

Thursday, 31st January, 1895.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. McF. McLeod*.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of the Crown grants issued from January 1st, 1880, to the end of 1894, showing the name of the grantee, the acreage, whether acquired by purchase or pre-emption, and the district in which the grant is situate.

Mr. *Bryden* presented a Petition from *J. Matthews* and 770 others, miners of Wellington, opposing the passage of Bill No. 64 (Coal Mines Regulation).

Read and received and *Ordered* to be printed.

The adjourned debate on the point of order raised on the second reading of Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act for the better Observance of Sunday," was resumed.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Martin*, the debate on the second reading was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking and Irrigation Act, 1894,'" was committed, with Major *Mutter* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was considered.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved the following as section 11:—

"11. Section 44 of the 'Supreme Court Act' is hereby amended by striking out all the words in and from the eleventh line to the end of the section and inserting in lieu thereof the words:—'The party obtaining the jury shall deposit with the Sheriff a sufficient sum to cover the cost of drawing and summoning a jury, as provided in the 'Jurors Act' and amendments, and by Rules of Court, and if the cause lasts longer than one day shall deposit on the morning of each successive day of trial a sufficient sum to pay the jury fees for that day. This section shall only apply to petit jury causes at Victoria, New Westminster, Vancouver, Nanaimo and Nelson.'"

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to further amend the Act 44 Victoria, Chap. 19."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Martin* ask leave to introduce a Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act' and amending Acts," was committed, with Mr. *Adams* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:25 o'clock, p. m.

## Friday, 1st February, 1895.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. McF. Macleod*.

Mr. *Hunter* presented a Petition from 249 miners of *Union*, opposing the passage of Bill No. 64 (Coal Mines Regulation).

Read and received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act' and amending Acts," was again committed, with Mr. *Adams* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered at the next sitting of the House.

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

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

E. DEWDNEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending 30th June, 1896, and the further Supplementary Estimates for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1895, and in accordance with the provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867," he recommends these Estimates to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*1st February, 1895.*

*Ordered*, That the said Message, and the Supplementary Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Monday next.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1891,'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horticultural Board Act, 1894.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* moved—"That Bill (No. 74) intituled 'An Act to amend the Assessment Act,' be read a second time now."

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act, 1891,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to further amend the Act 44 Victoria, Chap. 19," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to Incorporate 'The Victoria Hydraulic Consolidated Mining Company, Limited,'" was read a third time and passed.

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

Mr. *Helmcken* asked the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session an Act dealing with the question of tuberculosis in animals and providing for the means of its extinction?

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

"The Government contemplate the introduction of an Act to amend the present Act on this subject."

Mr. *Helmcken* asked the Honourable the Premier the following questions:—

What security (if any) has been given or deposited with the Government by "The London and Canadian Insurance Company," as required by section 53, chapter 16 of Statutes of 1890?

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

"The Company has deposited the sum of \$20,000, which has been accepted, subject to further order upon any examination of the affairs of the Company, as the security required by the Act of Incorporation."

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

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Monday, 4th February, 1895.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, transmitting Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending 30th June, 1896, and further Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1895, with Mr. *Eberts* in the Chair.

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

That the Message, together with the Supplementary Estimates accompanying the same, be reported to the House.

Resolution reported.

Report considered forthwith and adopted.

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

Mr. *Walkem* moved, seconded by Major *Mutter*,—

That a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Booth*, *Kennedy*, *Eberts*, *Sword*, and the mover, be appointed to enquire into the subject of the petition presented to this House by Mr. *Biggs*, of the *City of Nanaimo*, and report thereon.

The motion was negatived.

The Honourable Mr. *Martin* presented a Return of all correspondence with the Horsefly Hydraulic Mining Co., the Government Agent at *Clinton*, Road Superintendent, *East Lillooet*, and any other person in connection with the building of the road from *108-Mile House* to *Horsefly*, and with the payment of \$3,000 to said Company on account of said road.—(See vote 182, page 119, Public Accounts to 30th June, 1894.)

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1891,'" was committed, with Mr. *Rithet* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act, 1891,'" was committed, with Mr. *Graham* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again to-night.

Leave granted.

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

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

House again in Committee on Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act, 1891.'" "

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Martin* presented a memorandum *re* timber leases in *East Kootenay District*.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act,'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act relating to Corporations for Religious, Charitable, and other purposes," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act respecting Retail Liquor Licenses," was read a second time on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

*Smith,*  
*Kellie,*  
*Mutter,*  
*Davie,*

*Martin,*  
*Eberts,*  
*Rithet,*  
*Adams,*

*Booth,*  
*Walkem,*  
*Pooley,*  
*Turner,*

*Bryden,*  
*Rogers,*  
*Hunter,*  
*Braden—16.*

NAYS :

Messieurs

*Hunne,*  
*Forster,*

*McPherson,*  
*Sword,*

*Williams,*  
*Semlin,*

*Cotton,*  
*Graham—8.*

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

The second reading of Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act,'" was negatived.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to further amend the Act 44 Victoria, Chap. 19," was committed, with Mr. *Walkem* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* 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 11:15 o'clock, p. m.

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## Tuesday, 5th February, 1895.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Martin* presented a detailed statement, in accordance with Order of the House, shewing all moneys expended for improvement of the road from *Agassiz* to *Harrison Hot Springs*, within the year ending January 1st, 1895—\$1,674.50.

The Honourable Mr. *Martin* presented a Return of the Crown grants issued from January 1st, 1880, to the end of 1894, showing the name of the grantee, the acreage, whether acquired by purchase or pre-emption, and the district in which the grant is situate.

The Report on Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act,'" was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Insurance Policy Act, 1893,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act' and amending Acts," was considered.

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

"The section substituted for section 5 of the 'Land Act' by section 2 of the 'Land Act Amendment Act, 1893,' is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following as a sub-section:—

"The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, by advertisement in the *British Columbia Gazette*, provide that in any specified area east of the *Cascades*, pre-emptions shall not exceed 160 acres."

Carried.

Mr. *McPherson* moved to insert at end of section 2 the following as a sub-section to 18:—

"(a.) The cost of such survey, to such an amount as the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works shall consider reasonable, shall be credited to the pre-emptor as part payment of the price of the land, and any instalments of the price remaining unpaid at the date of the survey shall be proportionately reduced."

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order, on the ground that the same, if passed, would be a charge upon the price of Crown land.

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

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act,'" was committed, with Mr. *Eberts* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Davis* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act respecting Over-holding Tenants."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

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## Wednesday, 6th February, 1895.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

Mr. *Kellie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to regulate the payment of Wages."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act for the Supply of Water to the City of Nanaimo," was further considered.

