

Thursday, 1st March, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. Beanlands.

The Petition from R. Lang and others, residents of *Kootenay District* (re appointment of Road Overseer), was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed.

The Petition from R. Lang and others, residents of *Golden* and vicinity (re construction of bridge over *Kicking Horse River*), was ruled out of order.

The Petition from the residents of the City of *Victoria* (respecting the sale of intoxicating liquors), was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed.

The Petition from the residents of *Comox* (respecting the sale of intoxicating liquors), was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed.

Ordered, That all the Petitions received yesterday respecting the sale of intoxicating liquors be printed.

Mr. Duck presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to draft and submit an Address to His Excellency the Governor-General relative to the stoppage of mail service, by steam communication, between *Victoria* and *San Francisco*.

Read and received.

Colonel Baker asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway Company."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Moved by Mr. Higgins, seconded by Mr. Duck,—

Whereas it is reported that a Joint Commission of Great Britain and the United States, which lately sat at *Washington* to prepare a new International Fisheries Treaty, have reached a settlement upon a basis satisfactory to the said Commission, so far as the Atlantic fisheries are concerned;

And whereas it is further reported that the said Joint Commission have concluded their labours without having made provision to assure the freedom from seizure by American cruisers of British vessels, while such vessels are engaged in the peaceful and lawful calling of catching seals in *Behring Sea*;

And whereas serious personal and pecuniary injury have been inflicted upon British subjects, involving, in at least one instance, life, from the seizure of Canadian vessels in said sea by American cruisers, the confiscation of their cargoes, and the imprisonment of their officers and crews;

And whereas this House is of opinion that the contention of the United States Government that *Behring Sea* is a closed sea, is an arbitrary assumption which is justified neither by international law, treaty, nor precedent; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this House learns with feelings of surprise, regret, and indignation of the failure of the said Joint Commission to consider the claims of British Columbia fishermen who have suffered in consequence of the seizure of their vessels and persons, whilst engaged in catching seals in said *Behring Sea*; and that this House hereby earnestly protests against the evident sacrifice of the claims of British subjects by the neglect or refusal of the British members of said Joint Commission to consider those claims, as being a practical surrender (for the time being, at least) of the rights of British subjects on the Pacific Coast.

Resolved, That a copy of the above preamble and resolution be transmitted to the Government at *Ottawa*.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of Mr. *Croft*, seconded by Mr. *Fry*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas for some years past a large area of the most valuable agricultural land in the District of *Cowichan*, Vancouver Island, amounting to about five thousand acres, the same representing the Delta of the *Cowichan* and *Kokisilah* Rivers, has been inundated each winter by the flood-water of the *Kokisilah* River, the same being obstructed by trees and other driftwood;

And whereas great loss has been incurred by the residents of the district, and great damage done to the roads and bridges by the above-mentioned flood-water;

Therefore be it resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that representations be made to the Dominion Government to take steps towards having the above-mentioned obstructions in the *Kokisilah* River removed.

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

That in the opinion of this House roads should be gazetted in accordance with the interests of the petitioners of *Okanagan* and *Mission Valley*, in order to give cattle access to the summer mountain ranges.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion—That Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend ‘An Act relating to the Legal Professions,’” be read a second time now, was resumed.

Question proposed—“Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question,” the House divided, and the names being called for they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>McLeese,</i>	<i>Duck.</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Anderson—13.</i>
<i>Ladner,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Mason,</i>	<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>Fry,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>Bole,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Thomson—12.</i>

So it passed in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. *Higgins* moved that the Bill be committed now.

The motion was negatived.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to prevent the spread of Noxious Weeds,” was read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Orr*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

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

The Hon. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to further amend the ‘Land Registry Ordinance, 1870.’”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Bole* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Harrison Hot Springs Tramway Company, Limited.”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5:30 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 5th March, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act for the relief of the settlers and owners of land upon Matsqui Prairie."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Fry* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to enable the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company to construct a branch line to Beecher Bay."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Colonel *Baker* presented the Fifth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, reporting the rules, as to notices, complied with in regard to the following Bill:—"An Act for the relief of the settlers and owners of land upon Matsqui Prairie."

The Report was read and received.

The Hon. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act respecting absconding Debtors.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

That the report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the charges brought by the Honourable *T. B. Humphreys* against Honourable *R. Dunsmuir*, President of the Council, be adopted.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Amendment Act, 1887,'" was read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mason*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without amendment.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assize Court Act, 1885,'" was read a third time and passed.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors' Act, 1883,'" was discharged.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ballot Act, 1877.'"

Upon Mr. Spaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Duck*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker gave the following decision:—

The question left to me for consideration by the House is—

Whether a Member who has moved a substantive motion to which an amendment has been made, can speak to the amendment and still exercise a right of reply?

I think not,

By rule 17 of our Rules and Orders—No Member may speak twice to a question, except &c., as therein stated. A reply is allowed to a Member who has made a substantive motion to the House, but not to any member who has moved an amendment, &c.

If a mover of a substantive motion were to speak to the amendment and then reply, he would speak to the amendment twice, contrary to the spirit of rule 17.

If the mover of a substantive motion chooses to speak to any amendment, he will lose his right of reply.

This has been the practice always adopted in this House, and I think it the correct one.

5th March, 1888.

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

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

Tuesday, 6th March, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Anderson* presented a Petition from *F. B. McNamee & Co.* (*re Esquimalt Graving Dock Contract*).

