

**SECOND HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
THIRD SESSION**

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
OF VANCOUVER ISLAND—THIRD SESSION**

Wednesday, the 19th day of March, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, McDonald, Tolmie, Trimble, Burnaby, Southgate, Franklin.

His Excellency the Governor attended by Members of the Legislative Council, and addressed the Legislative bodies as follows.²⁹

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

There has been no material change in the condition of the Colony since the close of the last session.

I am happy to inform you that the question which so lately assumed so serious an aspect as even to threaten an interruption of the amity existing between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States of North America, has been satisfactorily settled, and our friendly relations with that Power therefore remain unimpaired.

Her Majesty's Government has caused to be shipped from England for the use of the Volunteer Companies of this Colony, 500 stand of Rifles with ammunition. I shall therefore be enabled to arm, without expense to the Colony, the several Volunteer Companies who with characteristic spirit and loyalty have offered their services for the protection of property, and the defence of Her Majesty's Dominions.

I have, in accordance with the provisions of the "Victoria Harbour Act 1860," appointed Commissioners to report upon the best means of improving Victoria Harbour, and I will hereafter lay before you their Report on that subject.

Agrarian disputes, endangering the public peace and safety, having occurred in Malahat District. I deemed it expedient, in order to remove the immediate cause of contention, to enter into arrangements with the natives for the satisfaction of their claims on the land, upon terms agreeable to them, and advantageous to the Colony. As an essential part of that arrangement, I propose that a portion of land shall be reserved and secured for their exclusive use and benefit—a measure which will remove almost the only cause likely to disturb the harmony existing between the settlers and the natives.

Arrangements will, if found necessary, be also made for the settlement of the native claims in Cowichan District.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In the Estimates for the year, which will soon be laid before you, I have recommended a small pecuniary aid towards the equipment of the volunteer companies; and also a grant in aid of the fire companies of Victoria, who are put to much expense in providing for the discharge of their public duties.

I have also proposed an increase in the ordinary grant for educational objects; and in the sums to be applied to the formation and improvement of roads.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

The geological formations of Vancouver Island, and the recent discoveries of copper ore in Barclay Sound and other places, having given rise to a high degree of confidence in the mineral resources of the Colony, I recommend you to consider whether it would be expedient to investigate the character and extent of those resources in different parts of the Colony.

As it is evident that persons intending to settle on the waste lands of the Crown would desire mutual aid and support, and many other advantages, from acting in concert and combining together in the occupation of land, I propose that suitable

²⁹ The Governor's address was omitted from the original and three pages were left blank. The address is taken from the *Colonist*, 20 March 1862.

districts should be surveyed in different parts of the Colony, and roads therefrom opened to convenient points upon the coast from whence produce may be transported by water; and as an attractive inducement to settlers, that they should be allowed the option of paying for their lands by their labor on the roads. Such a measure will, I conceive, have the effect of advancing the progress of the colony, and developing its agricultural and mineral resources.

A bill for the incorporation of the town of Victoria will be again introduced, and I hope it will be passed at an early period of the session.

A bill to reduce and regulate the fees payable in the Law Courts, and bills to facilitate the enjoyment of lands acquired under the provisions of the Proclamations of the 19th of February and 21st of March, 1861; to increase the number of Representatives for the Town of Victoria; and to raise a sum of money by loan secured on the General Revenue, to be applied to the formation of Roads, will be submitted for your consideration.

A scheme for improving the harbor of Victoria, and other important measures, will also be laid before you as soon as the course of public business will permit.

At the conclusion of the delivery of the Speech, Chief Justice Cameron announced that the third session of the second Parliament of Vancouver Island was now open, and his Excellency and Suite retired.

ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE.

