

Thursday, February 23rd, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. K. Adams*.

Mr. *Shatford* presented a petition from the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia, *re* railway into Similkameen and Nicola Districts.

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Ross* presented the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 23rd, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petitions have been complied with :

Petition No. 7—" An Act to Incorporate the Stave River Valley Railway Company."

Petition No. 1—" An Act respecting the Sumas Development Company."

W. R. Ross,
Chairman.

The report was received.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 23rd, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That your Committee recommend that in the case of Petition No. 9 of the Pacific, Northern and Omineca Railway Company, the Rules be suspended, and that the notice given be deemed sufficient, and that double fees be not exacted.

W. R. Ross,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 23rd, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders beg leave to present a supplementary report with respect to Petition (No. 10) of the Brunette Saw-Mill Company, Limited Liability, and beg to report as follows:—

That as already reported, the Standing Orders with respect to publication in a newspaper of the district were not fully complied with, but that there has been continuous publication since the 16th day of January last, and inasmuch as no interests, other than the private interests of the Company, are concerned your Committee besides reporting, as they have done, a recommendation that the Standing Orders be suspended, further beg leave to report that upon the special circumstances of this double fees be not exacted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. R. Ross,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 23rd, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That, in reference to Petition No. 13, "An Act to Incorporate the General Trusts Company," the Standing Orders be suspended, and the notices given be deemed sufficient.

WM. R. ROSS,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

Mr. *Ellison* presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 23rd, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That whereas certain sections of the Noxious Weeds Bill are, in the opinion of this Committee, of a very drastic nature ;

And whereas the Central Farmers' Institute is to meet here on the 28th of this month ;

Therefore, this Committee respectfully suggests to the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture that the Bill be held in abeyance, and submitted to the Central Institute when it meets.

PRICE ELLISON,
Chairman.

The report was received.

Mr. *Wilson* presented a Report from the Select Committee, to which was referred Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Jurisdiction and Procedure of County Courts," as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 23rd, 1905

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Committee on Bill No. 7 beg leave to report a Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Jurisdiction and Procedure of County Courts," as settled by the Committee.

CHARLES WILSON,
Chairman.

The report was received.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

The following Private Bills were introduced and read a first time :—

By Mr. *Gifford*—Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Stave River Valley Railway Company."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Gifford*—Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act respecting the Brunette Saw-Mill Company, Limited Liability."

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence, documents, agreements, conveyances, Crown grants, or other papers in connection with the exchange of Crown lands in the Municipality of Burnaby for lands in the Municipality of Coquitlam.

On the motion of Mr. *McNiven*, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence, reports of agents, and all other documents, from January 1st, 1900, to the present time, relating to the acquirement of a new reservation for the Songhees Indians and their removal from the present reserve.

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

1. Is any person permanently employed as caretaker of the Chilliwack Dyke?
2. If so, who, and at what salary?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. *A. A. Cruickshank*; \$65 per month.”

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

1. Was *Julius Brethour* Licence Commissioner for North Victoria Licence District for the year ending December 31st, 1904?
2. Was he re-appointed for the year 1905?
3. If so, why was *Peter Imrie* subsequently appointed in his place?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Yes.

“ 3. In the public interest.”

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

1. Has the Province the right to open public roads through the Indian Reserves of the Province?
2. If not, what steps are necessary to secure such right?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Any person requiring such right shall give the notice required by section 80 of the Land Act.”

On the motion of Mr. *Garden*, Private Bill (No. 58) intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the General Trusts Company,” was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

On the Second Reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled “ An Act to Secure to their Dependents the Wages of Deceased Workmen,” a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Order for the House to consider Bill (No. 8) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Land Registry Act and amending Acts,’ ” in Committee and the Bill were discharged.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, Bill (No. 8) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Land Registry Act and amending Acts,’ ” was introduced, read a first and second times and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 11) intituled “ An Act for Licensing Commercial Travellers,” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 7) intituled “ An Act respecting the Jurisdiction and Procedure of County Courts,” be placed on the Orders of the Day for Second Reading to-day.

Bill (No. 7) intituled “ An Act respecting the Jurisdiction and Procedure of County Courts,” was read a second time and committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Clifford*, Private Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act respecting the Pacific, Northern and Omineca Railway," was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Railway Committee.

On the motion of Mr. *Taylor*, Private Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Golden Light, Power and Water Company, Limited," was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* presented a Return of the total expenditure to date since Confederation—

1. On New Westminster Bridge.
- ✓ 2. On New Parliament Buildings.
3. On Chimney Creek Bridge.
4. On all roads, trails, bridges other than above.
5. On subsidies to railways or transportation companies.
6. On subsidies to physicians and surgeons.
7. On public charities, including needy and sick.
7. On the office of King's Printer, including supply and maintenance.
9. On all Provincial Public Buildings other than above, but not including supply or maintenance.
10. On all legal expenses, including Administration of Justice.
11. On Interest.
12. On Civil Service List.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Friday, 24th February, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. K. Adams*.

Mr. *Fraser* presented a petition from the City of Phoenix, asking amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act.

Laid on the table.

The petition from the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia, *re* railway into Similkameen and Nicola District, was received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *McBride*, seconded by Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the Government of British Columbia has, from time to time, made representations to the Government of Canada urging upon the latter a re-adjustment of the financial Terms of Union;

And whereas such re-adjustment has not yet been granted by the Government of Canada;

And whereas the claims of the Province are based upon permanent conditions peculiar to British Columbia and entitle this Province, as distinguished from the other Provinces, to distinct and separate relief;

Be it therefore Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the Province is entitled to such distinct and separate relief from the Dominion of Canada, based upon an equitable consideration of conditions in the Province, the large contributions made by the Province to the Dominion by way of Customs duties and otherwise, and the exceptionally high cost of Government in the Province, and of the development of our natural resources.

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

1. Are the Forms of Declaration *re* yearly assessment on hydraulic leases open to public inspection ?

2. With what official and under what provision of the Placer Act are they filed ?

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

“ 1. There is no provision in the Act for making these declarations public.

“ 2. Mining Recorder, under a provision in the lease and not under the ‘ Placer Mining Act.’ ”

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

1. The name and boundaries of all fire districts created by Lieutenant-Governor in Council under authority of chapter 84, Bush Fire Act of 1896 ?

2. How many bush fires have been investigated by the Attorney-General's Department during the years 1903 and 1904 ?

3. How many convictions have been secured against parties guilty of infraction of Bush Fires Act during the years 1903 and 1904 ?

4. What officers of the Department inspect locomotive engines to see that the law is complied with ?

5. How often are locomotives inspected ?

6. Have the Government complied with section 15 of said Act by furnishing the required copies of Act ?

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

“ 1. The whole of the Province, with the exception of such portions thereof as are within the corporate limits of any city or town municipality, is constituted a Fire District by notice dated 15th July, 1896, and published in the British Columbia Gazette.

“ 2. Several bush fires were investigated by Provincial constables in the year 1904, and, probably, also in the year 1903. I am unable at the present time to state the number of such investigations.

“ 3. Convictions were obtained in several of the cases above mentioned.

“ 4. The enforcement of the Act is entrusted to the officers mentioned in section 14 thereof.

“ 5. Whenever there is reason to believe the provisions of the Act are being violated.

“ 6. Pre-emptors and others acquiring Crown land have been furnished with copies of the Act.”

On the motion of Mr. *Gifford*, Private Bill (No. 62) intituled “ An Act respecting the Sumas Development Company, Limited,” was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 7) intituled “ An Act respecting the Jurisdiction and procedure of County Courts,” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Mr. *Ellison* presented a petition from *J. F. Helliwell* and others, opposing Private Bill (No. 50) intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the Institute of Accountants of British Columbia.” Laid on the table.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Monday, 27th February, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

Mr. *Munro* presented a petition from *J. H. Collinson* and others, residents of Lower Sumas Dyking District, opposing Private Bill to incorporate the Sumas Development Company.
Laid on the table.

The following petitions were received :—

From the City of Phoenix, asking amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act.