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Ladner* presented a Petition from *T. D. Lindsay* (*re Sumas Dyking Act Repeal Bill*).

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Thomson* presented a Petition from *Isaac Nash, Richard Williams, H. Roswell, Thos. Forster*, and others, *Coal Miners of Nanaimo District* (*re Coal Mines Regulation Act*).

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Bole* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to extend the powers of Trustees."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Vernon* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to extend the provisions of the 'Bridges Protection Act, 1864,' to the Mainland of British Columbia."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Humphreys*, seconded by Mr. *Grant*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an order of the House be granted for a return of all letters, documents, leases whatsoever, with accompanying plan and report of Gold Commissioner, and sanction of the Lieut.-Governor, granting "5 miles of *Perry Creek*—500 feet on each side of said creek,"—to Lieut.-Colonel *Baker* and Hon. *Frederick W. Alymer*, under "Mineral Act, 1884," Part IX.

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Will tenders be invited for the binding connected with the revision of the Statutes and other departmental Government work, during the present year?

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

"The subject has not yet been considered; but care will be taken that the public interests are duly protected."

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act for increasing the efficiency of County Courts."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Ladner*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipality Amendment Act, 1887," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act relating to the Legal Profession.'" was committed.

The Committee rose without report.

The Hon. Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address for copies of all Orders in Council, letters, and correspondence relating to the gazetting the public road from *Ladner's Landing* to the townships' line dividing Townships 5 and 6, *New Westminster District*.

Hon. Mr. *Vernon* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to provide for the better protection of Cattle Ranges.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to prevent the spread of Noxious Weeds," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to enable Foreign Mining Companies to carry on business in British Columbia," was considered.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*, the following was substituted as clause 8:—

"Every foreign mining company registered under this Act shall take out annually a miner's licence in the following form; but a company registered under this Act, its members, or shareholders shall not be entitled to take out a free miner's certificate as provided by the 'Mineral Act, 1884,' for the purposes of the Company:—

MINER'S LICENCE.

Not Transferable.

This is to certify that the _____ Company has paid me the sum of five dollars as a foreign mining company registered under the 'Foreign Mining Companies Registration Act, 1888.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*, the following words were added to clause 9:—

"For every miner's licence the sum of _____ dollars annually."

Report, as amended, adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1878,' and the 'Assessment Amendment Act, 1880,'" was discharged.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ballot Act, 1877.'"

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Duck*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

The name of Mr. *Allen* was substituted for that of Colonel *Baker* on the Public Accounts Committee.

And then the House adjourned at 5:30 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 7th March, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Reid*, D.D.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Petition from *J. M. Spinks* and others, residents of *Vancouver City* (Amendment of Act of Incorporation of *Vancouver City*).

Laid on the table.

The Petition from *Isaac Nash*, *Richard Williams*, *H. Roswell*, *Thos. Forster*, and others, Coal Miners of *Nanaimo District* (*re* Coal Mines Regulation Act), was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed.

The Petition from *T. D. Lindsay* (*re* Sumas Dyking Act Repeal Bill), was read and received.

Mr. *Duck* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts also a Minority Report.

The Reports were read and received, and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Thomson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Duck*, seconded by Mr. *Anderson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Report of the Select Committee appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor-General, in reference to the withdrawal of the mail service by steamers between *Victoria* and *San Francisco*, be adopted, and that the said Address be signed by the Hon. the Speaker and forwarded to His Excellency the Governor-General forthwith.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the Liens of Mechanics and others," was read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Grant*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* presented a Petition from *J. B. Kennedy* and others, property owners of *Sapperton* (objecting to Incorporation with city of *New Westminster*).

Laid on the table.

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

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

Thursday, 8th March, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Reid*, D.D.

The Petition from *F. B. McNamee & Co.* (*re Esquimalt* Graving Dock Contract) was read and received.

The Petition from *J. M. Spinks* and others, residents of *Vancouver City* (Amendment of Act of Incorporation of *Vancouver City*), was read and received.

The Petition from *J. B. Kennedy* and others, property owners of *Sapperton* (objecting to Incorporation with City of *New Westminster*), was read and received.

Mr. *Ladner* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act the amend the Land Act, 1884."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Hon. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Administration of Justice Act, 1881,' and for other purposes."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Hon. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trial of Controverted Elections Act, 1871.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all petitions and correspondence in connection with the administration of Provincial affairs in the district of *Kootenay*.

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Martin*,—

To strike out the words "Provincial affairs" in the last line, and insert in lieu thereof the words—"justice and public works during the past year."

Amendment put and carried.

Original resolution as amended put and carried.

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

Whereas a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of the Order in Council under which the Honourable *John Robson*, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Mines, acts as Premier, fails to show that he has been authorized and appointed in accordance with the statute to so act during the absence from the Province of the Honourable *A. E. B. Davie*, Premier and Attorney-General; and

Whereas constitutional practice requires that the Premier, or some member of the Executive Council properly and fully deputed to act for him, should be in the Province, especially during the annual session of the Legislative Assembly; be it therefore

Resolved, that a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, directing his attention to the fact that no member of the Executive Council, resident in the Province, is properly authorized to fulfil the functions devolving upon the Premier of the Province.

