was read a second time.
To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Kitimaat Railway Act, 1898,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Kootenay and North-West Railway Company's Act, 1898,'" was read a second time.
To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:10 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, 10th February, 1899.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. W. Trotter.

The Hon. Mr. *McKechnie* presented a Petition from the B. C. Alliance, *re* female franchise.

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *McPhillips* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1899,' and to amend the 'Placer Mining Act' (being chap. 136 of the Revised Statutes)."

Mr. Speaker *Forster* ruled the motion out of order, on the ground that it was not competent for a Private Member to introduce a Bill to repeal a Bill passed in the same Session. (*See May*, pages 291 and 437.)

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Cotton*—Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to extend the rights of the Crown to prospect for Minerals on Railway Lands to all Free Miners."

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act respecting Liquor Licences."

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence between the Government and Constable *Gillie*, of *Nicola*, relative to the dismissal of the said constable.

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, seconded by Mr. *Pooley*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence between the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, and the County Court Judges of this Province, and between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government, relative to the non-payment of the salary as Stipendiary Magistrates heretofore paid by the Province to each of the said County Court Judges.

The Hon. Mr. *Semlin* presented the Report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works of the Province for the year ending 31st December, 1898.

The Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act respecting the Registration of Real Property in British Columbia," was adopted.

Third reading on Monday next.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act relating to the Inspection of Steam Boilers," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of the Provincial Secretary," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Counties Definition Act,'" was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Execution Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting Judgments," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Absconding Debtors Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Mines," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Lands and Works," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Chartered Commercial Company of Vancouver," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading on Monday next.

On the motion of Colonel *Baker*, seconded by Mr. *Booth*, it was *Ordered* that the name of Mr. *J. H. Turner* be substituted on the Public Accounts Committee in lieu of that of Mr. *Booth*.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Big Bend Transportation Company, Limited," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Kitimaat Railway Act, 1898,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:20 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, 13th February, 1899.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay*.

Mr. *Munro* presented a Petition from *J. W. Berry* and others, residents and ratepayers of the Municipality of *Langley*, re wild land tax assessment.

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
13th February, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That with respect to Petition No. 14, the Petition of the Atlin Southern Railway, your Committee beg to report that the requirements as to publication, prescribed by your Committee on the 26th January, ultimo, have been complied with by the petitioners, and your Committee now beg to report the said Petition to the House.

D. W. HIGGINS,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Mr. *Prentice* presented the First Report from the Public Accounts Committee, as follows:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
13th February, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the overdraft at the Bank of B. C. on February 11th, 1899, was \$784,171.25. Prior to November 30th, interest on \$600,000 was chargeable at 4 per cent., this being the limit of the overdraft to November 17th, when a further amount of \$200,000 was arranged for at 3½ per cent. On November 30th a new arrangement was made with the bank, whereby interest was reduced to 3 per cent. on the entire overdraft.

J. D. PRENTICE,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Higgins*, seconded by Mr. *Prentice*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Prentice*, *A. W. Smith*, *Macpherson*, *Helmcken*, and the mover, be appointed to visit the *Victoria* Gaol, *Juvenile Reformatory*, *Victoria*, and *Refuge Home*, *Victoria*, to inquire into the working of those institutions, with power to send for persons and papers and take evidence and report the result of their inquiries to this House.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Cotton*—Bill (No. 61) intituled “An Act relating to Trade and other Licences.”

By Mr. *Deane*—Bill (No. 62) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Clauses Act’ (chap. 144, R. S.)”

Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act respecting the Registration of Real Property in British Columbia,” was read a third time and passed.

The Reports on the following Bills were considered and adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act relating to the Inspection of Steam Boilers.”

Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act respecting the Department of Mines.”

Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act respecting the Department of Lands and Works.”

Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Execution Act.’”

Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act respecting Judgments.”

Bill (No. 55) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Absconding Debtors Act.’”

Bill (No. 56) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Registry Act.’”

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Succession Duty Act,’” was discharged.

The Hon. *Jos. Martin* moved—“That Bill (No. 13) intituled ‘An Act to amend the Provincial Elections Act’ be read a second time now.”

A debate arose.

Mr. *Turner* moved the adjournment of the debate. *Negatived*.

The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

The certificate of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of the election of *Wilmer Charles Wells*, Esq., a Member for the North Riding of *East Kootenay* Electoral District, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of *William G. Neilson*, Esq., Member elect for said North Riding of *East Kootenay* District, was laid on the table and *Ordered* to be placed on the Journals of the House.

“SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

“VICTORIA, B.C., 11th February, 1899.

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by the death of *William G. Neilson*, Member elect for the North Riding of the *East Kootenay* Electoral District:

“And whereas, on the 20th day of January, 1899, a writ for the election of a Member to represent such Riding was duly issued to *John E. Griffith*, Esq., the Returning Officer of the said Riding of the said Electoral District:

“Now I do hereby certify that on the 11th day of February, 1899, the said writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate attached, whereby it appears that *Wilmer Charles Wells* has been, under and by virtue of the said writ, elected a Member to represent the said North Riding of the *East Kootenay* Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“*The Honourable the Speaker of the*

“*Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.*”

“*B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE,*

“*Registrar Supreme Court.*”

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.

Tuesday, 14th February, 1899.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay*.

The following Petitions were presented and received:—

By Mr. *Green*, from *J. A. Sayward* and others, *re* Mechanics' Lien Act excluding "material men" from the benefit of its provisions.

By the Hon. Mr. *McKechnie*, from *G. W. Mitchell* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate the "Atlin Southern Railway Company."

The Hon. Mr. *Semlin* presented the following papers:—

Copies of all correspondence between *D. D. Mann* and *William Mackenzie*, or anyone acting on their behalf, or on behalf of either of them, and the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, relative to an application made for the issuance of Crown Grants to lands at *Kitimaat*.

A Return showing—

(1.) The names of applicants for land who have been refused Crown grants by the Government since the 15th August, 1898.

(2.) Date when applications were made.

(3.) Upon what grounds the applications were refused.

(4.) Where the said lands are situated.

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

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act.'"

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act relating to Replevin."

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to make Special Provisions with regard to the City of Sandon."

Mr. *Kellie* presented the First and Second Reports from the Mining Committee, as follows:—

(No. 1.)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
14th February, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

It is recommended that the Mining Law be amended in the particulars below referred to:

1. That Crown grants of mineral claims should show the interest of each grantee.

2. That the time for recording surveys of claims under section 127 of the Mineral Act should be extended for another year, and that such survey should be allowed to be utilized at any time within two years of the record.

3. That the fee provided by section 30 for abandonments should be increased to \$10.

4. That, with regard to lapsed Miners' Certificates, it is recommended that hardships involved in these cases may be obviated to a certain extent by providing that all Miners' Certificates should expire on the same day, say on the 31st of May in each year, persons taking out licences for a portion of the year paying a *pro rata* amount of the fee. That renewal Certificates, running from the first of June may be obtained at any time. Also, that any person who has allowed his Miner's Certificate to expire may, at any time within three months after such expiry, apply and get a Special Free Miner's Certificate upon payment of the sum of \$25, the effect of which Special Free Miner's Certificate shall be to revive his title to any claims owned by him at the time of the expiry of his original Certificate, and not since vested in anyone else under the provisions of the Mineral Act.

5. That a person should be entitled to sue a defaulting co-owner for assessment work.

6. It is also recommended that the Metalliferous Mines Inspection Act be amended as follows:—

(a.) That the slides now in use in all shafts beyond 100 feet either be iron-shod or be made exclusively of light iron, so as to enable the buckets to travel easily and without danger of catching. Many preventible accidents would thereby be avoided:

(b.) That all serious accidents in mines, whether fatal or otherwise, be immediately reported to the Inspector, so that he may investigate the causes of such accidents at the time and on the spot:

(c.) That it be made imperative that not less than 75 cubic feet of air per minute, for animal or man, be made to travel through the mine:

(d.) That all buildings and boilers and engine-houses and machinery used for hoisting, where any danger of fire exists, should be erected at a distance of at least 50 feet from the mouth of the shaft:

(e.) That all mine-owners keep at their office, at the mine, a working plan of all drifts, levels, inclines and stopes, which should be corrected not less than once in every three months, and be open for inspection by the Inspector of Mines, and by adjoining owners, and for examination and report of the Inspector of Mines as to same:

(f.) That section 25, sub-section (2), be amended by inserting the words "or thawed," after the word "stored," in the second line:

(g.) That section 8 of the "Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act," R. S., B. C., Chap. 134, be amended by inserting after the word "shall," in the sixth line thereof, the word "forthwith," and by adding thereto the following sub-section:—

"(a.) It shall be the duty of the Inspector to forthwith post up, or cause to be posted up, in a conspicuous place at the mouth of the mine, or at some other conspicuous place thereon, a copy of such notice, in order that the workmen in and about said mine may become aware of the contents thereof."