From *J. F. Helliwell* and others, opposing Private Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Institute of Accountants of British Columbia."

On the motion of Mr. *King*, the following Private Bills were introduced, read a first time and referred to the Railway Committee :—

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Company."

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act respecting the Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Railway Company."

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Replevin Act, 1899.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Green*—Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the Bridges Act."

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Jurisdiction and Procedure of County Courts," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act and amending Acts,'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to provide for the Registration of Companies' Mortgages," 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 4:15 P.M.

Tuesday, 28th February, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

The petition from *J. H. Collinson* and others, residents of Lower Sumas Dyking District, opposing Private Bill to incorporate the Sumas Development Company, was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*, Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act respecting the Manufacture and Sale of Explosives," was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels," was further considered.

Mr. *Young* moved to add after the 17th line in section 7, sub-section (2), the following :—

"For that portion of Vancouver County, being the territory covered by the County of Atlin, as defined by the Counties Amendment Act, 1903-04—In the Office of the Registrar of the County Court of Atlin."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to amend the Bill by adding to section 18 the following :—

"Provided that (except as is herein expressly mentioned with respect to construction) nothing in this Act shall affect any bill of sale executed before the commencement of this Act, and as regards bills of sale so executed the Acts hereby repealed shall continue in force."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved in amendment to insert in line 20, section 3, after the words "bills of lading," the following :—

"mortgages or charges created by a company and required to be registered with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies under the 'Companies Act, 1897, Amendment Act, 1905.'"

Carried.

The further consideration of the report was adjourned.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Jurisdiction and Procedure of County Courts," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to provide for the Registration of Companies' Mortgages," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 28th, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Canadian Fire Insurance Company, Limited," is proved, and the Bill is hereby recommended to the House as amended.

The report was received.

W. R. ROSS,
Chairman.

On the Second Reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public Schools Act,'" 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 P.M.

Wednesday, 1st March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *J. Campbell*, Ph.D.

Mr. *Oliver* presented a petition from *A. Ohlson*, Secretary of the B. C. Association of Nurserymen, asking for amendments to the Horticultural Board Act.

Laid on the table.

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

By Mr. *Tanner*—Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to regulate the Manufacture, Inspection and Storage of Explosives."

By the Hon. Mr. *Tatlow*—Bill (No 23) intituled "An Act to aid the Municipality of the City of Nelson."

By the Hon. Mr. *McBride*—Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to carry out an agreement respecting the Incorporation of the City of Fernie."

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and then on the motion of Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by Mr. *King*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Votes and Proceedings of February 24th, 1905, be amended by striking out the following :—

"On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *McBride*, seconded by Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*, it was *Resolved*,—

"Whereas the Government of British Columbia has, from time to time, made representations to the Government of Canada urging upon the latter a re-adjustment of the financial Terms of Union ;

"And whereas such re-adjustment has not yet been granted by the Government of Canada ;

"And whereas the claims of the Province are based upon permanent conditions peculiar to British Columbia and entitle this Province, as distinguished from the other Provinces, to distinct and separate relief ;

"Be it therefore Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the Province is entitled to such distinct and separate relief from the Dominion of Canada, based upon an equitable consideration of conditions in the Province, the large contributions made by the Province to the Dominion by way of Customs duties and otherwise, and the exceptionally high cost of Government in the Province, and of the development of our natural resources."

And inserting in lieu thereof the following :—

"Moved by the Hon. Mr. *McBride*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Tatlow*,—

"Whereas the Government of British Columbia has presented to this Legislative Assembly a Memorandum, submitted by them to the Dominion authorities at Ottawa, setting forth the grounds upon which the claims of this Province for increased and special recognition on the part of the Government of the Dominion of Canada are based ;

"And whereas, in the opinion of this House, the said Memorandum represents the conditions actually existing in British Columbia, and the claims therein made deserve the earnest support of its Members ;

"Be it therefore Resolved, That this House fully endorses the claims made by the Government on behalf of the Province, and that His Honour be respectfully requested to forward a

copy of this Resolution to His Excellency the Governor-General, and to strongly urge that the proposals made in the said Memorandum be carried into effect.

“By leave of the House the motion was withdrawn, and on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *McBride*, seconded by Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*, it was *Resolved*,—

“Whereas the Government of British Columbia has, from time to time, made representations to the Government of Canada urging upon the latter a re-adjustment of the financial Terms of Union ;

“And whereas such re-adjustment has not yet been granted by the Government of Canada ;

“And whereas the claims of the Province are based upon permanent conditions peculiar to British Columbia and entitle this Province, as distinguished from the other Provinces, to distinct and separate relief ;

“Be it therefore Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the Province is entitled to such distinct and separate relief from the Dominion of Canada, based upon an equitable consideration of conditions in the Province, the large contributions made by the Province to the Dominion by way of Customs duties and otherwise, and the exceptionally high cost of Government in the Province, and of the development of our natural resources.”

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and the Municipality of Coquitlam, or any officer thereof, in respect of taxes upon lands acquired by the Government in connection with the establishment of a farm in connection with the Insane Asylum at New Westminster.

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question :—

What authority had the Government to convey lands in Burnaby to *E. Pohlman* in exchange for lands in Coquitlam ?

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

“By authority of section 3, chapter 160, of the Revised Statutes, 1897, being the Public Works Act, and by an Order in Council, approved on the 11th of May, 1904.”

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

Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session to introduce a Bill dealing with the Superannuation List, according to promise made last Session.

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

“The Government is considering the question of introducing legislation with respect to the Provincial Civil Service. This would include the matter of superannuation.”

Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Registry Act and amending Acts,’” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* presented a copy of the Report submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by the Hon. *Fred. J. Fulton* on his mission to Ottawa with *John P. Babcock*, Fishery Commissioner, as a delegation from the Government of British Columbia.

The adjourned debate on the Second Reading on Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to amend and consolidate the ‘Public Schools Act,’” was resumed.

The debate was further adjourned.

Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the Bridges Act,” was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

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 4:35 P.M.

Thursday, 2nd March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*, Ph.D.

The petition from *A. Ohlson*, Secretary of the B. C. Association of Nurserymen, asking for amendments to the Horticultural Board Act, was received and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The Order for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to regulate the Manufacture, Inspection and Storage of Explosives," was discharged and the Bill withdrawn.

The report on Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the Bridges Act," was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate on the Second Reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public Schools Act,'" was resumed.

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

On the Second Reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the Songhees Indian Reserve," a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to carry out an Agreement respecting the Incorporation of the City of Fernie," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Canadian Fire Insurance Company," was read a second time.

Ordered 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 5:40 P.M.

Friday, 3rd March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*, Ph.D.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 3rd, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act respecting the Brunette Saw-Mill Company, Limited Liability," has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported.

W. R. Ross,
Chairman.

The report was received.

The Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels," was further considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved the following amendments:—

Section 7, sub-section (2), line 26, strike out "For the Vernon and Osoyoos Mining Divisions—The Office of the Registrar of the County Court at Vernon," and insert:—

"For the Vernon Mining Division—The office of the Registrar of the County Court at Vernon.

"For the Osoyoos Mining Division—The office of the Registrar of the County Court at Fairview."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to amend section 11, line 1, by striking out "three months" and inserting "one month."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to amend section 13, line 4, by striking out "F" and inserting "E."

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned.

The Report on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting Assignments and Preferences by Insolvent Persons," was adopted.

Third reading on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to provide for the Registration of Companies' Mortgages," was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to amend section 2, line 15, after the word "liquidator," by inserting the words "bonâ fide purchasers and mortgagees for valuable consideration."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to amend the title by striking out the words "to provide," and inserting the words "amending the Companies Act by providing."

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Jurisdiction and Procedure of County Courts," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act and amending Acts,'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to carry out an Agreement respecting the Incorporation of the City of Fernie," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

The adjourned debate on the Second Reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public Schools Act,'" was resumed.

The debate was again adjourned until Monday next.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to aid the Municipality of the City of Nelson," was read a second time.

Te be committed on Monday next.

The adjourned debate on the Second Reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to Secure to their Dependents the Wages of Deceased Workmen," was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Monday, March 6th, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. P. Hicks*.