The Speaker read that portion of the Speech addressed to the House, when Mr. Franklin rose and called the attention of the honorable Members to a most unhappy event which had occurred in the untimely decease of the Prince Consort. The loss sustained by her Majesty and the Nation was great, and the mournful intelligence had been received in the remotest portions of the British Empire with much sorrow and sympathy. He would not enlarge on the subject, but would move that a committee of three be appointed to prepare an Address expressive of the condolence of the House with Her Majesty in the great affliction which had befallen her and the Nation.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ring and passed, and Messrs. Franklin, Ring and Burnaby appointed as a committee to prepare the Address.

Mr. Trimble moved that the House do now adjourn till to-morrow (Thursday) at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Carried.

Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, McDonald, Coles, Burnaby, Franklin, Trutch.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Message from His Excellency the Governor transmitting a despatch from The Duke of Newcastle to Governor Douglas.

Downing Street
19th October 1861

Sir

I have had under my consideration your Despatch No. 24, of the 25th March last, transmitting an Address from the House of Assembly of Vancouver Island, in which they pray for the assistance of Her Majesty's Government in extinguishing

the Indian Title to the Public Lands in the Colony, and set forth the evils that may result from a neglect of this precaution.

I am fully sensible of the great importance of purchasing without loss of time the Native title to the soil of Vancouver Island; but the requisition of the title is a purely Colonial Interest, and the Legislature must not entertain any expectation that the British Tax payer will be burthened to supply the funds, or British Credit pledged for the purpose. I would earnestly recommend therefore to the House of Assembly that they should enable you to procure the requisite means; but if they should not think proper to do so, Her Majesty's Government cannot undertake to supply the money requisite for an object which, whilst it is essential to the interests of the people of Vancouver Island, is at the same time purely Colonial in its character, and trifling in the charge that it would entail.

(sgd.) Newcastle

1 Motion of Mr. Ring Ordered that a New Writ be issued for the Town of Esquimalt in room of G. T. Gordon resigned.

r. Ring gave notice of Motion.

That an Address be presented to H. E. the Governor praying him to declare the Port of Nanaimo to be henceforth a Port of Entry.

r. Ring notice of Motion to bring in a Bill to amend the registration of Voters Act 1860 so as to enable Voters in remote districts to register their Votes in the District.

Also A Bill to protect the property of a Wife deserted by her Husband.

r. Cary gave notice that he would introduce the Estimates tomorrow Friday.

r. McDonald gave notice of Motion.

That H. E. the Governor be respectfully requested to appoint some competent person to act as Assessor for the Town of Victoria in conjunction with the present Assessors.

r. Burnaby moved seconded by Mr. Trutch the following Address to H. E. the Governor's Speech, which was carried unanimously.

That this House has heard with satisfaction the Address of H. E. the Governor and will proceed to take the important Communications therein contained into consideration with all despatch.

ouse adjourned until Friday 21st March at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Friday, the 21st day of March, 1862

resent: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Trimble, Trutch, Burnaby, Southgate, Franklin, Tolmie, McDonald.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

essage from H. E. the Governor transmitting the detailed Estimates of the Revenue & Expenditure of the Colony of Vancouver Island for the year ending the 31st December 1862.

Mr. McDonald Motion.

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to appoint some competent person to Act as Assessor for the Town of Victoria in conjunction with the present Assessors.

Carried.

Mr. Cary gave notice of Motion.

That the House do go into Committee of Supply on Monday next 24th March.
House adjourned until Monday 24th March at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 24th day of March, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Burnaby, Franklin, Trimble, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Franklin presented Report of committee of Condolence to Her Majesty on the death of H. R. H. the Prince Consort.

Agreed to. Read 1st time.

Mr. Cary moved that a Supply be granted & they do go into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Burnaby seconded.

On Motion that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House divided.

<i>Ayes:</i> 2.	<i>Noes:</i> 4.
Messrs. Cary	Messrs. Tolmie
Burnaby	Ring
	Franklin
	Trimble

Motion lost.

The House adjourned until 3 o'clock Tuesday 25 March 1862.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Tuesday, the 25th day of March, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Wednesday 26th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

Speaker.