Mr. *Walkem* moved to insert the following as section 3:—

"3. No by-law for the purpose of constructing any water-works for the City of Nanaimo shall be passed, firstly until estimates of the intended expenditure have been published once a week for one month, secondly until the same shall have received the assent of the electors, as provided by the 'Municipal Act':

"(a.) If the proposed by-law is rejected by the electors, no other by-law for the same purpose shall be submitted to the electors for a period of twelve months:

"(6.) In case there be any water company incorporated and carrying on their business within the limits of the said City, the Council shall not pass any by-law for the purpose of constructing any such works, or by virtue of which the City will become a competitor in the business carried on by such companies, or any of them, or in any other manner exercise the powers conferred by the two preceding sections, until such Council has by by-law fixed the price which they will offer for the property of the company or companies whose operations will be interfered with, nor until thirty days have elapsed after notice of such price has been communicated to such company or companies:

"(a.) Upon such by-law being passed and notice thereof given to the said company or companies, who may either accept or refuse the same, or give notice to the Council that they will require the purchase price of their property to be submitted to arbitration:

"(b.) In case the notice referred to in the preceding clause is given by such company or companies, the price to be paid for such property shall be referred to the award of three arbitrators, one to be appointed by the parties giving the notice, one by the Council, and the third to be either agreed upon between the arbitrators appointed by the parties, or to be named by a Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia,

and thereupon the arbitration shall proceed, and the provisions of the 'Arbitration Act, 1893,' shall apply to such arbitration in all matters not herein specifically provided for :

"(c.) In the event of the company or companies to whom such notice is given accepting the price fixed by the said by-law, or in the event of an award being made under the arbitration hereinbefore referred to, such price shall be paid or secured before any further proceedings are taken by the Council under the powers contained in the preceding five sub-sections of this Act :

"(d.) If such company or companies refuse the price offered by the City, or if at the expiration of thirty days from the time that notification of the price offered has been delivered, they fail to accept such price, or require an arbitration as aforesaid, then the Council may proceed forthwith to exercise the powers conferred upon them by the preceding five sub-sections of this Act."

Former section 3 to be called section 4.

Mr. *Sword* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*,—

To amend the sixth line of clause (b), the third line of clause (a), and the second line of clause (b), by striking out the word "property" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "works or stock."

The amendment was negatived.

Original question proposed and carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of 'The Stave River Electric and Power Company, Limited Liability,'" was committed, with Mr. *Kellie* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Friday next.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'New Westminster Act, 1888,'" was again committed, with Mr. *Rogers* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Friday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to organize Districts for Sessions of Justices of the Peace."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Eberts*, seconded by Mr. *Rogers*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Booth*, *Smith*, *Kidd*, *Hume*, and the mover, be appointed to enquire into the complaint of *W. P. Baker and Sons*, with reference to their pre-emption claim at *Gower Point*, with authority to call for persons and papers and report to this House.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act,'" was again committed, with Mr. *Eberts* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* presented a Return showing the number of cattle examined and those tested for tuberculosis by the tuberculin test, with a full report of the mode of procedure as followed by the Inspector, both before and after the injection of the tuberculin lymph, with a tabulated form showing the date of injection, kind and dose of tuberculin used; maximum and minimum temperature, both before and after injection; number of hours after injection when the temperature first exceeded the maximum of the previous day; the number of hours after the injection during which the temperature was higher than the maximum of the previous day; the amplitude of the reaction; date when killed and examined post-mortem, and the absence or presence of tuberculosis (+ present, - absent).

Also, a Return showing the condition of Mr. *McRae's* cattle with regard to the appearance and condition of the animals without the test, and the opinion of the Inspector as to their fitness for food, and his reasons for or against.

Also, a Return showing the expenditures made by the members of the Board of Horticulture and the Inspector of Fruit Pests under the "Horticultural Board Act, 1892," since 30th June, 1894, to the present time.

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

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Report on Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act' and amending Acts," was further considered.

Mr. *Adams* moved to insert the following as section 8:—

"8. Actual settlers east of the Cascade Range may have the privilege of purchasing of the unreserved and unsurveyed Crown lands of this Province 320 acres adjoining their locations, provided such land is unfit for cultivation."

The Honourable Mr. *Martin* moved in amendment,—

To strike out all words after the word "locations," in the third line, and add in lieu thereof the words: "Provided, always, that said land is, in the opinion of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, only fit for pastoral purposes."

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?" and resolved in the affirmative.

Original question proposed and resolved in the affirmative.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned until Friday next.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horticultural Board Act, 1894,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act relating to Corporations for Religious, Charitable, and other purposes," was committed, with Mr. *Irving* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Friday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10:30 o'clock, p. m.

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Thursday, 7th February, 1895.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

Mr. *Kellie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of Tramway, Telephone and Telegraph Companies in West Kootenay District."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Whereas the lumbering interest of this Province labours under serious disadvantages, owing to a want of properly constructed vessels to carry the lumber to the markets of the world; iron vessels which now monopolize the carrying trade being unsuitable for the stowage of lumber and timber of large dimensions;



And whereas this Province abounds in forests of timber of the best quality for ship-building purposes, and it is desirable to utilize this timber in the construction of wooden vessels adapted to the lumber carrying trade by the establishment of shipbuilding yards within the Province where such vessels may be constructed and equipped;

And whereas the establishment of the shipbuilding industry would greatly stimulate every branch of trade, create a large demand for labour, and add to the public revenue:

Be it therefore Resolved, That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council be requested to consider such means as may be deemed best to insure the establishment of a ship-building industry in the Province.

The motion was negatived.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act for the eradication of and to prevent the spreading of Thistles."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Semlin* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

(a.) How long has Mr. *James Punch* been in the public service as Immigration Agent?

(b.) What amount per month has he received?

(c.) What is the full amount paid Mr. *Punch* since his appointment as Immigration Agent?

(d.) Is Mr. *Punch* still in the public service?

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

"(a.) From 1st August to 31st December, 1894.

"(b.) \$150 per month for August, September, and October; \$50 per month for November and December.

"(c.) \$550.

"(d.) No."

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* presented, pursuant to an Order of the House, a Return showing—

(a.) The total amount of fines collected by Justices of the Peace and paid in to the Treasury in the two years ending 30th June, 1894.

(b.) A list of the fines so collected and paid by each Justice of the Peace, with the names of the parties fined, and the dates and offences.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act for the better Observance of Sunday," was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act Amendment Act, 1893,'" was further considered.

Mr. *Kennedy* moved the following as a new section:—

"5. The description of the school lands in the City of New Westminster contained in the schedule to the 'Public School Act Amendment Act, 1894,' is hereby amended by striking out sub-section 3 thereof, and by substituting therefor the following:—

'(3.) Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 25, 26, 27, 28, and part of A in Block IV., being portions of Lot No 13 in Block I., and of Lots Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 13 and 14, Block II., Map No. 489.'