The House divided, and the names being called for they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Semlin,
Grant,

Humphreys,
Lutner,

Bole,
Beaven,

McLeese—7

NAYS:

Messieurs

Cowan,
Mason,
Higgins,
Baker,

Davie, T.,
Vernon,
Allen,
Fry,

Duck,
Dunsmuir,
Turner,
Martin,

Croft,
Thomson,
Anderson—15.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Has the Province incurred any expense or pecuniary liability by the presence of the Mounted Police force in *Kootenay District*; or has any claim been made upon the Government in consequence thereof; if so, to what extent, and by whom?

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

“Not that I am aware of.”

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Are any of the salaried officers of the Government absent from their duties; if so, what are their names, the district from which they are absent, the terms under which they are granted leave, the amount of their monthly salary?

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

“Yes.

“*J. Bowron, Cariboo.* \$172 monthly salary.

“*A. W. Vowell, South Kootenay.* \$208.33 monthly salary.

“Mr. *Bowron* obtained two months leave of absence, to be taken at the most convenient time during the winter, and on the understanding that his duties as Government Agent would be performed without incurring additional expense.

“On the 12th January, 1888, Mr. *Vowell* was granted leave of absence from his district until the 31st March, 1888, on the distinct understanding and condition that the interests of the public service should not be in any way prejudiced by such absence.”

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 33) intituled “An Act to extend the provisions of the ‘Bridges Protection Act, 1864,’ to the Mainland of British Columbia,” was read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bole*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without amendment.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to amend the law relating to the Liens of Mechanics and others.”

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Grant*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Ballot Act, 1877.’”

The Committee rose without Report.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Petition from the Presbytery of Columbia (*re* the liquor traffic).

Laid on the table.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:58 p. m.

Monday, 12th March, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Fraser*.

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

By Mr. *Martin* from *C. B. Sword* (opposing repeal of Sumas Dyking Act).

By Mr. *Duck* from the *Matsqui Land Company, Limited* (on same subject).

By Hon. Mr. *Turner* from *M. W. T. Drake* and *R. E. Jackson* (on same subject).

By Mr. *Orr* from *R. Dickinson, D. Oppenheimer, W. Davies, Jno. Rowan*, and many others (*re* amendments to the Coal Mines Regulation Act).

The Petition from the Presbytery of Columbia (*re* the liquor traffic), was read and *Ordered* to be printed.

Colonel *Baker* presented the Sixth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills reporting the preamble proved of a Bill intituled "An Act to enable the Nicola Mining Company, Limited, of London, to hold lands in the Province of British Columbia, and for other purposes"

The Report was read and received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Humphreys*, seconded by Mr. *Orr*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House at an early day, copies of all letters, documents, and correspondence whatsoever, passed between the Superintendent of Police, the Hon. Attorney-General, and any other persons or person, touching upon or relating to the pursuit and arrest of the British steamer "Teaser" in Alaskan waters by the Provincial authorities, in November, 1885.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* moved, seconded by Mr. *Orr*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House at an early day, copies of all letters, documents, and correspondence whatsoever, passed between the Superintendent of Police, the Hon. Attorney-General, and any other persons or person, touching upon or relating to the alleged murder of *Henry Moore* and others on the schooner "Sea-Bird," in June, 1886.

The House divided, and the names being called for they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Semlin,

Humphreys,

Beaven

McLeese—4.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Cowan,

Robson,

John,

Martin,

Mason,

Davie, T.,

Duck,

Craft,

Orr,

Vernon,

Dunsmuir,

Thomson,

Higgins,

Allen,

Turner,

Anderson—17.

Baker,

So it passed in the negative.

The Honourable *T. Davie* presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of all letters, papers, and documents whatsoever relating to the "Case of the ownership of the "precious metals within the Railway Belt," referred to in the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech, with the names of Counsel retained in the case for the Government.

On the motion of Mr. *Andernon*, seconded by Mr. *John*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed, to consist of Messrs. *Duck, Higgins, McLeese, Orr* and the mover, to inquire into the condition and working of the *Victoria Gaol*, with power to call for persons, books and papers, and to report to this House.

Mr. *Aulerson* asked leave to to introduce a Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1887.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. *Mason* asked the Hon. the Leader of the Government the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to take any further steps in the immediate future towards promoting the construction of a line of railway into *Cariboo District*?

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

"The Government, fully recognizing the importance of the subject, are giving it earnest consideration."

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

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill this Session for protecting cattle from destruction by railways?

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

"The Consolidated Railway Act of Canada already makes provision for their protection."

The Report on Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to extend the provisions of the 'Bridges Protection Act, 1864,' to the Mainland of British Columbia," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act for increasing the efficiency of County Courts," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to enable Foreign Mining Companies to carry on business in British Columbia," was read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Mr. *Vernon* moved—That Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act for the better protection of Cattle Ranges,'" be read a second time now.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Ordinance, 1870,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:30 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 13th March, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Fraser*.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Petition from Shaftsbury Assembly, Knights of Labour, of *Vancouver* (re amendments to Coal Mines Regulation Act).

Laid on the table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *C. B. Sword* (opposing repeal of Sumas Dyking Act).

From the *Matsqui Land Company, Limited* (on same subject).

From *M. W. T. Drake* and *R. E. Jackson* (on same subject).

The Petition from *R. Dickinson, D. Oppenheimer, W. Davies, Jno. Rowan*, and many others (*re* amendments to the Coal Mines Regulation Act), was read and received, and *Ordered* to be printed.

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, papers relating to the Mission of the Hon. *Jno. Robson* to *Ottawa* in October, 1887.

On the motion of Mr. *Ladner*, seconded by Mr. *Orr*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be sent down to this House all Orders in Council, letters, and telegrams respecting the mode agreed upon between the Dominion and Provincial Governments of dealing with the lands embraced within what is known as the Sumas Dyking Act.