Wednesday, the 26th day of March, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, Attorney General, and Messrs. Southgate, Trimble, Franklin, Ring, Burnaby, McDonald, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

The Address of Condolence to Her Most Gracious Majesty.
Read 2nd time.

Mr. Cary moved that the House go into Committee of Supply.
Agreed to.

Mr. Trimble moved seconded by Mr. Attorney General That Mr. Franklin be Chairman of Ways & Means.

The House then went into Committee of Supply.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Moved by the Attorney General & seconded by Mr. Ring that a Supply be granted.

Question put and carried.

Mr. Burnaby proposed that the Committee report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

Agreed to.

Mr. Franklin gave notice of Motion.

I give notice that I shall move in Committee of Supply that in addition to the sum of £6000 for Roads, Streets and Bridges, that a further Tax of $\frac{5}{8}$ ths of one per cent be levied upon the Market value of the Real Estate situate in the Town of Victoria, and that the monies to be collected therefrom be specially appropriated for the Improvement of the Streets and be called the Victoria Street fund.

House adjourned until 3 o'clock Thursday 27th March.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Report of Committee on Address of Condolence to Her Majesty the Queen.

We your Majesty's faithful & loyal subjects Members of the House of Assembly of the Colony of Vancouver Island in Parliament assembled beg humbly to express our deep sympathy with your most Gracious Majesty & the Royal Family in the affliction with which under the Divine Dispensation you have been visited by the untimely death of H. R. H. the Prince Consort.

We cannot but feel the loss as one that has befallen the whole Nation, & which will be deeply deplored by your Majesty's subjects throughout your wide spread dominions, but we trust that the memory of the active & intellectual mind, and the many virtuous and noble qualities of the late Prince may be cherished by Englishmen as an example, and may influence through future generations the stability and progress of our Country.

Thursday, the 27th day of March, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Burnaby, Southgate, Franklin, McDonald, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

27 March 1862

Gentlemen

I have received information that Small pox has made its appearance in Victoria, and that several cases have occurred. It is desirable that instant measures should be adopted to prevent the spread of the infection, and I would therefore strongly recommend to the House the immediate appropriation of a sum of £400 to enable me to prosecute such measures, by causing a separate building in an isolated position to be devoted to the reception of the present cases, and of others that may occur, and by making arrangements for their proper care and treatment.

sgd. James Douglas
Governor.

Mr. Ring presented a Petition from the Pilots of the Ports of Victoria & Esquimalt.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Ring presented a "Bill to protect the property of a Wife deserted by her Husband."

Mr. Ring Motion "That Nanaimo be henceforth a Port of Entry."

The House divided.

Ayes: 3 Noes: 4.

Motion lost.

House went into Committee of Supply.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

House adjourned until Friday 28th March at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Friday, the 28th day of March, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Burnaby, Franklin, McDonald, Tolmie, Trimble.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

House went into Committee of Supply.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

House adjourned until Monday 31st March 1862 at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 31st day of March, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Trimble, Tolmie, Burnaby, Southgate, McDonald, Coles, Harris.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read message from His Excellency the Governor.

31st March 1862

I have the honor to enclose herewith, the Return to the Writ issued for the election of a Member to serve in the present Parliament for the Town of Esquimalt.

(sgd.) James Douglas
Governor

Mr. Harris having taken the oath took his seat as Member for the Town of Esquimalt.

Mr. Burnaby's Motion "For a Report shewing the result of the Investigation into the accounts and finances of the late Postmaster."

Agreed to.

House went into Committee of Supply.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair—Pro Tem. during the absence of Mr. Franklin.

The letter from His Excellency of the 27th March relative to small pox having made its appearance and asking for the sum of £400. to adopt measures to prevent the spread of the infection, was taken into consideration and Carried unanimously.