Carried.

Mr. *Kennedy* moved to change the title so as to read as follows:—"An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1891,' and amending Acts."

Carried.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved to add the following as a new section:—

"6. That section 2 of the 'Public School Act Amendment Act, 1893,' be, and the same is, hereby repealed."

Carried.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved to add the following as a new section :—

“7. That section 6 of the ‘Public School Act Amendment Act, 1893,’ be amended by striking out therefrom the word ‘and’ in the fourth line thereof and all the words thereafter to the end of the said section.”

Carried.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved to add the following as a new section :—

“8. Notwithstanding anything in section 8 of the ‘Public School Act Amendment Act, 1892,’ contained, at the election for Boards of School Trustees to be held in the year 1896, four Trustees shall be elected to serve for two years, and thereafter at each subsequent annual election there shall be elected such number of Trustees as shall be necessary to fill the place of the Trustees whose term of office is about to expire.”

Carried.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved to add the following as a new section :—

“9. Within one month after the passage of this Act, an election shall be held, subject to the provisions of the ‘Public School Act, 1891,’ and amending Acts, to fill the office of the additional Trustee hereby created, who shall hold office and exercise all the powers of Trustees until the next elections for Boards of School Trustees, or until their successors shall have been elected.”

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill *Ordered* to be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. *Kitchen* presented a Petition from Perseverance Lodge, No. 1, of the Independent Order of Good Templars (opposing the passage of the Retail Liquor License Bill).

Laid on the table.

Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to amend and consolidate the ‘Act to regulate the practice of Dentistry in the Province of British Columbia,’” was committed, with Mr. *Prentice* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-night.

EIGHT O’CLOCK, P. M.

House again in Committee on Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to amend and consolidate the ‘Act to regulate the practice of Dentistry in the Province of British Columbia.’”

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 56) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation Act, 1894,’” was considered.

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

“5. Section 2 of the said Act is hereby amended by adding the following as a subsection:—

“(a.) Where any undivided piece or parcel of land, to be affected by the provisions of this Act, is vested in or occupied by more than one proprietor, the vote of the majority in interest of such proprietors shall be held to be the vote representing such piece or parcel of land, and in calculating the number of those entitled to vote under the provisions of this Act such proprietor shall be counted as only one proprietor.”

Carried.

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

Bill (No. 64) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act,’” was committed, with Mr. *Booth* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts for the protection of certain Animals, Birds, and Fishes," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Pharmacy Act, 1891,' and amending Acts," was read a second time on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

*Kitchen,*  
*Kennedy,*  
*Hume,*

*McPherson,*  
*Kidd,*

*Sword,*  
*Semlin,*

*Prentice,*  
*Walkem—9.*

NAYS :

Messieurs

*Williams,*  
*Cotton,*  
*Kellie,*

*Helmcken,*  
*Baker,*

*Davie,*  
*Eberts,*

*Rieth,*  
*Bryden,—9.*

Mr. Speaker voting with the ayes.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Mr. *Helmcken* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question :—

For what period of time is it the intention of the Government to maintain the quarantine of the cattle at *Cloverdale Farm*?

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

"The Government intends proceeding under section 7, 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1891.'"

The House continued to sit after midnight.

FRIDAY, 8th February.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to regulate the payment of Wages," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12:15 o'clock, a. m.

Friday, 8th February, 1895.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

The Petition from Perseverance Lodge, No. 1, of the Independent Order of Good Templars (opposing the passage of the Retail Liquor License Bill), was received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Williams* presented the Second Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into matters relating to the Parliament Buildings contracts.

The Report was received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Upon the Order for "Committee of Supply" being called—

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* moved—"That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."

Mr. *Semlin* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Sword*,—

To strike out all the words of the motion after "That," and insert the following :—

"Whereas the Estimates now laid before the House contain an item of \$2,000 salary for an Agent-General in London for six months; and

"Whereas the net debt of the Province, as shown by the balance sheets, was at 30th June, 1891, \$701,418, and on the 30th June, 1894, \$2,398,767, an increase of \$1,697,349 (of which only \$260,178 was occasioned by the conversion of the Loans of 1877 and 1887); and

"Whereas the deficit, as shewn by the Public Accounts, was on the 30th June, 1894, \$772,437 (of which only \$55,954 being statutory was not included in the Estimates), instead of \$218,436 as estimated; and

"Whereas the Estimates laid before the House last Session for the year ending 30th June, 1895, showed an expected deficit of \$59,509 (which was supposed to be provided for by an approximate balance of \$90,000, calculated on as available from the previous year); and

"Whereas in the Estimates passed this year Supplementary Estimates for that year to the amount of \$247,785 were provided, and the Estimates now before us ask for a further sum of \$32,305, showing a total deficit of \$339,599; and

"Whereas the Estimates already passed for the year ending 30th June, 1896, showed a further deficit of \$276,788 to be anticipated, to which the amount in the Estimates now before us, \$3,060, must be added; and

"Whereas in addition to these deficits occurring from the expenditures for the ordinary services of the country, the Province has to provide annually for interest on railway bonds guaranteed by it, viz.:—

Victoria and Sidney Railway . . . . .	\$ 6,000
Shuswap and Okanagan Railway from . . . . .	\$40,000 to 50,000

for the repayment of which the only security (when the Dominion subsidy for the latter has been exhausted) is a second mortgage on these lines; and

"Whereas the Province is also liable for the principal and interest on \$647,500 bonds of the Nakusp and Slocan Railroad, the commercial success of which is not yet assured; and

"Whereas out of a total estimated expenditure for the year ending 30th June, 1896, of \$1,315,837, all that is appropriated for works of development (roads, streets, bridges, and wharves) is \$199,400;

"This House considers that, in the present financial condition of the Province, the Executive have failed in their duty in not materially curtailing the expenses of administration so as to have more to expend in works of development, and that, in especial, provision for a salaried Agent-General in London is a wholly unnecessary and unjustifiable expense."

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>Smith,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Helmcken</i>	<i>Riethel,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>McGregor—20.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Graham—12.</i>

Original question agreed to.

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$480 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Police and Gaols, New Westminster, Clerk, Government Agent's Office, to 30th June, 1895.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Printing Office, Victoria, printing paper, material, and incidentals (in addition to \$7,000 voted), to 30th June, 1895.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Asylum for the Insane, New Westminster (additions, alterations, and repairs), to 30th June, 1895.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Provincial Home, Kamloops (in addition to \$15,000 voted in 1893-94, and \$25,000 voted in 1894-95 = \$40,000), completion of building and laying on water, to 30th June, 1895.

159c. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$238.50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Columbia River Protection Works (in addition to \$5,000 voted), cost of preliminary survey and report, to 30th June, 1895.