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of all letters, documents and leases whatsoever, with accompanying plan and report of Gold Commissioner, and sanction of the Lieutenant-Governor, granting “5 miles of *Perry Creek*—500 feet on each side of said creek,”—to Lieut.-Colonel *Baker* and the Hon. *Frederick W. Alymer*, under “Mineral Act, 1884,” Part IX.

On the motion of Mr. *Semlin*, seconded by Mr. *Grant*, it was *Resolved*,—

That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that two additional polling places in the *Yale District* be established, one on *Grand Prairie*, and one at *McKinney*, on *Kock Creek*.

On the motion of Mr. *Grant*, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas a number of British sea-going vessels used in the lawful avocation of catching seals in the *Behring Sea*, outside the three-mile limit, were seized by cruisers of the United States of America; their appliances, cargoes, and catch confiscated, and their officers and crews imprisoned, thus inflicting serious personal and pecuniary injury upon British subjects;

And whereas, up to the end of the past year the officers of the Government of the Dominion of Canada failed to notify the owners of British vessels, when clearing at the Custom House for the purpose of proceeding to *Behring Sea* to engage in seal catching, that they did so at their own risk;

Be it therefore resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor requesting him to move the Dominion Government to compensate the owners of British vessels for the losses thus incurred; and to obtain from the United States authorities a reimbursement of the sum so expended.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to further amend the ‘Land Registry Ordinance, 1870,’” was considered in Committee of the Whole.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Croft*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to enable the Nicola Mining Company, Limited, of London, to hold lands in the Province of British Columbia, and for other purposes,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

The Adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. *Higgins* relative to the *Behring Sea* seizures, was resumed.

Moved by Mr. *Duck*, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Anderson*,—

That all the words in the fifth paragraph after “surprise,” in the first line, be omitted, and the following substituted therefor:—“and regret that no effective steps appear to have been taken for the purpose of securing indemnity for past seizures and outrages committed upon British subjects exercising their undoubted rights in *Behring Sea*, and by which several enterprising citizens have suffered serious loss and an important industry has been crippled.”

Amendment put and carried.

Original resolution, as amended, put and carried.

And it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas it is reported that a Joint Commission of Great Britain and the United States, which lately sat at *Washington* to prepare a new International Fisheries Treaty, have reached a settlement upon a basis satisfactory to the said Commission, so far as the Atlantic fisheries are concerned;

And whereas it is further reported that the said Joint Commission have concluded their labours without having made provision to assure the freedom from seizure by American cruisers of British vessels, while such vessels are engaged in the peaceful and lawful calling of catching seals in *Behring Sea*;

And whereas serious personal and pecuniary injury have been inflicted upon British subjects, involving, in at least one instance, life, from the seizure of Canadian vessels in said sea by American cruisers, the confiscation of their cargoes, and the imprisonment of their officers and crews;

And whereas this House is of opinion that the contention of the United States Government that *Behring Sea* is a closed sea, is an arbitrary assumption which is justified neither by international law, treaty, nor precedent; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this House learns with feelings of surprise and regret that no effective steps appear to have been taken for the purpose of securing indemnity for past seizures and outrages committed upon British subjects exercising their undoubted rights in *Behring Sea*, and by which several enterprising citizens have suffered serious loss and an important industry has been crippled.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the Liens of Mechanics and others," was considered.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Friday next.

Mr. *Ladner* moved—That Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act 1884,'" be read a second time now.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trial of Controverted Elections Act, 1871,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:45 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 14th March, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Fraser*.

The Petition from Shaftsbury Assembly, Knights of Labour, of *Vancouver* (re amendments to Coal Mines Regulation Act), was read and received.

All the Petitions previously received by the House relating to the Sumas Dyking Acts Repeal Bill were *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Cowan* presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Mines. The Report was read and received, and *Ordered* to be printed.

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

That the Chairman of the Select Standing Committee on Mines be authorized to employ a Secretary for that Committee.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Orders in Council, correspondence, and telegrams between the Provincial Government, or any of its Members, and any person or persons, with respect to obtaining the Mounted Police force for the *Kootenay District*, or their remaining and maintenance.

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

At whose instance or authority was the Lieutenant-Governor advised to summon this Legislative Assembly for the Dispatch of Business?

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

“His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was advised by his Executive Council to summon the Legislative Assembly for the Dispatch of Business.”

Hon. Mr. *Vernon* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 40) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act, 1884.’”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act to extend the powers of Trustees,” was read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Allen*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Vernon*—That Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to amend ‘An Act to provide for the better protection of Cattle Ranges,’” be read a second time now, was resumed.

Bill read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Ladner*, Chairman of the Committee reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Registry Ordinance, 1870,’” was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, (Bill No. 38) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trial of Controverted Elections Act, 1871,’” was considered in Committee of the Whole.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Anderson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

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

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

Thursday, 15th March, 1888.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Fraser*

Colonel *Baker* presented the Seventh Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, recommending an extension of the time limited for reporting Bills to the House to the 30th instant.

The Report was read and received.

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

Mr. *Fry* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, reporting the preamble proved of a Bill intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company."

The Report was read and received.

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

That this House adjourn for one hour, and the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be instructed to meet and report upon the item appearing as an asset in the balance sheet as a charge against the *Shuswap* and *Okanagan* Railway Company, and state—

1st. Whether there is any Legislative authority for the payment of the sum, and if so, to state it?