Other Items were taken into consideration.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

House then adjourned until Tuesday 1st April 1862 at 3 oClock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken.
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 1st day of April, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Harris, Tolmie, Trimble, Burnaby, McDonald, Coles.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Harris gave notices of Motion.³⁰

³⁰ *Colonist*, 2 April 1862: "Mr. Harris gave notice that to-morrow he would move that the Surveyor General within seven days furnish this House with a return stating the amount of instalments now due, and that will become due within the year 1862, upon all Crown lands sold in Vancouver Island, with the owner's name set opposite.

"Mr. Harris also gave notice that on the 11th day of April he would move that the House of Assembly petition His Excellency the Governor to by proclamation postpone for one year all the instalments due and that will become due upon the lands on Vancouver Island for the year 1862."

House in Committee of Supply.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Grant of £400 for the erection of a building for the reception of persons having Small Pox, had been agreed to, and that the Committee had made progress with the Estimates and ask for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

House adjourned until Wednesday 2nd April 1862 at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Wednesday, the 2nd day of April, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Harris, Coles, Trimble, Burnaby, Southgate, Tolmie, McDonald.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Mr. Harris Motion agreed to.

House in Committee of Supply.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

House adjourned until Thursday 3rd April at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 3rd day of April, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Burnaby, Tolmie, Coles, Trimble, Southgate, McDonald, Harris.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Cary gave notice of Motion.³¹

Read 1st time a Bill to protect the property of Wife deserted by her Husband.

House in Committee of Supply.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

House adjourned until Friday 4th April 1862 at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

³¹ *Colonist*, 4 April 1862: "Mr. Cary gave notice that on the 4th of April he should introduce a bill to authorise the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to appoint special commissioners to take the separate examination of married women."

Friday, the 4th day of April, 1862

resent: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Coles, Ring, Burnaby, Trimble, Tolmie, McDonald.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

fr. Burnaby gave notice of Motion.³²

ouse then went into Committee of Supply

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Mr. Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

Report agreed to and read 1st time.

ouse adjourned until Monday at 3 o'clock 7th April 1862.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 7th day of April, 1862

resent: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Burnaby, Trutch, Southgate, McDonald, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

fr. Ring asked leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Real Estate Tax.

Leave granted.

fr. Burnaby moved for a Report of all transactions under the Land Registry Act 1860, from the opening of the Registry Office to date.

Seconded by Mr. Atty. General Cary.

Agreed to.

fr. Tolmie moved that the Estimates be recommitted in order that the sum of £2000 for Road to Cowichan & extinction of Indian Title be reconsidered.

Seconded by Mr. Southgate.

Ayes: 4. Noes: 2.

Agreed to.

fr. Speaker read Messages from H. E. the Governor No. 1. 2. 3. 4.

ouse adjourned until Tuesday 8th April at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

V. V. I. 4 April 1862

Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt upon this date of your Speakers communication conveying an Address of Condolence to Her Majesty upon the death of H. R. H. the Prince Consort & I beg to acquaint the House, that the said Address shall be forwarded by the earliest opportunity to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for presentation to Her Majesty.

(sgd.) James Douglas

³² *Colonist*, 5 April 1862: "Mr. Burnaby gave notice that on Monday, 7th April, he would move for a report of all transactions under the Land Registry Office to date."

4th April 1862

Gentlemen

I have &c. to acknowledge the receipt of Your Speakers communication of yesterdays date conveying Resolutions of the House to the following effect.

1st That a Return of Instalments now due on Land & that will become due during the year 1862 be furnished to the House.

2 That a Building be erected near the Royal Hospital to suit the purposes mentioned in my Message of the 27th March 1862 & that the sum of £400 be voted for the support of the Establishment.

With respect to the 1st I have given instructions for the Return to be prepared without delay, & it shall be forwarded to the House as soon as ready.

In regard to the 2nd, I will act in conformity with the recommendation of the House according as circumstances may require.

(sgd.) James Douglas
Governor

7th April 1862

Gentlemen

I have had under consideration the Resolution conveyed to me in your Speakers Communication of the 20th January last, to the effect that Interest be no longer charged on instalments on Land (in consideration of such land being now subject to annual taxation).