159d. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Lock-up at Kaslo (construction), to 30th June, 1895.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$850 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Yale District (in addition to \$36,000 voted for general district purposes), road around bluffs on Thompson River, opposite Duck's Station, to 30th June, 1895.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), West Kootenay District (in addition to \$36,000 voted for general district purposes), construction of waggon road, Three Forks to Cody Creek, \$7,000; aid toward road from Idaho mine to Carpenter Creek, \$3,000; aid toward sleigh road from New Denver to Three Forks, \$500; to 30th June, 1895.

239. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Board of Horticulture, travelling expenses, &c. (additional to \$600 voted), to 30th June, 1895.

247. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Miscellaneous not detailed, to 30th June, 1895.

248. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,536.91 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Immigration, London Office, extra allowance for office expenses, &c., for the half-year to 31st December, 1894, £109 2s. 7d., including exchange to London, \$536.91; salary of Agent-General, from 1st January to 30th June, 1895, \$2,000, to 31st June, 1895.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Supreme and County Courts (additional to \$3,000 voted for Stenographers), to 30th June, 1896.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$960 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Police and Gaols, New Westminster, Clerk, Government Agent's Office, to 30th June, 1896.

80A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, in aid of Resident Physician, Midway, to 30th June, 1896.

150A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, Public School, Shawnigan (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1896.

239. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Board of Horticulture, travelling expenses, etc. (in addition to \$500 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Eberts*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions, and asked leave to sit again.

The Resolutions were reported forthwith and received.

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee at the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Order, the Resolutions 34, 57, 128, 135, 159c, 159d, 176, 181, 239, 247, 248, to 30th June, 1895; and 26, 31, 80A, 150A, 239, to 30th June, 1896, reported from Committee of Supply this day, were read a first time, read a second time, and agreed to.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, with Mr. *Eberts* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

\$	134,791.80	for the financial year ending 30th June, 1894.
	280,091.32	for the financial year ending 30th June, 1895.
	1,315,837.50	for the financial year ending 30th June, 1896.

\$1,730,720.62

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Resolution was reported.  
Report received and adopted.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* presented Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole.

House in Committee, with Mr. *Eberts* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," be reported to the House.

The Chairman reported the Resolution and the Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill read a first and second time and *Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

The Bill was then committed, with Mr. *Eberts* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for the next sitting of the House.

The Report on Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies' Act, 1890," was further considered.

Mr. *Williams* moved the following amendment to section 3:—

Erase the words "the by-laws of the company," in lines 4 and 5, and substitute therefor the words "section 3 of the 'Companies Act Amendment Act, 1893.'"

Carried.

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

"The provisions of this Act shall not extend to the cases of companies incorporated previous to the passage of this Act, unless the consent of all the shareholders and creditors of such companies have first been obtained."

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

*Kitchen,*  
*Kennedy,*  
*Hume,*

*Forster,*  
*McPherson,*  
*Kidd,*

*Sword,*  
*Williams,*  
*Semlin,*

*Cotton,*  
*Prentice,*  
*Graham—12.*

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>McGregor—16.</i>

Question proposed—"Shall the Report, as amended, be adopted?"

Mr. *Williams* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*,—

To strike out the word "adopted" and insert in lieu thereof the words "considered this day three months."

The amendment was negatived on the following division :—

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Graham—12.</i>

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>McGregor—19.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to secure to Wives and Children the benefit of Life Insurance," was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* moved to amend section 8 (1), lines 5 and 6, by striking out "or to the mother of the assured;" also in line 6, between "as" and "a" insert "beneficiaries or."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* moved to strike out section 14 and re-number the sections following.

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* moved to amend section 21 (now 20), last line, by striking out "and" where it occurs between "wife and children" and substituting therefor the words "husband or."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* moved to amend section 22 (now 21), last line, by striking out "and" where it occurs between the words "wife and children," and substituting the words "husband or."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie*, moved to amend section 23 (now 22), last line, by inserting between the words "than" and "stipulated" the word "as."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* moved to amend section 27 (now 26), last line, by inserting the words "without interest."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* moved to amend section 28 (now 27), line 3, by striking out "his" and inserting "the," and between "wife" and "or" inserting "husband."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* moved to amend section 29 (now 28), line 2, by inserting between "or" and "instrument" the word "by."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act' and amending Acts," was further considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* moved to add to section 9, as amended, the following words:—

"And the price of such land shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act, 1891,'" was considered.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* moved to strike out section 5 and substitute therefor the following:—

"5. The section substituted by section 5 of the 'Placer Mining Amendment Act, 1894,' for section 116 of the 'Placer Mining Act, 1891,' is hereby repealed and the following substituted in lieu of said section 116 of the 'Placer Mining Act, 1891':—

'116. Applications shall not be for greater than the following areas or distances:—

'In dry diggings, ten acres:

'In bar diggings, half a mile in length along the high-water mark:

'In creek diggings on abandoned or unworked creeks, half a mile in length:

'In bench diggings, for hydraulic workings, eighty acres; but in such lands the length shall in no case exceed five hundred yards.'"

Carried.

Mr. *McPherson* moved the following as a new section:—

"13. In every lease granted for the purpose of hydraulic mining where the area leased exceeds twenty-five acres there shall be inserted a covenant providing that neither the lessee nor his agent, nor any contractor for the lessee, nor sub-contractor of any contractor for the lessee, shall employ any Chinese or Japanese person on or about the premises demised; and a reasonable penalty shall be inserted for any contravention of this covenant; and a further proviso that a continuance of such contravention, after notice given by the Gold Commissioner or Government Agent, shall constitute sufficient reason for cancelment of said lease."

Negatived.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Report on Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horticultural Board Act, 1894,'" was committed, with Mr. *McGregor* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," was again committed, with Mr. *Eberts* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to further amend the Act 44 Victoria, Chap. 19," was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* moved the following as section 6:—

"6. Section 10 of the said Act is hereby repealed and in lieu thereof be it enacted as follows:—



‘10. The construction of the dam shall be subject to the approval of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, or to an officer or officers to be appointed by him, and after the construction of the said dam the same shall be subject to such regulations as may be imposed from time to time by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for the safety and protection of life and property.’”

Carried.