That section 25, sub-section (13), of the said Act be amended by adding thereto the following:—

"(a.) All vertical shafts of a depth of fifty feet or more shall be provided with a cross head and guides, and such cross head shall in all cases descend as such shaft is sunk, so that at no time shall it be at a greater distance from the bottom of such shaft than thirty feet."

That section 25, sub-section (20), of the said Act be amended by adding thereto the following:—

"(c.) No stope or drift shall be carried on in any shaft which shall have attained a depth of two hundred feet, unless suitable provision shall have been made for the protection of workmen engaged therein by the construction of a bulkhead of sufficient strength, or by leaving fifteen feet of solid ground between said stopes or drifts and the workmen engaged in the bottom of such shaft."

7. That the following recommendations be made with regard to the administration of mineral laws:—

(1.) That a complete record shall be kept by the Department of Mines, in Victoria, of all Free Miner's Certificates issued throughout the Province.

(2.) That Provincial Land Surveyors shall be compelled to file separate field-notes of each claim.

(3.) That a copy of all changes in the "Mineral Act" passed each Session shall be posted at every Mining Recorder's and Gold Commissioner's Office.

(4.) That steps be taken to arrive at a clear understanding with the Dominion Government as to the rights of free miners locating claims on Indian Reserves, and to obtain permission for free miners, under suitable restrictions, to work such claims, and to obtain rights-of-way through Indian Reserves for such miners necessary for the working of claims.

J. M. KELLIE,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

(No. 2.)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
14th February, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Mining beg leave to report as follows :—
That Mr. Clifford's Bill affecting placer mines be submitted for your ruling.

J. M. KELLIE,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

That the attention of the Provincial Government be directed to the fact that a World's Fair will be held in *Paris*, France, in the year 1900.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved, seconded by Mr. *McBride*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence between the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, and the Dominion Government, relative to the "Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1899," together with a copy of the Report of the Honourable the Attorney-General on said Act.

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

Mr. *Helmcken* moved, seconded by Mr. *McBride*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this House copies of the reply sent by the Provincial Government to the Dominion Government relative to the suggestion made by the Dominion Government that the "Labour Regulation Act, 1898," be repealed at the present Session of this House.

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

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be laid before the House a copy of all correspondence, or any memoranda, that has passed between this Government and the Dominion of Canada, or any other party, in relation to the *Quebec* Conference of 1898.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *McKechnie*, Private Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Atlin Southern Railway Company," was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Railway Committee.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>
<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>	<i>Henderson—19.</i>
<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Helmcken—16.</i>

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Counties Definition Act,'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Orders for the second reading of the following Bills were discharged:—

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act respecting Liquor Licences."

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act relating to Trade and other Licences."

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

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver, Northern and Yukon Railway Company."

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Chartered Commercial Company of Vancouver, Limited."

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Big Bend Transportation Company, Limited."

The Order for the further consideration of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting the British Columbia Telephones, Limited," in Committee of the Whole was discharged.

Bill (No. 29) "An Act to amend the 'Kootenay and North-West Railway Company's Act, 1898,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Pine Creek Flume Company, Limited," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bureau of Mines Act,'" was 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 4:45 P. M.

Wednesday, 15th February, 1899.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. B. Winchester*.

Mr. *Hall* presented a Petition from *J. S. Helmcken* and others, ratepayers of *Victoria City*, opposing certain proposed amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act.

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Cotton*—Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897.'"

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act.'"

By Mr. *Neill*—Bill (No. 69) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Villages Fire Protection Act.’”

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 73) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Legal Professions Act.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Semlin*—Bill (No. 74) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act.’”

Mr. *Higgins* presented the Twelfth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
15th February, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

Your Committee recommend that the Order of the House of the 13th instant, to receive Report No. 11 from your Select Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, be rescinded, and that Petition No. 14, from the Atlin Southern Railway, for leave to present a Petition, be referred back to the said Committee, with power to consider the same, and that your Committee be allowed seven days further time in which to report to this House.

D. W. HIGGINS,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

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

That a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Booth*, *R. Smith*, *Deane*, *Bryden*, and the mover, be appointed to visit the Provincial Jubilee Hospital, *Victoria*, to inquire into the working of that institution, with power to send for persons and papers, take evidence, and report the result of their inquiries to this House.

The Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company,” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Pine Creek Flume Company, Limited” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

1. What amount was voted last Session to construct a waggon road from *Revelstoke* to cañon of *Columbia River*?
2. Name of Gold Commissioner in charge of expenditure?
3. Did the Government take any steps to ascertain the value of work done after the expenditure had been made?
4. If so, when was the examination made, and by whom?
5. The amount of value rendered, as per report, if any?

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

“1. \$6,000.

“2. J. D. Sibbald.

“3. Yes.

“4. In October, 1898, by A. P. Cummins, C. E.

“5. The value of the work done is estimated by Mr. Cummins at \$3,925.”

Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Provincial Elections Act,’” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Cotton* presented four Messages from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows :—

THOS. R. McINNES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
15th February, 1899.

THOS. R. McINNES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to extend the Rights of the Crown to prospect for Minerals on Railway Lands to all Free Miners," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
15th February, 1899.

THOS. R. McINNES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Tax Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
15th February, 1899.

THOS. R. McINNES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
15th February, 1899.

Ordered, That the said Messages, and the Bills accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

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

That the Resolution passed on the 14th inst., giving leave to introduce Private Bill No. 66 (Atlin Southern Railway), together with the first reading of said Bill and reference of same to the Railway Committee, be rescinded, the same having been moved in mistake and passed upon by the House inadvertently.

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.

Thursday, 16th February, 1899.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. B. Winchester.*

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Higgins* presented the Thirteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
16th February, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

With respect to the Petition of the Atlin Southern Railway Company, Your Committee beg to recommend that the Standing Orders be suspended, and that the petitioners be granted leave to present their Petition (No. 14A) asking leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Atlin Southern Railway Company."

D. W. HIGGINS,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Rules and Orders were suspended and the Report adopted,

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

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to repeal certain Statutes and portions of Statutes granting Aid to Railways."

By the Hon. Mr. *Semlin*—Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Dyking Act, 1898.'"

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to provide for Special Surveys."

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustees and Executors Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Cotton*—Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Cotton*—Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act.'"

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Munro*, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying him to cause to be laid before the House a copy of all correspondence and documents that passed between the late Provincial Government and the late *Sumas* Dyking Commissioners in reference to the liabilities incurred by the said commissioners.

On the motion of Mr. *Deane*, seconded by Mr. *Tisdall*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the attention of the Government be directed to the urgency of enforcing the sanitary regulations laid down in the Provincial Health Act wherever Chinese congregate, whether in municipalities or unorganized districts.

Mr. *Kidd* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions :—

1. What amount (if any) was paid out of the revenue of this Province, prior to 30th June, 1898, to compensate owners of cattle killed, or ordered to be killed, by Inspectors, because of tuberculosis? and

2. What amounts (if any) have been paid for the same purpose since that date?

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

"1. \$437.50.

"2. None."

The Report on Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bureau of Mines Act,'" was considered.

Mr. *Neill* moved to amend section 2, sub-section (5), by adding thereto the words :—

"Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall apply to persons who already hold a certificate of efficiency under the examination prescribed by section 12 of the 'Bureau of Mines Act.'"

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Deane* moved—"That Bill (No. 62) intituled 'An Act to amend the Municipal Clauses Act,' be read a second time now."

Mr. *Helmcken* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *McPhillips*,—

That the word "now" be struck out, and the words "this day six months" be inserted in lieu thereof.

The amendment was carried on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Henderson—28.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kellie—7</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	

Motion, as amended, carried.

The adjourned debate on the motion moved on 15th inst. by Mr. *Helmcken*, as follows:—

"That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence between the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, and the Dominion Government, relative to the 'Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1899,' together with a copy of the Report of the Honourable the Attorney-General on said Act"—

was resumed.

The motion was withdrawn, with leave.

The adjourned debate on the motion moved on 15th inst. by Mr. *Helmcken*, as follows:—

"That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this House copies of the reply sent by the Provincial Government to the Dominion Government relative to the suggestion made by the Dominion Government that the 'Labour Regulation Act, 1898,' be repealed at the present Session of this House"—

was resumed.

Motion carried.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting Bill intituled "An Act to extend the Rights of the Crown to prospect for Minerals on Railway Lands to all Free Miners."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to extend the Rights of the Crown to prospect for Minerals on Railway Lands to all Free Miners," and recommend the introduction of the Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act.'"

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act,'" and recommend the introduction of the Bill.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act.'" "

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act,'" and recommend the introduction of the Bill.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Tax Act.'" "

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Tax Act,'" and recommend the introduction of the Bill.

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

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was again committed.

Progress reported.
Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Villages Fire Protection Act,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

THOS. R. McINNES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
16th February, 1899.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House 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 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, 17th February, 1899.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. B. Winchester*.