2nd. Whether the amount, or any portion of it, was paid out of the Treasury before the issuance of the Warrant received the approval of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor?

3rd. Whether the Statutes authorize or forbid the payment of revenue out of the Treasury in the absence of a Warrant?

The House divided, and the names being called for they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Semlin,
Grant,

Humphreys,
Ladner,

Bole,
Beaven,

Orr,
McLeese—8.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Mason,
Higgins,
Baker,
Robson,

Davie, T.,
Vernon,
Allen,
Fry,

John,
Duck.
Dunsmuir,
Turner,

Martin,
Croft,
Thomson,
Anderson—16.

So it passed in the negative.

The Hon. Mr. *Vernon* presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of all tenders, contracts, letters, documents, and correspondence whatsoever connected with or relating to the traffic bridge to cross *Fraser River* at *Lillooet*, the bridge to cross the *Thompson River* at *Kamloops*, also the Court House, Bastion Square, City of *Victoria*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address for papers relating to the seizure of British vessels engaged in seal fishing in *Behring Sea*.

The Hon. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act for the benefit of Mechanics and Labourers."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act for Protection of Workmen's Wages."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present Session be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (34) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to provide for the better protection of Cattle Ranges,'" was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to extend the powers of Trustees," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Administration of Justice Act, 1881,' and for other purposes," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act respecting Absconding Debtors,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Married Women's Property Act, 1887,'" was read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Spaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Semlin*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill 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 to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4:30 o'clock, p. m.

Friday, 16th March, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Fraser*.

Mr. *Thomson* presented a Petition from *Jno. Maloney* and 1,200 others, residents of *Victoria* and *Comox* (re amendments to the Coal Mines Regulation Acts).

Laid on the table.

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

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

Whereas it has pleased the Supreme Ruler to remove the late Emperor of Germany from his earthly sphere of usefulness;

And whereas the great German People are of kindered race with ourselves, the two nations united upon strong and, it is hoped, enduring terms of friendship, and their respective Sovereigns bound together by the closest family ties; therefore be it

Resolved, That this House, out of respect to the memory of the late Emperor of Germany and in recognition of his many public and private virtues, do now adjourn for the purpose of attending the memorial services this afternoon in his honour.

And then the House adjourned at 2:30 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 19th March, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *McLeod*.

Colonel *Baker* presented Petitions from *Thomas Henderson*, *James McDonald*, and others, residents of *Kootenay* (re *Kootenay* and *Columbia Railway*).
Laid on the table.

The Petition from *Jno. Maloney* and 1,200 others, residents of *Victoria* and *Comox* (re amendments to *Coal Mines Regulation Acts*), was read and received, and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Duck* presented the Second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts; also a Minority Report.

The Reports were read and received, and *Ordered* to be printed.

Moved by Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Orr*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Orders in Council, telegrams, or letters respecting the proroguing of the Legislative Assembly from the 15th December, 1887, to the 16th February, 1888, and the issuance of the Proclamation dated 7th January, 1888, summoning the Legislature to meet for the dispatch of business on the 27th January, 1888; also for copies of all recommendations of the Executive Council, or Orders in Council, letters, or telegrams that have passed between His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and the Premier, the Honourable *A. E. B. Davie*, or any other member of the Executive Council, relating to the above-mentioned acts of proroguing or summoning the Legislative Assembly.

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. *T. Davie*,—

To add after the words "Legislative Assembly," in the last line, the following words:—

"Also for a copy of the Order in Council appointing a Member of the Executive to act as Premier during the absence from the Province of the then Premier in the beginning of the year 1880; also for copies of the Minutes of Council advising His Honour the then Lieutenant-Governor to prorogue the Legislative Assembly from the 16th February to the 1st March, 1880, and from the 1st to the 22nd March, 1880."

Amendment put and carried.

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

Moved by Mr. *Duck*, seconded by Mr. *Anderson*,—

That the Standing Orders be suspended and leave granted to present a Petition from the Municipal Council of the City of *Victoria*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill.

Mr. Speaker—The motion is out of order. The Standing Rules and Orders cannot be suspended to enable a Petition for a Private Bill to be presented until the Committee on Standing Orders have reported upon the matter. (See Rule 53.)

On the motion of Mr. *Semlin*, seconded by Mr. *Grant*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all correspondence between the Lands and Works Department and *George Murdock*, or other person or persons, in reference to land claimed by the said *George Murdock* at or near the *Eagle Pass Landing*.

Mr. *Orr* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ladner*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration and report a Bill for the protection of Workmen's Wages. Said Committee to consist of Messrs. *Bole*, *Duck*, *Thomson*, *Anderson*, and the mover.

Motion withdrawn with leave.

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

Is it the intention of the Government to permit the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to take possession of the water frontage lots in block one and block six, in the old townsite of *Granville*, laid out by the Colony of British Columbia prior to Confederation, and not included in the grant to the C. P. R. Co., as appears by their deed and the map of said townsite registered in the Land Registry Office?

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

“I am advised that the water frontage in question is the property of the Dominion Government.”

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

What was the expense of your recent trip to *Ottawa*, and how long were you absent from *Victoria*?

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

“1. The expense to the Province is shown in the Public Accounts laid before the House on the 14th ultimo

“2. Fifty days, 18 hours and 30 minutes.”

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

At what date did the Dominion Government relinquish their claim to the lands embraced within the Sumas Dyking Act?