Mr. *Kennedy* moved to add the following new sections:—

“4. This Act is passed upon the express understanding that no Chinese or Japanese shall be employed in or about or concerning any works or services authorized by this Act, or required by the Company to be done or performed. In the event of any Chinese or Japanese being employed by the Company, the Company shall be liable, upon summary conviction before any two Justices of the Peace, or functionary having the power of two Justices of the Peace, upon the oath or affirmation of one or more credible witness or witnesses, to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars, nor less than ten dollars, for every Chinese or Japanese employed; and in default of the immediate payment of the penalty, the same may be levied by distress and the sale of the goods and chattels of the Company; and in the event of any Chinese or Japanese being employed by any of the Company’s contractors or sub-contractors, contrary to the provisions of this Act, then any such contractor or sub-contractor shall be liable, on summary conviction as aforesaid, to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars, nor less than ten dollars, for every Chinese or Japanese employed; and in case of default in immediate payment of such last-mentioned penalty, the same may be recovered by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender; and in default of sufficient distress the offender may be committed to any gaol or place of confinement situate within the territorial jurisdiction of the convicting Justices, and there imprisoned for any term not exceeding thirty days; and any Director or officer of the Company who causes or procures any Chinese or Japanese to be employed, contrary to the provisions of this Act, or permits or connives at such employment, shall be liable, upon summary conviction as aforesaid, to the like penalties as hereinbefore in this section provided, recoverable in manner secondly hereinbefore mentioned.

“5. The offender shall be liable to separate and successive penalties for each and every day during which any Chinese or Japanese shall be employed.

“6. The term ‘Chinese,’ wherever used in this Act, shall mean any native of the Chinese Empire or its dependencies, not born of British parents, and shall include any person of the Chinese race. And the term ‘Japanese,’ wherever used in this Act, shall mean any native of the Japanese Empire or its dependencies, not born of British parents, and shall include any person of the Japanese race.”

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Cotton—10.</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Irring—17.</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>			

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 71) intituled “An Act respecting Retail Liquor Licenses,” was committed, with Mr. *Graham* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered at the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act respecting Over-holding Tenants," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to organize Districts for Sessions of Justices of the Peace," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act for the eradication of and to prevent the spreading of Thistles," was 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 11:05 o'clock, p. m.

## Monday, 11th February, 1895.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*.

Mr. *Kitchen* presented a Petition from Cook's Church Congregation and Session, of *Chilivack* (*re* Sabbath observance).

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Graham* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 88) intituled "An An Act to amend the 'Cattle Protection Act, 1891.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Major *Mutter* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Line Fences and Water-courses Act' and amending Acts."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Kellie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to regulate the payment of Wages."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the acreage of all lands assessed against educational, ecclesiastical, religious, and charitable corporations (distinguishing the same) in the different districts of the Province of British Columbia for the year 1894, showing the value for which said lands are assessed, and the amount of taxes collected on the same, and the arrears (if any).

The Report on Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1891,'" was considered.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to insert the following clause:—

"The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make such orders as are deemed necessary from time to time to carry out the provisions of this Act according to their true intent, or to

meet the cases which may arise and for which no provision is made in this Act, or when the provision which is made is ambiguous or doubtful, and may also make regulations for relieving against forfeitures arising under section 9 of the 'Mineral Act, 1891,' as amended by this Act; and may further make and declare any regulations which are considered necessary to give the provisions in this clause contained full effect; and from time to time alter or revoke any order or orders or any regulations made in respect of the said provisions, and make others in their stead; and further impose penalties not exceeding \$200, or not exceeding three months' imprisonment for violation of any regulations under this Act; and further provide that any statement or returns required to be made by said regulations shall be verified on oath. Every order or regulation made by virtue of the provisions of this section shall have force and effect only after the same has been published for two successive weeks in the British Columbia Gazette; and such orders or regulations shall be laid before the Legislative Assembly within the first fifteen days of the Session next after the date thereof."

Mr. *Williams* moved in amendment—

To strike out all the words after "intent," in line 2, to the word "or," in line 3.

The amendment was negatived.

Original question carried.

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

"13. Any mineral claim or claims held in undisputed possession at the time of the passing of this Act, notwithstanding any irregularities that might have occurred from the lapse at any time of a miner's certificate, or from any other cause, and notwithstanding any provision in law to the contrary, shall be deemed to be held lawfully within the meaning of this Act: Provided, always, that the holder of such claim shall have done the amount of assessment work on said claim which would otherwise entitle him to possession of the same."

Negatived.

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

"14. Any free miner who has at any time abandoned or forfeited a mineral claim, and who has subsequently acquired lawful possession of the said claim, shall be entitled to any work previously done by him on the claim so re-acquired, when applying for a Crown grant for the same; but in no case shall such work be applied in the case of the amount of assessment work to be done annually thereafter, as required by law."

Negatived.

Mr. *Walkem* moved to add the following as a new section:—

"13. On and after the passing of this Act it shall be unlawful for any alien, unless he declares his intention of becoming a British subject, to hold any mineral claim by location, but this shall not refer to any location made by such alien before the passage of this Act."

Carried.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act, 1891,'" was considered.

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

"13. The provisions of this Act shall not extend to or alter the position of any lease, the question of the validity of which is now in litigation."

Mr. *Williams* moved in amendment, to add the following words:—

"or take away any rights now acquired by any person."

Amendment carried.

Original motion, as amended, negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

*Kennedy,*  
*Kitchen,*  
*McPherson,*

*Kidd,*  
*Sword,*

*Williams,*  
*Semlin,*

*Prentice,*  
*Graham—9.*

NAYS :  
Messieurs

<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter—16.</i>

Mr. *Eberts* moved to add the following to section 5 :—

“Provided, always, that nothing in this section or the said Act, as amended, contained, shall be deemed to affect the right of any holder of a lease to a renewal thereof, if such holder has substantially made and performed upon the ground the labour, work and expenditure required by such lease as a condition of renewal thereof.”

Carried.

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

“Notwithstanding any law or equity to the contrary, all leases of placer mining ground for hydraulic purposes, issued by any Gold Commissioner in this Province prior to the date of passage of this Act, and unexpired by effluxion of time at such date, shall be deemed to be legal, valid and effectual to all intents and purposes: Provided the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall approve of same within one year after the passage of this Act.”

Negatived.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* moved to insert the following new clause :—

“The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make such orders as are deemed necessary from time to time to carry out the provisions of this Act according to their true intent, or to meet the cases which may arise and for which no provision is made in this Act, or when the provision which is made is ambiguous or doubtful, and may also make regulations for relieving against forfeitures arising under section 9 of the ‘Placer Mining Act, 1891,’ as amended by this Act; and may further make and declare any regulations which are considered necessary to give the provisions in this clause contained full effect; and from time to time alter or revoke any order or orders or any regulations made in respect of the said provisions and make others in their stead; and further impose penalties not exceeding \$200 or not exceeding three months’ imprisonment for violation of any regulations under this Act; and further provide that any statement or returns required to be made by said regulations shall be verified on oath. Every order or regulation made by virtue of the provisions of this section shall have force and effect only after the same has been published for two successive weeks in the British Columbia Gazette; and such orders or regulations shall be laid before the Legislative Assembly within the first fifteen days of the Seseion next after the date thereof.”

Carried.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 70) intituled “An Act relating to Corporations for Religious, Charitable, and other purposes,” was considered.