Mr. *Munro* presented a petition from *Thos. Hall* and others, opposing Private Bill to incorporate the Sumas Development Company.

Laid on the table.

On the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Benevolent Societies Act,'" was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time tomorrow.

On the motion of Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. *Henderson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all papers and correspondence relating to an application by Mr. *John Elliott*, as counsel, for a fiat for a petition of right to try certain questions relating to the mineral claim "Pack Train."

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

1. Did the Columbia and Western Railway Company comply with the provisions of section 5, chapter 8, Statutes of 1896, in respect to the survey of lands granted to them under the provisions of said chapter 8?

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

"The Company made surveys which enabled it to describe the blocks of land, which it had previously selected and designated by metes and bounds; but the position of these boundaries has not yet been marked upon the ground, excepting along the line of railway."

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

Is it the intention of the Government to provide in the Estimates for a ferry across the Fraser River at Quesnel?

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

"The matter is under consideration."

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

1. Have *Geo. T. Kane*, *David P. Kane*, *E. S. Willington*, *John Willington* and *W. J. Sanders* been refused land on Kai-en Island in satisfaction of South African War Scrip?

2. If so, why?

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

“ 1. Yes. The names *E. S.* and *John ‘Willington’* should be ‘*Millington.*’

“ 2. Because the lands were under reservation, established by Gazette notice, dated 12th October, 1891.”

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

1. Has the \$10,000 voted last Session for roads and trails in Cariboo District been expended ?

2. On which roads and trails was this amount expended, and how much of it was expended on each of them ?

3. Into how many sections is the Cariboo Main Trunk Road divided for the purposes of the annual expenditure thereon ?

4. What are the limits of these sections by mile posts ?

5. How much of the \$20,000 voted last Session for this road has been expended on each section ?

6. How much of the \$10,000 voted for road machinery last Session was devoted for machinery for the roads in Cariboo District ?

7. Has any of this road machinery yet reached Cariboo District ?

8. Is it the intention of the Government to provide for the building of a sleigh road from Quesnel Forks to Keithley Creek ?

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

“ 1. No.

“ 2. Statement attached.

“ 3. Two.

“ 4. Ashcroft to southern boundary of Cariboo District (144-Mile House), 144-Mile House to Barkerville.

“ 5. \$8,529 and \$8,283, respectively.

“ 6. \$550 ; but other machinery purchased is for use over the whole road when required.

“ 7. Yes.

“ 8. The question will be considered.”

“ CARIBOO DISTRICT.

“ Road, 158, Quesnel Forks	\$ 850 54
“ Quesnel Forks, Quesnel Lake	72 00
“ Beaver Lake Valley, Horsefly	7 50
“ Williams Lake, Deep Creek	7 50
“ Harrison, Beavermouth	88 02
“ Chilcotin, main	278 50
“ 150, Chimney Creek	76 50
“ Springfield	7 77
“ Antler Creek	878 35
“ Pleasant Valley	3 25
“ Mud Lake	43 05
“ 8-Mile Lake	66 62
“ Quesnel Forks	451 50
“ Quesnel River	138 99
“ Hixon Creek	30 00
“ Mosquito Creek, Willow River	4 25
“ Richfield, Van Winkle	24 62
“ Richfield, Stanley, old	16 25
“ Mosquito, Hardscrabble, Willow River	39 00
“ Willow River, Hardscrabble Creek	19 50
“ Williams Lake	123 50
“ Beaver Lake	59 50
“ Hanceville, Deer Creek	54 00
“ Horsefly	65 00
“ Alexandria, Beaver Lake	13 00
“ 150, Horsefly	22 50
“ Keithley, Snowshoe Creek (sleigh)	100 00
“ Chilcotin (branch)	18 00
“ Chilcotin, Soda Creek	72 00

Carried forward

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	<i>Brought forward</i>	\$3,631 12
Road, Deacon		9 50
" Forks, Horsefly		17 42
" Mission		41 44
" Williams Lake, Onward Ranch		96 00
" Kersley Creek		11 25
" Mud Lake, Alexandria		100 00
" Barkerville, Stanley, old		55 00
" Sunnyside, Middleton		93 50
" Kersley, Beaver mouth		12 00
" Cornish, Hardscrabble		7 00
" Antler, Cunningham Creek		5 25
Trail, Quesnel Forks, Keithley Creek		139 73
" Keithley Creek, Barkerville		126 74
" Spanish Creek River		22 75
" Hanshaw, Stanley Creek		19 50
" Bear Lake		97 50
" Barkerville, Keithley		22 00
" Lowhee		9 75
" Downie Gulch, Pine Creek		13 00
" Hardscrabble, Sugar Creek		16 00
" Dragon, Albrecht Creek		22 75
" Two Sisters Creek		29 25
" Antler, Keithley Creek		5 25
" Omineca		17 90
Roads and trails, Chilcotin (general)		22 55
" " Stanley, "		8 25
Streets, Quesnel		25 50
Bridge, Chilcotin River		35 00
" Hanceville		693 35
" Mud River		167 00
Ferry, Chimney Creek		125 00
" Soda Creek		5 76
Road Superintendent		695 00
		\$6,399 10."

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting Assignments and Preferences by Insolvent Persons," was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels," was further considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to add to section 7 the following as sub-section (10):—

"(10.) This sub-section shall not apply to the bills of sale mentioned in section 5."

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned.

The Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to provide for the Registration of Companies' Mortgages," was further considered.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act for Licensing Commercial Travellers," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
6th March, 1905.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the Unrepealed Provisions of the 'Assessment Act,'" and recommend the introduction of the same.

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

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to aid the Municipality of the City of Nelson," was committed.

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

The adjourned debate on the Second Reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public Schools Act,'" was resumed.

Mr. *Hall* moved in amendment that the word "now" be struck out of the resolution, and the words "this day six months" inserted in lieu thereof.

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

The adjourned debate on the Second Reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the Songhees Indian Reserve," was resumed.

The debate was further adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Replevin Act, 1899,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Canadian Fire Insurance Company, Limited," was committed.

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

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act respecting the Brunette Saw-Mill Company, Limited Liability," was read a second time and committed.

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

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to Secure to their Dependents the Wages of Deceased Workmen," was committed.

Progress reported.
Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act respecting the Manufacture and Sale of Explosives," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and then, on the motion of Mr. *Clifford*, seconded by Mr. *Garden*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the quorum of the Railway Committee for the present Session shall consist of nine members, instead of twelve, as provided by Rule 85 of the Rules and Orders of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Tuesday, 7th March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. P. Hicks*.

The following petitions were laid on the table :—

By Mr. *Ross*—From *Alfred Stork* and others, residents of Fernie, *re* amendments to the Game Laws.

By Mr. *King*—From *James Gill* and others, residents of Cranbrook, on same subject.

By Mr. *Wells*—From *W. P. Emons* and others, residents of Wilmer and Canterbury, on same subject.

By Mr. *Houston*—From *T. G. Proctor* and others, residents of Nelson, on same subject.

By Mr. *Houston*—From *Arthur O'Kell* and others, residents of Creston, on same subject.

The petition from *Thos. Hall* and others, opposing Private Bill to incorporate the Sumas Development Company, was received.

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

1. Did the Government receive a request during the summer of 1904 to appoint fence viewers, under the "Line Fences and Water-courses Act," for any locality in Greenwood Riding?

2. Were fence-viewers appointed in pursuance of the said request?

3. If so, who were appointed?

4. If not, why not?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. No.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. Owing to the application having been temporarily lost sight of, the appointments have not yet been made. The matter is now receiving attention."

The Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act and amending Acts,'" was further considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to strike out all of section 23 except the first two lines, and insert :—

"75. Every certificate of indefeasible title hereafter issued under this Act shall, so long as the same remains in force and uncanceled, be conclusive evidence in all Courts of Justice that the person therein named is seized of an estate in fee simple in the hereditaments therein described against the whole world (the Crown only excepted), subject to—

"(a.) The reservations contained in the original grant from the Crown :

"(b.) Any Provincial taxes, rates or assessments due or accruing due :

"(c.) Any municipal charges, rates or assessments due or accruing due :

"(d.) Any lease, or agreement for lease, for a period not exceeding three years where there is actual occupation under the same :

"(e.) Any public highway or right of way, water-course or right of water, or other public easement :

"(f.) Any right of expropriation by Statute :

"(g.) Any *lis pendens*, mechanic's lien, judgment, caveat, issue, charge or assignment for the benefit of creditors registered since the date of the certificate :

"(h.) Any condition, exception or reservation endorsed thereon :

"(i.) The right of any person to show that any portion of the land is by wrong description of boundaries or parcels improperly included in such certificate :

"(j.) The right of any person to show fraud wherein the registered owner has participated in any degree.

"(1.) Any certificate of indefeasible fee issued under the provisions of this Act shall be void as against the title of any person adversely in actual possession of and rightly entitled to the hereditaments included in such certificate at the time of the application upon which such certificate was granted under this Act :

"(2.) After the issuance of a certificate of indefeasible fee no title adverse or in derogation to the title of the registered owner shall be acquired by any length of possession merely."

Mr. *Henderson* moved that the words "(the Crown only excepted)" be struck out in the fourth line of the amendment.

Negatived.

The original motion then carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to insert as section 22—

"22. Every instrument capable of registration, and every certificate of title, indefeasible or otherwise, shall, when signed by the Registrar, be deemed to be registered and issued and take effect as of the date, hour and minute when the application for the registration of the said instrument was received by the Registrar in form required by this Act."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved in section 2, line 1, to strike out "32."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to insert in section 44, after the word "titles" in the sixth line, the words "as evidence or proof of the title."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to insert as section 53—

"53. Nothing in this Act shall affect pending litigation."

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned.

The Report on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act for Licensing Commercial Travellers," was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to aid the Municipality of the City of Nelson," was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the Second Reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public Schools Act,' and on the amendment moved by Mr. *Hall* to read the Bill a second time this day six months, was resumed.

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

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Tailow,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Grant—23.</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>
<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Cameron—17.</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>			

Bill read a second time on the same division.

To be committed to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the Second Reading on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the Songhees Indian Reserve," was resumed.

Mr. *J. A. Macdonald* moved in amendment to strike out all the words after the word "That," and insert the following in lieu thereof :—

"in the opinion of this House the Government should immediately procure a new reserve for the Indians now on the Songhees Indian Reserve, which reserve should be satisfactory to the said Indians and to the Dominion Government, and remove and settle said Indians upon said new reserve ; and that the question of the disposition of the lands now forming the Songhees Indian Reserve be not now considered, but that the same be dealt with by this House at the Session of the same following the removal of said Indians as aforesaid, in a manner which will protect the City of Victoria in the matter of park lands ; give said city control of part of the southern end of said reserve for wharves and other harbour facilities ; provide terminal facilities for transportation companies and conserve the general interests of the Province in the premises."

The debate continuing, the same 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 6 P.M.

Wednesday, 8th March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. P. Hicks*.

The following petitions were received :—

From *Alfred Stork* and others, residents of Fernie, *re* amendments to the Game Laws.

From *James Gill* and others, residents of Cranbrook, on same subject.

From *W. P. Emons* and others, residents of Wilmer and Canterbury, on same subject.

From *T. G. Proctor* and others, residents of Nelson, on same subject.

From *Arthur O'Kell* and others, residents of Creston, on same subject.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Fulton*, Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1898'" was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Murphy* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions :—

1. Is there a clause in all mining leases that no Chinese be employed in the working of same ?

2. If not, since what date has such a clause been inserted, and has it been inserted in all leases issued since said date ?

3. Does the employment of Chinese in the working of a lease containing such a clause work a forfeiture of the lease.

4. If the answer to No. 3 be yes, what proof and procedure is necessary to make such forfeiture effective ?

5. How many (a) Hydraulic, (b) Creek, (c) Dredging Leases, have been cancelled in Cariboo District during the year 1904 ?

6. How many of each class of leases mentioned in question 5 hereof are still in existence in Cariboo District ?

7. Is it the intention of the Government to lessen mining lease rentals and water rates ?

8. What reason had the Government for asking *G. E. Stephenson*, Clerk in the Mining Recorder's Office at Quesnel Forks, for his resignation ?

9. What became of this reason, later on, when he was re-instated ?

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

- “ 1. No.
- “ 2. 30th May, 1902 ; yes.
- “ 3. Yes, under section 99, “ Placer Mining Act.”
- “ 4. The recommendation of the Gold Commissioner and action by the Minister of Mines under section 99 of the “ Placer Mining Act.”
- “ 5. (a) 60 ; (b) 53 ; (c) 17.
- “ 6. (a) 147 ; (b) 169 ; (c) 14.
- “ 7. No.
- “ 8. Dispatch and economy in the collection of revenue.
- “ 9. The reason still held good.”

Mr. *Murphy* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions :—

1. Was an Order in Council ever passed by the Provincial Executive fixing the assessment of certain lands in the Province at a fixed value ?
2. If the answer be yes, is such Order in Council still in force, and what land does it affect ?

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

- “ 1. An Order in Council was approved on 3rd May, 1898, fixing the assessed value of the lands granted to the Columbia and Kootenay Railway Company at \$1 per acre (excepting townsites), so long as the Company agrees to open up these lands for sale at Government prices.
- “ 2. Yes ; the lands mentioned in the above answer.”

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

What amount of coal was supplied to Matsqui pumps during the years 1903, 1904, respectively, and what was the cost per ton each year delivered at the pumps ?

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

“ 1903, 751.50 tons ; 1904, 371.90 tons. 1903, \$4.50 per ton ; 1904, \$4.80 per ton.”

The Report on Bill (No. 51) intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the British Canadian Fire Insurance Company, Limited,” was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 56) intituled “ An Act respecting the Brunette Saw-Mill Company, Limited,” was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled “ An Act to consolidate and amend the Law for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels,” was further considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to amend section 7, sub-section (7), line 8, after the word “ Supreme,” by inserting the words “ or County.”

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to amend section 8, line 5, before the word “ copy,” by inserting the words “ original or.”

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 11) intituled “ An Act for Licensing Commercial Travellers.”

Bill (No. 23) intituled “ An Act to aid the Municipality of the City of Nelson.”

Bill (No. 15) intituled “ An Act to amend and consolidate the ‘ Public Schools Act,’ ” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the Second Reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the Songhees Indian Reserve," and on the amendment moved by Mr. *J. A. Macdonald* on 7th March, as follows:—

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

"in the opinion of this House the Government should immediately procure a new reserve for the Indians now on the Songhees Indian Reserve, which reserve should be satisfactory to the said Indians and to the Dominion Government, and remove and settle said Indians upon said new reserve; and that the question of the disposition of the lands now forming the Songhees Indian Reserve be not now considered, but that the same be dealt with by this House at the Session of the same following the removal of said Indians as aforesaid; in a manner which will protect the City of Victoria in the matter of park lands; give said city control of part of the southern end of said reserve for wharves and other harbour facilities; provide terminal facilities for transportation companies and conserve the general interests of the Province in the premises," was resumed.

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>	<i>Grant—21.</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Paterson.</i>
<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Cameron—16.</i>

Bill read a second time on the same division.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Replevin Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to Secure to their Dependents the Wages of Deceased Workmen," 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 6 P.M.

Thursday, 9th March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. P. Hicks*.

On the motion of Mr. *King*, Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 9th, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Golden Light, Power and Water Company, Limited," has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

W. R. Ross,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

1. Is it the intention of the Government to expend the unexpended balance of the \$10,000 voted for roads and trails for Cariboo District last Session, before the 30th June next?

2. Is it the intention of the Government to expend the unexpended balance of the \$20,000 voted for the Cariboo Main Trunk Road, before the 30th June next?

3. Has the \$10,000 voted for road machinery last Session been all expended? If not, how much of it remains unexpended?

4. What has been the total cost of the Chimney Creek Bridge and approaches to date?

5. Were any complaints made to the Government against *Robert McLaren*, former Road Superintendent in Cariboo District? If so, what were they and by whom made?