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

“Practically in February last; but legislation of the part on the Dominion, in order to complete the arrangement, is deemed necessary.”

The Honourable *T. Davie* presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of all letters, papers and documents whatsoever relating to or connected with the estate and disposition of the property of *Isaac Humphreys*, deceased intestate.

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 38) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trial of Controverted Elections Act, 1871,’” was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Thomson* moved—That Bill (No. 35) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877,’” be read a second time now.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

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

Tuesday, 20th March, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *McLeod*.

Mr. *Duck* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Victoria* for leave to present a Petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the "Victoria City Official Map Act, 1880."

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Senlin* presented a Petition from *Henry Hunter*.

Laid on the table.

The Petitions from *Thomas Henderson*, *James McDonald*, and others, residents of *Kootenay* (re *Kootenay and Columbia Railway*), were read and received, and *Ordered* to be printed.

Colonel *Baker* presented the Eighth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, reporting the preamble proved of a Bill intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Harrison Hot Springs Tramway Company, Limited."

The Report was read and received.

Mr. *Fry* presented the Second and Third Reports from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, reporting the preambles proved of the following Bills:—

"An Act to Incorporate the Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway Company."

"An Act to enable the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company to construct a branch line to Beecher Bay."

The Reports were read and received.

On the motion of Hon. *T. Davie*, seconded by Mr. *Allen*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House do immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867.'"

The House then went into Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee report to the House a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867.'"

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Higgins*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill.

Report adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. *T. Davie*, Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867,'" was read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Hon. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act respecting Recognizances."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act respecting the changing of the name of Incorporated Companies," was read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Ladner*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act respecting Absconding Debtors,'" was considered in Committee of the Whole

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Allen*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the 'Married Women's Property Acts,'" was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877,'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cowan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be 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 5:50 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 21st March, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *McLeod*.

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

By Mr. *Bole* from *Samuel Greer*, for leave to present a Petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill for his relief.

By Mr. *Martin* from *R. E. Woods* and others, residents of *Grand Prairie* (*re* Salmon River Valley Waggon Road).

By Colonel *Baker* from *G. B. Wright*, *A. S. Farwell*, *J. C. Prevost*, and others (*re* prosecution of the appeal to Privy Council in the case of *The Queen v. Farwell*).

The Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Victoria* for leave to present a Petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the "Victoria City Official Map Act, 1880," was read and received.

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

Mr. *Higgins* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the application of *Donald McKenzie* to pre-empt Section 98, in *Esquimalt District*.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1885,' and Amending Acts."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all papers, of whatsoever nature, connected with the appointment of additional County Court Judges for this Province.

On the motion of Mr. *Bole*, seconded by Mr. *Orr*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *McLeese*, *Allen*, *Thomson*, *John*, and the mover, be appointed to investigate the claims of *James Morrison* to be recouped certain losses sustained by that gentleman in connection with the tax sale to him of Lots 29, 30, and 32, Block I. North, Range I. East, *New Westminster District*, and certain legal proceedings taken consequent thereon, with power to call for and examine persons, books and papers, and report thereon to this House.

Pursuant to Order, Private Bill (No. 23) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company,” was read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Duck*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Friday next.

Pursuant to Order, Private Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to enable the Nicola Mining Company, Limited, of London, to hold lands in the Province of British Columbia, and for other purposes,” was considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Mason* in the Chair.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Bill was reported complete with amendments. Report *Ordered* to be considered on Friday next.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Crow’s Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway Company,” was discharged, and the Bill referred back to the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

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

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

Thursday, 22nd March, 1888.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *McLeod*.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *Samuel Greer*, for leave to present a Petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill for his relief.

From *Henry Hunter* (land grievances).

From *G. B. Wright*, *A. S. Farwell*, *J. C. Prevost*, and others (*re* prosecution of the appeal to Privy Council in the case of *The Queen v. Farwell*).

The Petition from *R. E. Woods* and others, residents of *Grand Prairie* (*re* Salmon River Valley Waggon Road), was ruled out of order.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Petition from *W Carmichael* and others, residents of *Wharnock* (separation from *Maple Ridge Municipality*).

Laid on the table.

Colonel *Baker* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, recommending the suspension of the Standing Orders to enable the City of *Victoria* to present a Petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill.

The Report was read and received.

The Standing Orders were suspended and the Report adopted.

Mr. *Duck* presented a Petition from the City of *Victoria* for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*Victoria City Official Map*).

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Fry* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, reporting a Bill intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway Company," with further amendments.

The Report was read and received.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* 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:—

HUGH NELSON.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly a Bill respecting the sale of Intoxicating Liquors, and the issue of Licences therefor, and consents to the same being introduced for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

21st March, 1888.

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

That this House do immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirableness of reporting to the House "An Act respecting the sale of Intoxicating Liquors, and the issue of Licences therefor," and the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor referring to the same.

Accordingly the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(IN THE COMMITTEE).

Resolved, That the Committee report to the House a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the sale of Intoxicating Liquors, and the issue of Licences therefor."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Fry*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill.

Report adopted.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Robson*, Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act respecting the sale of Intoxicating Liquors, and the issue of Licences therefor," was read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

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:—

HUGH NELSON.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "Assessment Act, 1888," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

21st March, 1888.

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

That the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, with the accompanying Assessment Act, be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow, to report thereon.