Mr. *Williams* moved the following amendment :—

“That clause 2 of said Act be struck out.”

Read a first time.

The debate on the second reading of the amendment, and the further consideration of the Report, were adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 86) intituled “An Act for the eradication of and to prevent the spreading of Thistles,” was committed, with Mr. *McGregor* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Drainage, Dyking and Irrigation Act, 1894,’” was discharged.

Bill (No. 82) intituled “An Act respecting Over-holding Tenants,” was committed, with Mr. *Sword* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to organize Districts for Sessions of Justices of the Peace," was committed, with Mr. *Hunter* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of 'The Stave River Electric and Power Company, Limited Liability,'" was considered.

Mr. *Kennedy* moved to strike out in section 26 all after the word "Company," in the twentieth line of said section.

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

*Kitchen,*  
*Kennedy,*  
*Hume,*

*McPherson,*  
*Kidd,*

*Williams,*  
*Semlin,*

*Cotton,*  
*Graham—9.*

NAYS :

Messieurs

*Prentice,*  
*Smith,*  
*Kellie,*  
*Baker,*  
*Davie,*

*Martin,*  
*Eberts,*  
*Rithet,*  
*Adams,*

*Booth,*  
*Pooley,*  
*Turner,*  
*Rogers,*

*Hunter,*  
*Irving,*  
*Braden,*  
*McGregor—17.*

Mr. *Eberts* moved to add the following as a new paragraph to section 26:—

"But nothing in this section shall curtail the powers of the company to supply electric power to anyone."

And to strike out the word "Cities" and substitute the word "City;" strike out the words "and New Westminster" and insert "except for public lighting."

Carried.

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

" . In the event of any municipality in which any of the works authorized by this Act have been constructed, desiring to undertake similar works as a municipal undertaking, they shall be at liberty to do so without first offering to buy out the works constructed by the Company, notwithstanding any general provision to the contrary in the Act incorporating such municipality."

Carried.

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

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

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1891,' and amending Acts," was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to regulate the practice of Dentistry in the Province of British Columbia," was considered.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved that section 7 be amended by striking out the word "ten," in the seventh line thereof, and inserting the word "thirty" in lieu thereof.

Carried.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to amend section 12 by inserting in line eight, between "cancelled" and "such," "subject to appeal to a Judge of the Supreme Court, if brought within ten days."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act for the better observance of Sunday," was committed, with Mr. *Adams* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Pharmacy Act, 1891,'" was committed, with Mr. *McPherson* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Pharmacy Act, 1891,' and amending Acts," was discharged.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts for the protection of certain Animals, Birds, and Fishes," was committed, with Mr. *Sword* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:50 o'clock, p. m.

## Tuesday, 12th February, 1895.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*.

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

That whereas the *Delta Municipality* intends commencing and erecting immediately an extensive system of dyking, and spending a large amount of money in so doing, and as the said dykes will be erected along the banks of the *Fraser River* and *Canoe Pass* to the *Gulf of Georgia*, and along the *Gulf of Georgia*;

And whereas the said *River* and the *Gulf of Georgia* are continually encroaching on the lands and undermining and caving the banks of the land on the *River* and on the *Gulf of Georgia*, thereby endangering very greatly in a number of places the said banks along the line where the proposed dykes are to be erected;

And whereas should these protection works not be immediately carried out it would have the effect of preventing the proposed dyking and reclamation scheme from being carried out, thereby keeping property comparatively valueless, which, if these protection works were constructed, together with the proposed dyking scheme, would be worth over \$1,500,000;

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor requesting that representations be made to the Dominion Government showing the great necessity for immediately protecting the said banks in that Municipality.

The Report on Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act for the eradication of and to prevent the spreading of Thistles," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Act' and amending Acts."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'New Westminster Act, 1888,'" was considered.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved that section 20 be amended by inserting the words "and being British subjects" between the word "females" and the word "of," in the third line thereof.

Carried.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved to amend sub-section (8) of section 20 by striking out the words "a majority," in the fourth line thereof, and inserting the words "three-fifths" in lieu thereof.

Carried on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Braden—15.</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>McGregor,—12.</i>

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

Mr. *Semlin* asked the Honourable the Premier the following questions :—

(a.) Has the amount \$20,000 advanced by the Government in aid of quartz mill to owners of Island Mountain mineral claim been repaid to the Government?

(b.) Has any application been made by any one for purchase or use of the said mill to any member of the Government?

(c.) What reply was given to such applicant?

(d.) Who now owns said quartz mill?

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

"(a.) No.

"(b.) Yes.

"(c.) That the Government were disposed to favourably consider the proposition, but in view of large expenditure by the owners of the property, it was thought that they should receive consideration. The matter stood over upon the understanding that the applicants to purchase and the owners would arrive at some agreement which would secure the development of the property and be satisfactory to the Government. Meanwhile the Government has given the owners of Island Mountain notice of foreclosure of their interest.

"(d.) The owners of the Island Mountain property, subject to the claim of the Government."

The Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act,'" was further considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" was considered.

Mr. *Hunter* moved the following amendments :—

Section 2, line seventeen, strike out the words "whether" and "or not."

Section 2, line eighteen, strike out the word "any" before the word "mine," and insert the word "such" in lieu thereof.

Carried on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter—15.</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>McGregor—15.</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Mutter,</i>	

Mr. Speaker voted with the ayes.

Report, as amended, adopted on the following division :—

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>McGregor—28.</i>

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

*Davie,* *Martin—2.*

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 91), intituled "An Act respecting the Canadian Western Central Railway."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 92), intituled "An Act respecting Lands granted to the Dominion Government."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act for the better Observance of Sunday," was again committed, with Mr. *Adams* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1891,'" was considered.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* moved to amend section 8 in line 8 by striking out the word "each" and inserting the word "any."

Carried.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* moved to add the following as a new section :—

"13. Whereas disputes have heretofore existed between the Province of British Columbia and 'The Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company' with respect to the ownership of the precious metals lying under the lands within what is known as the Railway Belt on *Vancouver Island*, and steps were taken by the said Railway Company on or about the thirtieth day of November, 1893, to actively assert the rights claimed by them by ejecting free miners who attempted to locate, record, or work claims within said Railway Belt :

"And whereas numerous mineral claims were and have heretofore been located within said Belt, in order to preserve the title to which it was necessary for the holders to do work thereon, in accordance with section 24 of the "Mineral Act, 1891," but, by reason of the assertion of the rights claimed as afore-mentioned, such work was, in several cases, omitted ;



“And whereas legal proceedings were instituted in order to determine the title to such precious metals, and judgment therein was given on the 16th day of October, 1894, in favour of the rights of the Province:

“And whereas it is expedient to relieve owners of claims lawfully located and held as aforesaid from forfeitures, owing to the omission to comply with the provisions of section 24 prior to the 16th day of October, 1894.