The Hon. Mr. *McKechnie* presented a Petition from *Mary Walls* and others, land-owners and hotel proprietors of *Nanaimo City*, re proposed amendments to Liquor Licence Act. Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Higgins* presented the Fourteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
17th February, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

Your Committee have considered Petition No. 14A, the Petition of the Atlin Southern Railway Company ; and the requirements as to publication prescribed by your Committee on the 26th January, ultimo, having been complied with, your Committee now beg to report the said Petition to the House. The Committee recommend that Rule 67 be suspended, so that notice of the Atlin Southern Railway Company's Bill may only be posted for *two* days instead of *five* days, as required by said Rule 67.

D. W. HIGGINS,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

Mr. *Prentice* presented the Second Report from the Public Accounts Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
17th February, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

(1.) Statement showing amounts received from the C. P. R. Co. on account of the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway and the Nakusp and Slocan Railway for the quarters ending 30th September and 31st December, 1898.

(2.) Statement of cost of Parliament Buildings (construction and furniture), to February 15th, 1899.

(3.) Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the six months ended 31st December, 1898.

J. D. PRENTICE,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

STATEMENT

Showing amounts received from the C. P. R. Co. on account of the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway and the Nakusp and Slocan Railway, for the quarters ending 30th September and 31st December, 1898 :—

Shuswap and Okanagan Railway, for quarter ending 30th September	\$3,661 91
" " " " " 31st December.....	4,514 23
Total for half-year.....	\$8,176 14

Nakusp and Sloean Railway, for quarter ending 30th September	\$3,699	24
" " " " " 31st December	4,371	55
Total for half-year	\$8,070	79

COST OF PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (CONSTRUCTION AND FURNITURE), TO 15TH FEBRUARY, 1899.

* Total cost of buildings up to date	\$898,537	00
" furniture	39,828	35
	\$938,365	35

* Estimated amount to complete building and furniture, \$20,000.00

**STATEMENT SHOWING REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED
31ST DECEMBER, 1898.**

REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE.	
Dominion of Canada:		I.—Public Debt..... \$138,249 25	
Annual payment of Interest.....	\$14,575 53	II.—Civil Government (Salaries)..... 67,285 00	
Do. Subsidy.....	17,500 00	III.—Administration of Justice (Salaries)..... 88,646 01	
Do. grant per capita.....	39,269 20	IV.—Legislation..... 11,948 58	
Do. for lands conveyed.....	50,000 00	V.—Public Institutions (Maintenance)..... 50,676 32	
	\$121,344 73	VI.—Hospitals and Charities..... 25,315 28	
Land Sales.....	34,309 54	VII.—Administration of Justice..... 41,243 58	
Land Revenue.....	4,893 20	VIII.—Education..... 132,543 30	
Survey Fees.....	719 00	IX.—Transport..... 8,916 90	
Rents (exclusive of land).....	94 00	X.—Rent..... 24 25	
Rents (Ferries).....	25 00	XI.—Revenue Service..... 5,116 64	
Timber Leases.....	7,305 06	XII.—Public Works:	
Timber Royalty and Licences.....	35,243 83	Works and Buildings..... \$101,527 97	
Free Miner's Certificates.....	55,271 00	Government House, Victoria..... 1,785 04	
Mining Receipts, General.....	83,156 35	Roads, Streets and Bridges... 420,694 02	
Licences.....	32,515 00	Surveys..... 6,262 72	
Fines and Fees of Court.....	8,566 49	XIII.—Miscellaneous..... 68,996 14	
Probate Fees.....	2,241 31	Total..... \$1,169,229 00	
Succession Duty.....	1,270 88		
Law Stamps.....	5,588 30		
Registry Fees.....	39,849 05		
Sale of Government Property.....	455 08		
Marriage Licences.....	2,225 00		
Revenue Tax.....	48,237 00		
Real Property Tax.....	10,368 41		
Personal Property Tax.....	5,118 43		
Wild Land Tax.....	1,415 60		
Income Tax.....	5,005 68		
Mineral Tax.....	16,474 65		
Revenue Service Refunds.....	443 54		
Commission and Fees on Sales for Taxes.....	524 16		
Printing Office.....	8,972 68		
Registered Taxes (all denominations).....	5 72		
Bureau of Mines.....	354 55		
Asylum for the Insane.....	1,808 44		
Provincial Home.....	69 64		
Reimbursements in Aid.....	2,237 37		
Chinese Restriction (Act 1884, Dominion Statute)...	26,400 00		
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	4,466 09		
Total.....	\$562,622 75	Total.....	\$1,169,229 00

Mr. *Turner* rose to present a Minority Report from the Public Accounts Committee. Objection being taken, Mr. Speaker *Forster* ruled that the Report could not be received, and that Reports from Committees can only be presented by the Chairman.
See May, 10th Ed., 394, 376, and Speakers' Decisions, page 83.