For the purpose of complying with the Petitions from the inhabitants of *New Westminster* and other places, Mr. *Bole* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act for the better observance of the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Hon. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to abolish priority among Execution Creditors."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Humphreys*, seconded by Mr. *McLeese*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the manner in which the seizure and arrest of the British steamer “Teaser” and her crew was effected at *Fort Tongas, Alaska Territory*, in November, 1885, by certain persons from British Columbia; also the names of the said persons and their connection, if any, with the Crown, and the connection, if any, of the said seizure and arrest with the alleged murder of *Henry Moore* and others on the schooner “Sea Bird,” in June, 1886; with power to call for persons and papers, and report to this House. Said Committee to be composed of the following Members:—Messrs. *Baker, Fry, Martin, Humphreys*, and *McLeese*.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the tenders invited and received, and the contract awarded, for the binding of the Journals and Sessional Papers, and other departmental work of a similar character, for the years 1886 and 1887.

The Hon. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to further amend the ‘Companies Act, 1878.’”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Anderson*, seconded by Mr. *Duck*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the Petition of *F. B. McNamee & Co.*

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee the Government should take into consideration the advisability of issuing a Commission under the “Public Inquiries Aid Act, 1872,” to inquire into the allegations contained in the Petition of *F. B. McNamee & Co.*

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

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Fry*, seconded by Mr. *Duck*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire and report to the House what reasons existed for the dismissal of *Philip Woollacott* from the Public Service in or about the year 1878. Said Committee to be composed of the following Members:—Messrs. *Duck, Ladner, Anderson, Mason*, and *Fry*.

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

Is the tax on personal property imposed for Provincial purposes within the corporate limits of the City of *Vancouver*; and if not, why not?

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

“No; the matter will be the subject of legislation this Session.”

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

Has the Government represented to the Dominion Government the necessity for stationing one of the additional County Court Judges on *Vancouver Island*? If so, what answer, if any, has been received?

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

“Yes. No further assurance has, so far, been given than that two additional County Court Judges will be stationed on the Mainland.”

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

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

Friday, 23rd March, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *McLeod*.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *W. Carmichael* and others, residents of *Warnock* (separation from *Maple Ridge* Municipality).

From the City of *Victoria* for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*Victoria City Official Map*).

Mr. *Martin* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire whether any bona fide or other occupants, having occupied or made substantial improvements on lots in the Townplot of *Granville* previous to Mr. *Van Horne's* visit, have been allowed, or refused to be allowed, to purchase their locations at the price of \$200, as stipulated in the bargain for the cession of 6,000 acres of *Coal Harbour* and *English Bay* by the Government of British Columbia to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, or to trustees on their behalf.

Also a Minority Report.

The Reports were read and received, and *Ordered* to be printed.

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

Has any portion of the wild land tax been collected by Government on wild land situated within any municipality?

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

“No.”

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered forthwith.

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 43) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Licences Ordinance, 1867,’” was read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Croft*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

The orders for the second reading of Bills numbered 13, 41, and 42, were discharged, and the Bills referred to a Select Committee composed of Messrs. *Bole*, *Duck*, *Thomson*, *Anderson*, and *Orr*, and to report to this House.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 35) intituled “An Act to amend the “Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877,”” was again considered in Committee of the Whole.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cowan*, Chairman of the Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Tuesday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:55 p. m.

Monday, 26th March, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. Beanlands*.

Colonel *Baker* presented the following Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills:—

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have had under their consideration the Petition from the Corporation of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the "City of Victoria Official Map Act, 1880," and find that the Standing Orders have not been complied with in regard to notices, in consequence of changes in the official staff of the Corporation. Your Committee, in consequence of the urgency of applications for street lines, beg to recommend that the Standing Orders be suspended, and that the promoters be allowed to proceed with their Bill.

Also that the Standing Orders be suspended that the prayer of the petitioner Samuel Greer may be heard, and that leave be granted him to present a Petition for a Private Bill.

Also that the Standing Orders be suspended and the time for receiving reports from your Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills extended to the 10th April next.

JAMES BAKER,
Chairman.

26th March, 1888.

The Report was read and received.

On the motion of Mr. *Duck*, seconded by Mr. *John*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Rules of this House be suspended, so far as they affect the Petition of the Corporation of the City of *Victoria*, in accordance with the recommendation of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, to enable a Private Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria Official Map Act, 1880,'" to be introduced.

Mr. *Duck* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'City of Victoria Official Map Act, 1880.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a copy (Volume I.) of the Consolidated Public General Acts of the Province, 1887.

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address for copies of all Orders in Council, telegrams, or letters respecting the proroguing of the Legislative Assembly from the 15th December, 1887, to the 16th February, 1888, and the issuance of the Proclamation dated 7th January, 1888, summoning the Legislature to meet for the dispatch of business on the 27th January, 1888; also for copies of all recommendations of the Executive Council, or Orders in Council, letters, or telegrams that have passed between His Honour the Lieutenant Governor and the Premier, the Honourable *A. E. B. Davie*, or any other member of the Executive Council, relating to the above-mentioned acts of proroguing or summoning the Legislative Assembly; also for a copy of the Order in Council appointing a member of the Executive to act as Premier during the absence from the Province

of the then Premier in the beginning of the year 1880; also for copies of the Minutes of Council advising His Honour the then Lieutenant-Governor to prorogue the Legislative Assembly from the 16th February to the 1st March, 1880, and from the 1st to the 22nd March, 1880.

The Hon. Mr. *Vernon* presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of all correspondence between the Lands and Works Department and *George Murdock*, or other persons, in reference to land claimed by the said *George Murdock* at or near the *Eagle Pass Landing*.