“Therefore be it enacted, That notwithstanding anything contained in section 24 of the “Mineral Act, 1891,” all persons being the lawful holders of mineral claims within the said belt on the said thirtieth day of November, 1893, shall be and are hereby relieved from all forfeitures for failure to work any such claim between that date and the said 16th day of October, 1894, and the year during which it is required by law that work should be done on a claim shall, in the case of such claims, be deemed to have commenced to run on the said 16th day of October, 1894.”

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to add the following to the Honourable Colonel *Baker's* new clause:—

“But nothing in this section shall apply in case of an adverse claim, where the Court, upon reference to it, shall declare that such adverse claim is just and equitable.”

A debate arose, which, with the further consideration of the Report, was adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. *Rithet* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Act to amend the Municipalities Acts, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
12th February, 1895.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee on Municipalities Bill beg leave to report as follows:—

The provisions of a Bill to amend the “Municipal Act, 1892,” and amending Acts, and recommend the same to the House.

R. P. RITHET, *Chairman*.

The Report was received and adopted.

Bill (No. 94) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Act, 1892,’ and amending Acts,” was then read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Adams* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 95) intituled “An Act relating to the extermination of Wild Horses.”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 78) intituled “An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts for the protection of certain Animals, Birds, and Fishes,” was again committed, with Mr. *Sword* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-night.

*Ordered*, That the evidence reported by the Select Committee appointed to enquire into all matters *re* New Parliament Buildings Contracts be printed.

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

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

House again in Committee on Bill (No. 78) intituled “An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts for the protection of certain Animals, Birds, and Fishes.”

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10:55 o'clock, p. m.

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Wednesday, 13th February, 1895.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*.

Mr. *Kennedy* presented a Petition from the officers and members of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, I. O. G. T. (*re* Sunday observance).

Read and received and *Ordered* to be printed.

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

That whereas owing to the loss occasioned by the floods last summer many of the farmers are in absolute need of seed grain, and are devoid of the means of obtaining the same;

Be it *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the Government should take into consideration the condition of affairs in the lately flooded districts.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting the Vancouver Incorporation Act and Amendment Acts," was committed, with Mr. *Forster* in the Chair.

The Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-night.

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

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

House again in Committee on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting the Vancouver Incorporation Act and Amendment Acts."

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* 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 11:10 o'clock, p. m.

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Thursday, 14th February, 1895.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Turner*,—

That the Second Report of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into matters relating to the Parliament Buildings Contracts be referred back to the Committee, to take evidence and for further consideration and report.

Carried on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

*Kitchen,*  
*Kennedy,*  
*Hume,*  
*Forster,*  
*McPherson,*  
*Kidd,*  
*Sword,*

*Williams,*  
*Semlin,*  
*Cotton,*  
*Prentice,*  
*Graham,*  
*Smith,*  
*Kellie,*

*Helmcken*  
*Baker,*  
*Davie,*  
*Martin,*  
*Eberts,*  
*Booth,*

*Walkem,*  
*Turner,*  
*Bryden,*  
*Irving,*  
*Braden,*  
*McGregor—26.*

NAYS :

Messieurs

*Mutter,*  
*Rithet,*

*Adams,*  
*Pooley,*

*Rogers,*

*Hunter—6.*

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

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Sword* moved, seconded by Mr. *Forster*,—

Whereas the statement has been made in this House that in the suit *Roedde v. News-Advertiser Co.*, Mr. Justice *Crease* appointed a stenographer of the Court, named *Burton*, as receiver of the business of the bindery attached to the *News-Advertiser Office*, without requiring from him any bonds for the proper performance of his duties as receiver :

And whereas it has also been stated in this House that said *Burton* absconded, without rendering any account of his intromissions with the funds of such bindery :

Be it Resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to enquire into the correctness of such statements, and should he find these statements confirmed, to call the attention of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion to the facts, as set forth in the preamble to this Resolution, and pray him to obtain from Mr. Justice *Crease* an explanation of his action in this matter.

The motion was negatived

Mr. *Walkem* asked the Honourable the Premier the following question :—

What steps, if any, have been taken by the Provincial Government towards having our rights recognized or represented in the delimitation of the *Alaska-British Columbia* boundary line?

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

“ As far back as 1877 the matter had consideration, and from 1883 to 1889 frequent and strong representations were made by the Government of British Columbia to the Government of the Dominion of Canada, respecting the great desirability of having the Alaskan Boundary definitely delimited, under the terms of the treaties governing the same.

“ In 1884 a Report of the Executive Council, dealing exhaustively with the location of the line of demarcation, as described in the terms of treaty, and urging to have the boundary between British Columbia and Alaska defined without delay, was drawn up and approved July 22nd, 1884. (*See Sessional Papers, B. C., p. 451, 1885.*) This Report was accompanied by maps and charts.

“ An Order in Council, approved November 9th, 1885, reiterating what was advanced in the Minute of the previous year, urged on the Dominion Government an early settlement of the question.

“ The Committee of Council, November 30th, 1885, having had under consideration the proposal of the Dominion Government to exhibit at the Indian and Colonial Exhibition a mammoth map of Canada, and having in view its possible bearing on the disputed boundary line between British Columbia and Alaska, prepared a Minute defining their views of the proper location of the line of demarcation, and recommending the same in accordance with the report of July 22nd, 1884, as having its starting point at the southernmost point of Prince of Wales Island and ascending to the north through the Duke of Clarence Strait, and thence along the western leg of Behm's Canal till it 'strikes the 56th degree of north latitude,' instead of as incorrectly on the map of Canada published by authority in 1880, whereby the line is drawn in an easterly direction to and up Portland Canal, thereby depriving the Crown of a large and valuable territory and important waterways The Committee again urged a speedy settlement of the question.

“ In 1887 the question was the subject of strong representations in Executive Minutes forwarded to Ottawa, namely, on the 7th of February and the 16th of March, in which the previous Minutes were called attention to.

“ The American Congress in 1888 made a grant for an exploratory survey 'of the line up the Portland Canal;' whereupon representations were made to the Dominion Government protesting against the admission of the point of starting assumed as correct by the American Government, and calling attention to the previous Minutes. To this Minute, embodying these representations, was attached a memorandum by the late Mr. Justice *Gray*.

"On February 23rd, 1888, Mr. Justice *Gray* was authorized to proceed to Washington to represent the views of the Government of this Province at a meeting where the matter was discussed. Unfortunately Mr. *Gray* died before he had submitted his report to the Government.