6. Why was *Robert McLaren* dismissed as Road Superintendent?

7. Who has charge of the protection work now being done on the Quesnel River at Quesnel?

8. Has anyone other than the person in charge the right to dictate what persons shall obtain employment on said work?

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

"1. Yes, if necessary.

"2. Yes, if necessary.

"3. No. \$3,257.30.

"4. \$76,805.

"5. No record of any.

"6. At end of season his engagement ceased.

"7. *R. Rutherford*.

"8. No, except by direction of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works."

The Report on Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to Secure to their Dependents the Wages of Deceased Workmen," was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Replevin Act, 1899,'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels," was further considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to strike out sub-sections (6) and (8) of section 7.

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act and amending Acts,'" was further considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to amend section 52, line 4, after the word "office," by inserting the following :—

"and of any instruments affecting land which are intended to be deposited, filed, kept or registered, upon the same being so deposited, filed, kept or registered, and in the last-mentioned case the copies may be made by or on behalf of the party depositing, filing or registering the same."

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the Songhees Indian Reserve," was committed. Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the Unrepealed Provisions of the 'Assessment Act,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

On the Second Reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1898,'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act respecting the Brunette Saw-Mill Company, Limited," was read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Mr. *Green* presented the following Returns :—

Return of copies of all correspondence, reports of agents, and all other documents, from January 1st, 1900, to the present time, relating to the acquirement of a new reservation for the Songhees Indians and their removal from the present reserve.

Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and the Municipality of Coquitlam, or any officer thereof, in respect of taxes upon lands acquired by the Government in connection with the establishment of a farm in connection with the Insane Asylum at New Westminster.

Return of copies of all correspondence, documents, agreements, conveyances, Crown grants, or other papers in connection with the exchange of Crown lands in the Municipality of Burnaby for lands in the Municipality of Coquitlam.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

Friday, 10th March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by Rev. J. P. Hicks.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Clifford presented the First Report from the Railway Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
10th March, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

The preambles proved of Bills—

(No. 55) "An Act to amend the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act, 1901,"

(No. 57) "An Act to Incorporate the Stave River Valley Railway Company,"

(No. 60) "An Act respecting the Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway,"

(No. 53) "An Act to Incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Company,"

(No. 61) "An Act respecting the Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Railway Company,"

and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES W. D. CLIFFORD,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any other person or persons in respect to the claim of Mr. Aulay Morrison, K. C., for compensation for services rendered.

The Report on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the Songhees Indian Reserve," was considered.

Mr. Cameron moved the following amendments :—

Section 2, lines 3 and 4—Strike out the word "such," between the words "upon" and "terms," in the third line, and strike out the words "may be deemed advisable" in the fourth line, and insert the word "follows" at the end of the section.

To add the following as sub-sections to section 2 :—

"(1.) For a free grant to the City of Victoria of the twenty-five acres (more or less) of the Reserve lying to the north of the Esquimalt Road, such land to be used for public park purposes, upon such terms and conditions as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may prescribe :

"(2.) By giving to the City of Victoria the first right to purchase or acquire the seventeen and one-half acres (more or less) of the said Reserve lying to the south of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway right of way, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the City and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council :

"(3.) By a free grant to the City of Victoria of sites for purposes of (a) public school or schools, (b) fire hall, (c) three public landing places, including wharves and buildings, upon such terms and conditions as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may prescribe :

"(4.) The remaining portions of the Reserve may be disposed of by public auction, under the terms and conditions as provided by the 'Land Act.'"

A point of order arose, upon which Mr. Speaker reserved his decision until Monday next.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the Unrepealed Provisions of the 'Assessment Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

The adjourned debate on the Second Reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1898,'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

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

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Canadian Fire Insurance Company, Limited."

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to Secure to their Dependents the Wages of Deceased Workmen."

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act respecting the Manufacture and Sale of Explosives," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

Monday, 13th March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *J. Campbell*, Ph.D.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Green*—Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Traffic Regulation Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Tatlow*—Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wellington Receivership Act, 1901.'"

Mr. *Murphy* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. By what authority was the Order in Council of May 3rd, 1898, fixing the assessed value of lands granted to the Columbia and Kootenay Railway Company at \$1 per acre?
2. What is the number of acres of land affected by this Order in Council?
3. Is this land taxed as wild land or as real estate?
4. Are not lands adjoining this land taxed as wild land at \$10 an acre and upwards?
5. Is it the intention of the Government to cancel the above Order in Council?
6. If not, why not?

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

- "1. There is no special statutory authority.
- "2. 132,000 acres (approximate).
- "3. Taxed as wild land.

"4. Lands adjoining the above lands, if wild land, are taxed as wild land at assessed values ranging from \$1 to \$5 per acre, but none as high as \$10 per acre.

"5. The subject is under consideration.

"6. Answered by answer to question number five."

The Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels," was further considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to insert the following as sub-section (11):—

"(11.) A transfer or assignment of a registered bill of sale need not be registered."

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Jurisdiction and Procedure of County Courts," was further considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to add the following as sub-section (e) of section 116:—

"(e.) In any proceeding before the Court or Judge pursuant to the 'Coal Mines Act,' being chapter 137 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1897."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to strike out sub-paragraph (b) of sub-section (4), section 144.

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned.

The adjourned consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the Songhees Indian Reserve," was resumed.

On the point of order raised thereon at the last sitting, Mr. Speaker *Pooley* gave the following decision:—

On Friday the 10th March, instant, the Hon. the Chief Commissioner moved the adoption of the Report of Bill (16) intituled "An Act respecting the Songhees Indian Reservation, Vancouver Island."

Mr. *Cameron* moved the following amendment thereto, viz.:—

"Section 2, lines 3 and 4—Strike out the word 'such,' between the words 'upon' and 'terms,' in the third line, and strike out the words 'may be deemed advisable' in the fourth line, and insert the word 'follows' at the end of the section.

"To add the following as sub-sections to section 2:—

"(1.) For a free grant to the City of Victoria of the twenty-five acres (more or less) of the Reserve lying to the north of the Esquimalt Road, such land to be used for public park purposes, upon such terms and conditions as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may prescribe:

"(2.) By giving to the City of Victoria the first right to purchase or acquire the seventeen and one-half acres (more or less) of the said Reserve lying to the south of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway right of way, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the City and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council:

"(3.) By a free grant to the City of Victoria of sites for purposes of (a) public school or schools, (b) fire hall, (c) three public landing places, including wharves and buildings, upon such terms and conditions as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may prescribe:

"(4.) The remaining portions of the Reserve may be disposed of by public auction, under the terms and conditions as provided by the Land Act."

A question was raised as to whether this amendment was in order, as dictating a policy to the Government, by setting forth the manner in which they should deal with certain Crown lands, which it was not competent for any private Member of the House to move. There was considerable argument upon this question and a number of precedents were cited.

This is a Bill brought down for the purpose of enabling the Government to deal with a specific piece of land, and set out the terms and conditions under which it should be disposed of.

This Bill was introduced by Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the whole subject-matter of the Bill was submitted for the consideration of the House.

In Committee of the Whole House, amendments may be made in every part of the Bill, whether in the preamble, the clauses, or the schedules—(*May*, 457).

An amendment must be coherent and consistent with the contents of the Bill—(*May*, 458.)

When the Bill, as amended by the Committee, is considered, the entire Bill is open to consideration and new clauses may be added, and amendments made—(*May*, 466).

In this case the Bill has been submitted by Message, and the whole Bill is before the House for consideration; the amendment is coherent and consistent with the contents of the Bill and does not propose to interfere with the general policy of the Government, but its purport is confined to the specific lands dealt with by the Bill, and I am of opinion, therefore, that the amendment is in order.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,
Speaker.

Victoria, 13th March, 1905.

On Mr. Cameron's amendment to section 2 of the Bill, viz.:—

Section 2, lines 3 and 4—Strike out the word "such," between the words "upon" and "terms," in the third line, and strike out the words "may be deemed advisable" in the fourth line, and insert the word "follows" at the end of the section.