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* moved—That Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act respecting the sale of Intoxicating Liquors, and the issue of Licences therefor,” be read a second time now.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Crow’s Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway Company,” was read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Anderson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be 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 5:55 o’clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 27th March, 1888.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *Scriven*.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* presented the Annual Report of the Honorary Entomologist (*Rev. G. W. Taylor*).

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 35) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877,’” was again considered in Committee of the Whole.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cowan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for this evening.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of all papers, of whatsoever nature, connected with the appointment of additional County Court Judges for the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at six o’clock

HALF-PAST SEVEN O’CLOCK, P. M.

The House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 35) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877.’”

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cowan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, transmitting Bill (No. 46) intituled “An Act to assess, levy, and collect Taxes on Property and Income.”

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee report to the House a Bill intituled “An Act to assess, levy, and collect Taxes on Property and Income.”

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Semlin*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill.

Report adopted.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Turner*, Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect Taxes on Property and Income" was 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 10:20 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 28th March, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *Scriven*.

Mr. *Bole* moved, seconded by Mr. *Orr*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to direct the attention of the Government to the necessity of establishing at an early date quarantine stations at *New Westminster City*.

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Thomson*,—

That the words "*Vancouver City* and *Nanaimo*" be added.

Amendment put and carried.

Original resolution, as amended, put and carried.

Mr. *Higgins* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Act, 1881,' and amending Acts."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders of the House be suspended, in order to extend the time limited for receiving reports from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills to the 10th April next.

Ordered, That the time limited for receiving Reports from the Private Bills Committee be extended to the 10th April next.

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders of the House be suspended, in order that the prayer of the Petition presented by *Samuel Greer* may be heard, and that leave be granted him to present a Petition for a Private Bill.

A point of order arose. Mr. Speaker reserved his decision until the next meeting of the House.

Moved by Mr. *Semlin*, seconded by Mr. *Martin*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a return of all letters, memorials, and correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and Mr. *Hussey*, Government Agent, or any other person, in reference to the disallowance of the licences of *Peter Fink*, hotel-keeper of *North Bend*, and *H. B. Dart*, hotel-keeper at *Boston Bar*.

The Hon. *T. Davie* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*,—

To insert between "member" and "thereof," in line two, "or any departmental officer," and to insert in line three, between "person" and "in," "or between Mr. *Hussey* and any "person or persons."

Amendment put and carried.

Original resolution, as amended, put and carried.

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

What acreage of land has been applied for, or alienated, under the "Eagle Pass Waggon Road Act?"

Have any land warrants been surrendered to the Government; and if so, how many, and by whom?

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

"1st. 5,290 acres applied for (grants not yet issued).

"2nd. 17,268 acres alienated by Crown grants.

"3rd. 106 land warrants surrendered for which Crown grants have been issued.

"4th. 34 land warrants surrendered for which Crown grants have not yet been issued.

"The names of the parties who have deposited land warrants and obtained Crown grants are as follows:—

"Geo. J. Ainsworth.....	4 land warrants.
"A. A. Green	7 "
"S. Tingley	4 "
"A. W. Vowell.....	1 "
"Lieut.-Colonel James Baker	32 "
"J. B. Greaves	56 "
"A. B. Fenwick	2 "
	106."

On the motion of the Hon. *T. Davie*, seconded by Mr. *Bole*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the order for the consideration of Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Administration of Justice Act, 1881,' and for other purposes," in Committee of the Whole be discharged, and the Bill referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following Members:—Messrs. *Bole*, *Ladner*, and the mover.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Harrison Hot Springs Tramway Company, Limited," was read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Martin*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to enable the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company to construct a branch line to Beecher Bay," was read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *McLeese*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-night at 7:30.

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to enable the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company to construct a branch line to Beecher Bay."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *McLeese*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without amendment.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company," was considered.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Humphreys*,—

To add the following as a new clause:—

Within sixty days from the passing of this Act the Company shall deposit with some chartered bank in Victoria satisfactory to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the sum of dollars, to the credit of the Government of British Columbia. If the said sum of dollars be not deposited as aforesaid within sixty days, then this Act shall be null and void. If any of the provisions of this Act shall not be complied with by the Company to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the sum of dollars, and any interest that may have accrued thereon, shall be forfeited to the Government of British Columbia, and shall be paid into and become a part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province, and this Act shall be null and void. If the railway shall have been completed in accordance with the provisions of this Act, then upon a report in writing to the Executive Council from the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, that the Company have fully complied with all the provisions of this Act, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorize the above deposit of dollars, and any interest that may have accrued thereon, to be returned to the Company.

The words "the Company" in this Act shall mean the "Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company."

The motion was withdrawn with leave.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Humphreys*,—

To add, as Clause 25, the following:—

This Act is passed upon the express understanding that no Chinese, either directly or indirectly, shall be employed in or about, or concerning any work or services authorized by this Act, or required by the Company to be done or performed.

The House divided, and the names being called for they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Duck—6.</i>
<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Ladner,</i>	<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>Fry,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Anderson—12.</i>

So it passed in the negative.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to enable the Nicola Mining Company, Limited, of London, to hold lands in the Province of British Columbia, and for other purposes," was considered.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway Company."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Anderson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to assess, levy and collet Taxes on Property and Income," 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 on Wednesday next, the 4th April.

And then the House adjourned at 10:20 o'clock, p. m.