"Subsequently the Government of the Dominion of Canada, acting conjointly with the Government of the United States, appointed Commissioners for the purpose of ascertaining the physical and other data necessary in finally determining the boundary between Alaska and Canada, and the authority of the Province of British Columbia extending no farther than to the representations and recommendations referred to in the foregoing, and the Government having fully expressed their views, no further action on its part was taken, the final settlement of the matter, except by consent, relating exclusively to the jurisdiction of the main parties to the dispute."

The Report on Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act for the better Observance of Sunday," was adopted.

*Ordered* to be read a third time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts for the protection of certain Animals, Birds, and Fishes," was considered.

Mr. *Smith* moved to amend section 3, line four, by striking out the words "ewe or."  
Negatived.

Mr. *Smith* moved to amend section 6, line 2, by striking out the words "prairie chicken, doe of any age."

Negatived.

Mr. *Graham* moved to add to section 12:—

"But nothing in this section shall be construed as applying to any one using net, seine or drag-net in any lake fifty square miles in extent, or over."

Carried.

Mr. *Kidd* moved to amend section 15 in the third line, by inserting after the word "sunrise" the words "and on Sundays."

Negatived.

Mr. *Smith* moved to amend section 15, clause (a), lines 3 and 4, by striking out the words "16th November," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "1st day of February," and in line 5 by striking out the words "1st day of January" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "1st day of April."

Negatived.

Mr. *Sword* moved to amend section 16 by inserting after the word "deer," on second line, the words "or other game," and by adding to the section the words "but the using for food, selling or giving any birds so killed out of season shall be unlawful."

Negatived.

Mr. *Smith* moved to amend section 22, lines 30 and 31, by striking out the words "one-half the fine in either of the said cases to go to the informer."

Negatived.

Mr. *Walkem* moved to insert after the word "punts," in line 4 of section 23, the words "sneak boats or floating blinds, or any gun not fired from the shoulder."

Negatived.

Mr. *Smith* moved to strike out section 29.

Negatived.

Mr. *Sword* moved to add the following as a new section (to come in before the repealing clause):—

"In unsettled districts no person, other than a person domiciled in the Province or holder of a license under section 20 of this Act, shall trap or kill bear or beaver with a view to marketing their pelts."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill *Ordered* to be read a third time to-morrow.

The Order for Committee on Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to regulate the payment of Wages," was discharged.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Homestead Act' and amending Acts," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

The second reading of Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act respecting the Law of Landlord and Tenant," was negatived.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of Tran-vay, Telephone and Telegraph Companies in West Kootenay District," was read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

Mr. *Smith* moved as an instruction, that the Committee consider the following amendments to the said Bill:—

To amend section 3, line 4, by inserting after the word "newspaper" the words "(if any)."

To amend section 15 by striking out of line 2 the words "West Kootenay," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "East and West Kootenay, Yale, Lillooet, and Cariboo Districts."

To amend the title by striking out of lines 2 and 3 the words "West Kootenay District," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "East and West Kootenay, Yale, Lillooet, and Cariboo Districts."

Carried.

Bill committed, with Mr. *McPherson* in the Chair.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

FRIDAY, 15th February.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered at the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12:30 o'clock, a. m.

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## Friday, 15th February, 1895.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*.

Mr. *Kennedy* presented a Petition from Dominion Lodge, No. 4, I. O. G. T., of *New Westminster* (re License Act, 1895, Amendment).

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Kitchen* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to examine the returns brought down in connection with the *Fraser Valley* Relief.

The Report was received.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved—"That Bill (No. 91) intituled 'An Act respecting the Canadian Western Central Railway,' be read a second time now."

A debate arose.

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

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EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

Debate resumed.

Bill read a second time on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>McGregor—13.</i>
<i>Davie,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Cotton—10.</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>		

Bill committed, with Mr. *Walkem* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered at the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Act' and amending Acts," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting of the House.Mr. *Helmcken* moved—

That the House do now adjourn, for the purpose of discussing the question what course shall be pursued with reference to giving effect to the Resolution of this Honourable House—

"That the Second Report of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into matters relating to the Parliament Buildings Contracts be referred back to the Committee, to take evidence and for further consideration and report."

The motion was negatived.

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act respecting Lands granted to the Dominion Government," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Kidd* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for the next sitting of the House.

The Report on Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act, 1891,'" was further considered.

Mr. *Smith* moved to amend section 8 by inserting in line 21, after the figures "1891," the words "or any other Act."

Carried.

Mr. *Eberts* moved to add the following as a new section :—

"It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, upon due enquiry, to declare any existing and unexpired lease for hydraulic purposes legal and effectual to all intents and purposes, and thereupon the holders thereof shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges contained therein."

Negatived.

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, the Bill was recommitted, for the purpose of considering the insertion of the following section, viz. :—

"Nothing in this Act shall affect litigation pending on the 1st February, 1895."

The Committee reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1891,'" was further considered and adjourned until next sitting of the House.

The Report on Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act respecting Retail Liquor Licenses," was further considered.

Mr. *Sword* moved to strike out the word "not" on the 9th line of section 2.

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Graham—10.</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	<i>McGregor—17.</i>
<i>Martin,</i>			

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved the following new clause :—

"2. Every demise hereafter made of premises for which a license has been or may be granted shall be deemed to contain a covenant on the part of the tenant to obey the laws relating to the retail vending of wines and spirituous and malt liquors in force in the locality where such premises are situate, and the conviction of the licensee of any offence rendering the license forfeit or forfeitable shall entitle the owner to cancel the tenancy as from the date of such conviction and to re-enter and expel the tenant therefrom, any actual covenant for quiet enjoyment or term of the tenancy to the contrary notwithstanding."

To re-number the other sections accordingly.

To change the figure 2 where it occurs in the last line of section 4 (which if the above new clause is carried will be section 5) to 3.

Carried on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>McGregor—16.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Graham—9.</i>
<i>Forster,</i>			

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved the following amendment :—

To amend section 3 by striking out all the words after "tenant," in line 17, to the end of the section, and to substitute therefor the words "instead of the former licensee."

Carried.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved—"That the Report, as amended, be adopted this day six months."

The motion was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Graham—10.</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>		

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	<i>McGregor—17.</i>
<i>Davie,</i>			

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act relating to Corporations for Religious, Charitable, and other purposes," was discharged.

The Report on Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act respecting Over-holding Tenants," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of 'The Stave River Electric and Power Company, Limited Liability,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Kennedy* moved—"That Bill (No. 63) intituled 'An Act for the better Observance of Sunday,' be read a third time now."

Mr. *Irving* moved in amendment, to strike out the word "now" and insert "this day six months."

The amendment was negatived on the following division :—

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	<i>Braden—8.</i>

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McGregor—20.</i>

The Order for the third reading was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* to be re-committed at the next sitting of the House.

The Report on Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts for the protection of certain Animals, Birds, and Fishes," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:40 o'clock, p. m.