Mr. Speaker gave the following ruling:—

In reference to the question whether a Bill dealing with the Crown lands of the Province must be introduced to the House by a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, I have the honour to lay the following ruling before the House:—

May (page 421) lays down the rule that the "subject of such Messages are usually communications in regard to important public events which require the attention of Parliament;

the calling out for service of the militia and reserve forces; the prerogatives or property of the Crown; provision for the Royal Family, and other occasions which compel the Executive to seek for pecuniary aid from Parliament."

On page 243 of *May* mention is made of the Royal Recommendation being given by a Minister of the Crown to Bills affecting the Royal Prerogatives, the hereditary revenues and the personal property of the Crown. In our own practice, since 1890, many more Bills dealing with Crown lands have been introduced directly by Ministers of the Crown than have been introduced by Message.

Therefore, I rule that any measure dealing with Crown lands may be introduced by a Minister of the Crown directly to the House, or by a private member with consent of the Government.

THOMAS FORSTER,
Speaker.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Semlin*—Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897.'"

By Mr. *Kellie*—Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revelstoke Incorporation Act, 1898.'"

By Mr. *McPhillips*—Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act.'"

Mr. *McPhillips* moved, seconded by Mr. *McBride*,—

That the Hon. the Speaker's ruling, that it was out of order to grant leave to introduce "An Act to repeal the 'Placer Mining Amendment Act, 1899,' and to amend the 'Placer Mining Act,'" be not sustained.

After some debate, the motion was withdrawn.

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. 28) An Act relating to the Inspection of Steam Boilers.

(No. 31) An Act for the relief of the Municipal Corporation of the City of New Westminster.

(No. 12) An Act to Incorporate the Ashcroft Water, Electric and Improvement Company.

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."

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

Whereas the establishment of a mint in Canada will be of great benefit commercially and otherwise:

And whereas the Province of British Columbia is the most suitable Province wherein such mint should be established:

Be it therefore Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to communicate with the Dominion Government, urging upon that Government the desirability of the establishment, at the earliest possible date, of a mint; such mint to be established in the Province of British Columbia.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *McKechnie*, Private Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Atlin Southern Railway Company," was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Railway Committee.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Cotton*, Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act' and amendments thereto," was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act.'"

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act.'"

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading on Monday next.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Counties Definition Act,'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Hon. *Jos. Martin* moved—"That Bill (No. 63) intituled 'An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act,' be read a second time now."

Mr. *McPhillips* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Irving*—

To strike out all the words after "That," and insert in lieu thereof:—

"Whereas it is provided in Bill No. 63, being 'An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act,' that the Full Court shall sit at the City of Vancouver for the disposal of not only all business arising there but of all business arising on the Mainland:

"And whereas, in so providing, it is the establishment of the principle of decentralization of the Courts:

"And whereas decentralization of the Courts operates to weaken and destroy uniform decision:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That the provision for the sitting of the Full Court at the City of Vancouver, or elsewhere than the Capital, should not be contained in any Bill."

A debate arose, which was adjourned until this evening.

The Hon. Mr. *Cotton* presented a Return of copies of the reply sent by the Provincial Government to the Dominion Government relative to the suggestion made by the Dominion Government that the "Labour Regulation Act, 1898," be repealed at the present Session of this House.

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

THOS. R. McINNES,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the financial year ending 30th June, 1900, and Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure (No. 2) for the financial year ending 30th June, 1899, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

17th February, 1899.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker *Forster* presented the Report of the Librarian of the Legislative Library for the year 1898.

Debate resumed on the second reading of Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act.'"

Amendment negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Helmcken—9.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kimchant,</i>	<i>Henderson—20.</i>

Debate continued on the original question.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

Wilmer Charles Wells, Esq., Member elect for the North Riding of *East Kootenay* Electoral District, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Premier and Mr. *Kellie*, and took his seat.

The following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed on Monday next:—

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act relating to Replevin."

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to make Special Provisions with regard to the City of Sandon."

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897.'"

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act.'"

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Dyking Act, 1898.'"

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

And then the House adjourned at 10:40 o'clock, P. M.