The House divided. The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Cameron—13.</i>
<i>Evans,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Talbot,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Grant—18.</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>		

On Mr. Cameron's amendment to add the following as sub-sections to section 2—

"(1.) For a free grant to the City of Victoria of the twenty-five acres (more or less) of the Reserve lying to the north of the Esquimalt Road, such land to be used for public park purposes, upon such terms and conditions as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may prescribe:

"(2.) By giving to the City of Victoria the first right to purchase or acquire the seventeen and one-half acres (more or less) of the said Reserve lying to the south of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway right of way, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the City and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council:

"(3.) By a free grant to the City of Victoria of sites for purposes of (a) public school or schools, (b) fire hall, (c) three public landing places, including wharves and buildings, upon such terms and conditions as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may prescribe:

"(4.) The remaining portions of the Reserve may be disposed of by public auction, under the terms and conditions as provided by the 'Land Act.'"

The House divided. The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Cameron—13.</i>
<i>Evans,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Grant—19.</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Green* presented a Supplemental Return of copies of correspondence *re* Songhees Indian Reserve.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1898,'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act respecting the Manufacture and Sale of Explosives," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Murphy* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions :—

1. Is it the intention of the Government to provide in the Estimates for the salary of a teacher for an assisted school at Soda Creek or at *Pickard's*, Alexandria?

2. If not, why not?

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

"1. No.

"2. There is no probability of an assisted school being established at either place during 1905-06. The application for an assisted school at Soda Creek was investigated by Inspector Gordon, in September, 1904, whose report was unfavourable. The application from Alexandria was investigated about the same time by the Inspector, and acting on his favourable report the Education Department granted an assisted school, but owing to a disagreement among the patrons as to the location of building it was found impossible to establish it."

The order for the third reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to provide for the Registration of Companies' Mortgages," was discharged and the Bill re-committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Benevolent Societies Act,'" was read a second time and *Ordered* 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 4:05 P.M.

Tuesday, 14th March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Campbell*, Ph.D.

On the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dentistry Act,'" was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

On the third reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the Songhees Indian Reserve," Mr. *J. A. Macdonald* moved, seconded by Mr. *Munro*, to strike out all the words of the Resolution after the first word "That," and insert the following:—

"in the opinion of this House, the Government should immediately procure a new reserve for the Indians now on the Songhees Indian Reserve, which new reserve should be satisfactory to the said Indians and to the Dominion Government, and facilitate the removal and settlement of said Indians upon said new reserve; and that the question of the disposition of the lands now forming the Songhees Indian Reserve be not now considered, but that the same be dealt with by this House at the Session of the same following the removal of said Indians as aforesaid, in a manner which will protect the City of Victoria in the matter of park lands; give said city control of part of the southern end of said reserve for wharves and other harbour facilities; provide terminal facilities for transportation companies and conserve the general interests of the Province in the premises."

Mr. Speaker *Pooley* ruled the motion out of order, on the ground that the House had already expressed its opinion on the same question on 8th instant.

Mr. *Oliver* moved in amendment that all the words of the Resolution after the first word "That" be struck out, and the following words be inserted in lieu thereof:—"The Bill be read a third time this day three months."

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Grant—21.</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>
<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Cameron—16.</i>

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to provide for the Registration of Companies' Mortgages," was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to amend section 7 by striking out of line six the word "affects," and by inserting the word "affects" between the words "charge" and "property" in line seven.

Carried.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Jurisdiction and Procedure of County Courts," was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to insert the following new sections :—

"Certiorari, Prohibition and Mandamus.

"125. It shall be lawful for the Supreme Court or a Judge thereof to order the removal into the Supreme Court, by writ of certiorari or otherwise, of any action or matter commenced in the Court under the provisions of this Act, if the Supreme Court or a Judge thereof shall deem it desirable that the action or matter shall be tried in the Supreme Court, and upon such terms as to payment of costs, giving security, or otherwise as the Supreme Court or a Judge thereof shall think fit to impose.

"126. It shall be lawful for any Judge of the Supreme Court, as well during the sittings as in vacation, to hear and determine applications for writs of prohibition to any Court and to make such orders for the issuing of such writs as might have been made by the Supreme Court, and all such orders so made by any such Judge of the Supreme Court shall have the same force and effect as heretofore.

"127. When an application shall be made to the Supreme Court or a Judge thereof for a writ of prohibition addressed to any Court, the matter shall be finally disposed of by order, and no declaration or further proceedings in prohibition shall be allowed. Upon any such application the Judge of the Court shall not be served with notice thereof, and shall not, except by the order of a Judge of the Supreme Court, be required to appear or be heard thereon, and shall not, except by such order, be liable to any order for the payment of the costs thereof; but the application shall be proceeded with and heard in the same manner in all respects as any case of an appeal duly brought from a decision of a Judge; and notice thereof shall be given to or served upon the same parties as in any case of an order made or refused by a Judge in a matter within his jurisdiction, as the case may be.

"128. The grant by the Supreme Court, or by any Judge thereof, of an order or summons to show cause why a writ of certiorari or prohibition should not issue to any Court shall, if the Supreme Court or a Judge thereof so direct, operate as a stay of proceedings in the action or matter to which the same shall relate, until the determination of an order or summons, or until such Supreme Court or a Judge thereof shall otherwise order; and the Judge shall from time to time adjourn the trial of such action or matter to such day as he shall think fit, until such determination, or until such order be made; but if a copy of such order or summons shall not be served by the party who obtained it on the opposite party and on the Registrar two clear days before the day fixed for the trial of the action or matter, the Judge may, in his discretion, order the party who obtained the order or summons to pay all the costs of the day, or so much thereof as he may think fit, unless the Supreme Court, or a Judge thereof, shall have made some order respecting such costs.

"129. Where a writ of certiorari or of prohibition to a Court shall have been granted by the Supreme Court or a Judge thereof on an ex parte application, and the party who obtained it shall not lodge it with the Registrar, and give notice to the opposite party that it has issued, two clear days before the day fixed for the trial of the action or matter to which it shall relate, the Judge may, in his discretion, order the party who obtained the writ to pay all the costs of the day, or so much thereof as he shall think fit, unless the Supreme Court or a Judge thereof shall have made some order respecting such costs.

"130. No writ of mandamus shall issue to a Judge or an officer of the Court for refusing to do any act relating to the duties of his office, but any party requiring such act to be done may apply to the Supreme Court, upon an affidavit of the facts, for an order or summons calling upon such Judge or officer of the Court, and also the party to be affected by such act, to show cause why such act should not be done; and if after the service of such order or summons good cause shall not be shown, the Supreme Court may, by order, direct the act to be done, and the Judge or officer of the Court, upon being served with such order, shall obey the same on pain of attachment; and, in any event, the Supreme Court may make such order with respect to costs as to it shall seem fit.

"131. When the Supreme Court or a Judge thereof shall have refused to grant a writ of certiorari or prohibition to a Court, or any such order as in the last preceding section mentioned, no other Court or Judge shall grant such writ or order; but nothing herein shall affect the right of appealing from the decision of the Judge of the Supreme Court to the

Supreme Court itself, or prevent a second application being made for such writ or order to the Supreme Court or a Judge thereof on grounds different from those on which the first application was founded."

And re-number the succeeding sections.

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to strike out section 147.

Carried.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by Secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels," was further considered.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act and amending Acts,'" was further considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to add as section 53 and change numbers of following sections:—

"53. Section 2 of the principal Act is hereby amended by striking out the last clause, and inserting in lieu thereof:—

"Purchaser" shall mean the person who last acquired the land otherwise than by descent or devolution of law."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to add as section 54—

"54. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained—

"(1.) All those persons who at the commencement of this Act were justly entitled to a certificate of indefeasible title may (if the application be made within two years from the commencement of this Act) apply for and if found justly entitled have granted to them a certificate of indefeasible title:

"(2.) The application shall be made pursuant to the principal Act and the mode of application, the procedure therein, and the rights of the applicant and all others interested in the application shall be governed by the principal Act as it was before the commencement of this Act."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to amend section 56 by adding to the end of the section the words: "save and except section 53, which section shall come into effect on the passing of this Act."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to add the letter "s" to the word "section," and after the figures "53" the following: "and 54."

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wellington Receivership Act, 1901,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act respecting the Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Railway Company," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The order for the second reading of Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Stave Valley Railway Company," was discharged and the Bill referred back to the Railway Committee.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act, 1901," was read a second time.
To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act respecting the Pacific, Northern and Omineca Railway," was read a second time.
To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Benevolent Societies Act,'" was committed.
Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was read a second time.
To be committed to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" 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 4:35 P.M.

Wednesday, 15th March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Campbell*, Ph.D.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 15th, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That an application be made to the House for an extension of the time for presentation of Reports to March 29th, 1905.

W. R. ROSS,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

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

1. Have any lands been reserved in the vicinity of Douglas and Devastation Channels, Kildala Arm, Kitamat Arm, Kitamat River and Skeena River?
2. If so, what lands were covered by such reserve, and what was the date of such reserve?
3. Has such reserve, or any portion of it, been cancelled?
4. If so, when?
5. Have any lands been Crown-granted in such reserved district?
6. If so, to whom were Crown grants issued, and the acreage and date of issue in each case?
7. What was the date of application, the date of advertisement, the date of acceptance of survey, and the amount paid per acre in each case?
8. Have any applications for lands in such reserved districts been deferred or held in abeyance?

9. If so, who were the applicants, the acreage applied for, with the date of the application, and for what reason were such applications refused or held in abeyance?

The Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows:—

"1. Lands have been reserved at Kitimat Arm, Kitimat River and Skeena River, but not at Douglas and Devastation Channels, or south side of Kildala Arm.

"2. Reserve of 27th December, 1899, embraces a belt of land extending back from the shore line a distance of ten miles on each side of Kitimat Arm, to the northward of Kildala Arm as far as the mouth of Kitimat River; also, a belt of land commencing at the mouth of Kitimat River, thence on a line running northerly up the Kitimat Valley to Lake Lakelse, and then by the mouth of Copper River and the Skeena River to the Kitsilas Canyon, and having a width of ten miles on each side of said line.

"Reserve of 1st August, 1901, embraces a belt of land extending back for a distance of ten miles on each side of the Skeena River, between Kitsilas Canyon and Hazelton.

"3. Yes, a portion.

"4. 9th August, 1901.

"5. Yes.

"6 and 7. On extra sheet attached, with details.

"8. Yes.

"9. *M. C. Kendall*, 160 acres, 6th September, 1896; *Chas. W. D. Clifford*, 160 acres, 6th September, 1896; *A. I. Church*, 160 acres, 21st April, 1898, by notice in British Columbia Gazette; *Theodore M. Magnesen*, 160 acres, 26th May, 1898—held in abeyance pending investigation of claims.

"RANGE IV.

Date of Application.	Date of Advertisement.	Name.	Lot No.	Acreage.	Price per acre.	CROWN GRANT.		Date of Acceptance of Survey.	Remarks.
						No.	Date.		
April 20, 1904	May 12, 1898	F. M. H. Raley	305	156	\$1 00	1915/155	Oct. 12, 1904	Oct. 6, 1904	W. Magnesen, original appt.
July 14, 1904	Feb. 10, 1898	Hezekiah G. Hall	309	127	1 00	1917/155	" 12, 1904	" 6, 1904	

"RANGE V.

Nov. 26, 1897	Feb. 25, 1897	Geo. L. Anderson	73	160	1 00	1835/147	Mrh. 14, 1904	Jan. 7, 1904	Pre-emption.
May 11, 1897		L. M. Clifford and W. A. Robertson	88	124	1 00	1835/114	Aug. 25, 1900	June 9, 1898	Mineral claim.
		Skeena River Min. Co.	71	50.37	.....	630/96	July 9, 1898	Feb. 17, 1898	
			72	51.62	.....	631/96	" 8, 1898	" " "	"
May 11, 1897	" 25, 1897	C. Todd, Ed. Donahue and E. C. Stevens ...	89	166.60	1 00	1334/114	Aug. 25, 1900	June 9, 1897	Mineral claim.
Feb. 21, 1898	Nov. 26, 1897	J. A. Carthew	90	137	1 00	1375/120	Jan. 8, 1901	July 21, 1898	
" 21, 1898	" 26, 1897	Donald D. Mann	91	152	2 50	1374/120	" 8, 1901	" " "	"
				122	1 00				
May 10, 1898	Mar. 10, 1898	Hugh Sutherland	92	160	2 50	1637/133	Oct. 30, 1902	April 3, 1892	Mineral claim.
" 3, 1898	" 3, 1898	Wm. McKenzie	93	117	2 50	1638/133	" " "	" " "	
" 3, 1898	" 3, 1898	T. G. Holt, Geo. Robinson and W. G. Aveling ..	94	458	2 50	1641/136	" " "	" " "	S. A. W. Scrip.
" 3, 1898	" 3, 1898	J. W. Patterson and W. S. Madden	95	310	2 50	1642/136	" " "	" " "	
				107	1 00				
	Sept. 22, 1898	Ernest Temple	96	136	2 50	1639/133	" " "	" " "	Mineral claim.
	" 22, 1898	Lewis Lukes	97	160	1 00	1640/133	" " "	" " "	
Aug. 23, 1898	Mar. 10, 1898	Kate Robinson	98	130	1 00	1635/133	July 23, 1902	" " "	S. A. W. Scrip.
Feb. 17, 1898	Feb. 10, 1898	Geo. Robinson	99	164	1 00	1689/136	Dec. 18, 1902	Nov. 13, 1902	
July 25, 1898	May 19, 1898	L. A. S. Stevens	100	149	1 00	1769/147	July 3, 1903	Jan. 2, 1903	Mineral claim.
Sept. 16, 1903		Geo. Robinson	101	165	1 00	1788/147	Sept. 17, 1903	" " "	
May 3, 1898	Mar. 3, 1898	James S. Murray	102a	160	1 00	1713/136	Feb. 5, 1903	" " "	Mineral claim.
June 2, 1901		S. Arden Singlehurst ..	151	160	1 00	102/134	Dec. 2, 1901	Nov. 21, 1901	
		Niagara M'g. & Dev. Co	153	51.40	.....	2445/140	Aug. 21, 1902	Jan. 30, 1902	
		" " " " " " " "	154	51.65	.....	2446/140	" " "	" " "	"
		P. Hickey, Helen Flewin and D. A. Robertson .	166	51.65	.....	2639/144	Nov. 26, 1902	" " "	"
		" " " " " " " "	167	49.35	.....	2640/144	" " "	" " "	"
		P. Hickey, H. Flewin, D. A. Robertson, George Rudge & E. Donahue.	168	46.10	.....	2641/144	" " "	" " "	"
		" " " " " " " "	169	51.65	.....	2642/144	" " "	" " "	"
Mar. 8, 1898	Jan. 27, 1898	Gordon Hunter	186	168	1 00	1843/155	Apl. 13, 1904	Mrh. 10, 1904	Mineral claim.
" 8, 1898	" 27, 1898	A. K. Munro	187	160	1 00	1844/155	" " "	" " "	
Mar. 31, 1898	Mar. 31, 1898	G. H. Raley	307	160	1 00	1916/155	Oct. 12, 1904	Oct. 6, 1904	Mineral claim.
				157.50	1 00				
Jan. 28, 1898	Feb. 3, 1898	Kate Robinson	308	132	1 00	1919/155	" " "	" " "	Mineral claim.
				6	2 50				
Nov. 15, 1904	Mar. 10, 1898	M. E. Oliver	310	158	1 00	1951/163	Jan. 27, 1905	Jan. 26, 1905	Not issued.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act, 1901," was committed.

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

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act respecting the Pacific, Northern and Omineca Railway," was committed.

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

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to Adjust Dyking Assessments," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
15th March, 1905.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to Adjust Dyking Assessments," and recommend the introduction of the same.

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

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
14th March, 1905.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" and recommend the introduction of the same.

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

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
14th March, 1905.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Tax Act,'" and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act respecting the Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Railway Company," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Golden Light, Power and Water Company, Limited," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Company," 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 5:40 P.M.

Thursday, 16th March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Campbell*, Ph.D.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Green*, Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to Establish and Protect Highways," was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

1. Did the Government employ a surveyor to define the boundaries of lands acquired by the Government in Coquitlam Municipality?
2. If so, who was the surveyor employed?
3. What was the cost of the work?
4. By whom was the cost paid or to be paid?
5. When was the survey completed?
6. What was the object of such survey, with a statement of the work actually done?

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

"1. No.

"2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Answered by No. 1."

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Green* presented a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any other person or persons, in respect to the claim of Mr. *Aulay Morrison*, K. C., for compensation for services rendered.

The Report on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Benevolent Societies Act,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to provide for the Registration of Companies' Mortgages," was read a third time and passed.

On the third reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels," the Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to amend section 3, lines 22 and 23, by striking out the words "Act, 1897, Amendment Act, 1905," and inserting the words "Mortgages Registration Act."

Carried.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act and amending Acts,'" was further considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to add the following as sub-section (d) to section 6 :—

"(d.) In case the applicant shall mark upon his application the words 'Absolute fee only required,' or words to the like effect, the Registrar may—

"(1.) Register the title in the Register of Absolute Fees; or

"(2.) Refuse to register the title;

and in such case the Assurance Fund fee and the fee for a Certificate of Indefeasible Title shall not be demanded from the applicant."

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned.

Mr. *Ellison* presented the Second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 15th, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

Moved by Mr. *Shatford*, seconded by Mr. *Evans*—That whereas "An Act respecting the Inspection and Sale of Seeds" has been passed by the Federal Government, which Act covers the matter dealt with by Bill (No. 3) before this House :

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Committee recommends the discharge of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to prevent the spreading of Noxious Weeds," from the Order Paper.

Carried.

PRICE ELLISON,
Chairman.

The report was received.

The Report on Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wellington Receivership Act, 1901,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to carry out an Agreement respecting the Incorporation of the City of Fernie," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1898,'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The order for the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to prevent the Spreading of Noxious Weeds," was discharged and the Bill withdrawn.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Tax Act,'" was read a second time. To be committed to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act, 1901," was considered and adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act respecting the Pacific, Northern and Omineca Railway," was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act respecting the Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Railway Company," was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

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 5:30 P.M.

Friday, 17th March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *J. Campbell*, Ph.D.

Mr. *Clifford* presented the Second Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
17th March, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Stave Valley Railway Company," and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. W. D. CLIFFORD,
Chairman.

The report was received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Tatlow*, Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horticultural Board Act,'" was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.

Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Jurisdiction and procedure of County Courts," called.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to strike out the last two lines of sub-section (1) of section 2.
Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved, in section 122, sub-section (3), to strike out the last word of the sub-section, the word "sum," and insert in lieu thereof the word "same."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved, in section 160, line 3, to strike out the following figures and word, "141 to 154," and insert "147 to 159."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved, in section 159, line 6, to strike out the words "or under section 148."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved, in section 154, line 2, to strike out the words "or under section 148."

Carried.

Bill to be read a third time on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the Unrepealed Provisions of the 'Assessment Act,'" was adopted.

Third reading on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to carry out an Agreement respecting the Incorporation of the City of Fernie," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to Adjust Dyking Assessments," a debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to Establish and Protect Highways," was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

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

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act, 1901."

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act respecting the Pacific, Northern and Omineca Railway."

The Report on Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act respecting the Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Railway Company," was adopted.

Third reading on Monday next.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Golden Light, Power and Water Company, Limited," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Company," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1898,'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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Third reading to-morrow.

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Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act respecting the Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Railway Company," was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

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 5:30 P.M.

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17th March, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER:

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. W. D. CLIFFORD,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved, in section 160, line 3, to strike out the following figures and word, "141 to 154," and insert "147 to 159."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved, in section 159, line 6, to strike out the words "or under section 148."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved, in section 154, line 2, to strike out the words "or under section 148."

Carried.

Bill to be read a third time on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the Unrepealed Provisions of the 'Assessment Act,'" was adopted.

Third reading on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to carry out an Agreement respecting the Incorporation of the City of Fernie," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to Adjust Dyking Assessments," a debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to Establish and Protect Highways," was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

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

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act, 1901."

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act respecting the Pacific, Northern and Omineca Railway."

The Report on Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act respecting the Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Railway Company," was adopted.

Third reading on Monday next.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Golden Light, Power and Water Company, Limited," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Company," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 P.M.

Monday, 20th March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. H. Sweet*.

Mr. Garden presented a petition from the Property Owners' Association of Vancouver, *re* amendments to Public Schools Act.

Laid on the table.

On the motion of *Mr. J. A. Macdonald*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act, 1902.'"

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act.'"

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

1. What is the rate of interest paid on overdraft on dyking account?

2. What is the amount of interest due to December 31st (by districts) on dyking account?

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

"1. 5 per cent. per annum.

"2. Chilliwack, \$36,380.74; Coquitlam, \$29,889.12; Maple Ridge, \$44,909; Pitt Meadows, \$19,953.63; Sumas, \$4,674.74. Total, \$135,807.23."

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the Unrepealed Provisions of the 'Assessment Act,'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act and amending Acts,'" was further considered.

The Hon. *Mr. Wilson* moved, in section 33, line 1, to strike out the word "said," and insert in lieu thereof the word "principal."

Carried.

The Hon. *Wilson* moved, in section 39, line 1, to insert after the words "Form E" the words "of the principal Act."

Carried.

The Hon. *Mr. Wilson* moved, in section 40, line 8, to strike out the figures "91," and insert in lieu thereof the figures "71."

Carried.

The Hon. *Mr. Wilson* moved, in section 41, line 1, to insert after the words "Form B" the words "of the principal Act."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved, in section 46, line 1, to strike out figures "10," and insert figure "3," and to strike out figures "1900," and insert figures "1901."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved, in section 46, line 2, to strike out the words "as re-enacted by the 'Land Registry Act Amendment Act, 1901.'"

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved, in section 56, line 2, after the word "sections," where it first occurs, to insert the figures "21, 52"

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to Establish and Protect Highways," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to Adjust Dyking Assessments," was resumed.

The debate was again 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 5:59 P.M.

Tuesday, 21st March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. H. Sweet*.

The petition from the Property Owners' Association of Vancouver, *re* amendments to Public Schools Act, was received.

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

H. G. JOLY DE LOTBINÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act relating to Unclaimed Money Deposits in the Treasury of the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
21st March, 1905.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act relating to Unclaimed Money Deposits in the Treasury of the Province," and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public Schools Act,'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to Adjust Dyking Assessments," was resumed.

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

That all the words of the Resolution after the first word "That" be struck out, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof :—

"this House is of the opinion that the cost of the dyking works of this Province, owing to unforeseen difficulties and the experimental nature of the undertaking, has been much in excess of their value to the districts involved, and that it is expedient and advisable that substantial reductions should be made in the amount to be charged against the lands in the various dyking districts. That the present Bill, as introduced, is unjust, unfair and inequitable in its provisions, discriminating against the actual bonâ fide settler and in favour of the land speculator. That the present Bill should be withdrawn, and a Bill submitted that whilst granting relief to the various dyking districts, should be so framed as to spread the balance of the burden of taxation equitably upon the lands involved, discriminating in favour of the actual settler, and so ensuring the settlement and cultivation of the lands included in the various dyking districts."

Debate continued on the amendment, and adjourned until to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* presented a Return of copies of all papers and correspondence relating to an application by Mr. *John Elliott*, as counsel, for a fiat for a Petition of Right to try certain questions relating to the mineral claim "Pack Train."

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horticultural Board Act,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act respecting the Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Railway Company," was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Company," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Stave Valley Railway Company," 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 5:55 P.M.