2 I apprehend it is not competent to me to make the remission requested for the reason that no power is vested in me to alter the terms of payment, or to annul any provisions of the Contract entered into with the Hudson's Bay Company by persons who have purchased land in this Colony.

3 I am however on other grounds distinctly opposed to any interference with such contracts, as such a proceeding would unsettle the whole land transactions of the Colony, and might involve the Government in very serious liabilities.

(sgd.) James Douglas
Governor.

7th April 1862

Gentlemen

Acknowledging the Resolution passed on the 21st day of March 1862 requesting that some competent person be appointed to act as Assessor for the Town of Victoria in conjunction with the present Assessors.

In reply thereto I beg to acquaint the House that having some doubts as to the legality of the appointment of an Assessor at this period as proposed I referred the matter for the opinion of the Law Officer of the Crown, That opinion I transmit herewith for the information of the House.³³

Had I been aware at an earlier period of the wishes of the House that three Assessors should be appointed for the Town of Victoria, I should have been most happy to meet them as my only object in employing Two instead of Three Assessors, as last year, was to effect a saving of expense in collecting the one per Cent Tax.

sgd. James Douglas
Governor.

Tuesday, the 8th day of April, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Wednesday 9th April at 3 oclock P. M.

Speaker.

³³ For Attorney General Cary's opinion, see Vancouver Island, House of Assembly, Correspondence Inward, 27 July 1860 to 11 March 1864, pp. 60-61, PABC.

Wednesday, the 9th day of April, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Trimble, Trutch, Burnaby, Southgate, Tolmie, McDonald.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

The House in Committee of Supply, reconsideration of the Estimates.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

Mr. Cary gave notice of Motion.³⁴

Mr. McDonald gave notice of Motion.³⁵

Mr. Tolmie gave notice of Motion.³⁶

House adjourned until Monday 14th April 1862 at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 14th day of April, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Southgate, McDonald, Harris, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read message from His Exy. the Governor enclosing a Return of instalments due or to become due on Public lands during the current year.

Mr. McDonald moved—seconded by Mr. Harris for a Copy of the Report made by the Court of Revision under the one per cent tax Act 1860—with reference to the Assessment for 1861.

Agreed to.

Mr. Cary moved that the House go into Committee of Ways and Means tomorrow.

Agreed to.

2nd Reading of the Estimates as reconsidered.

2nd Reading of Bill to protect the property of a Wife deserted by her Husband.

Ordered to be Committed.

Dr. Tolmie motion for a Select Committee to prepare a scheme for the expenditure of the Amount voted for Educational purposes.

Committee: Messrs. Tolmie, Southgate, Burnaby.

House adjourned until Tuesday 15th April 1862 at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

³⁴ See minutes for 14 April 1862, below.

³⁵ *Ibid.*

³⁶ *Ibid.*

Tuesday, the 15th day of April, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Southgate, Harris, Burnaby, Trutch, Trimble, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

House in Committee of Ways & Means.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Mr. Franklin's Motion postponed.

Mr. Trimble Motion postponed.

Mr. Harris brought forward his Motion.

Mr. Trutch moved the following Amendment.

That this House in consideration of the severity of the past winter & consequent losses to the Farmers of this Colony recommend H. E. to exercise the utmost possible leniency in extending the period for payment of unpaid instalments on the purchase of Crown Lands—especially on behalf of those who have improved or are actually in occupation of the Land on which the instalments are due.

Carried.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress & asked leave to sit again.

House adjourned until Wednesday 16th April at 7 o'clock.

Speaker.

Wednesday, the 16th day of April, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. McDonald, Harris, Southgate, Trimble, Burnaby, Coles, Trutch, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

House in Committee [on] Ways and Means.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Mr. Trimble brought forward his Motion "To reject the Grant of £400 for charitable allowances and substitute therefor the sum of 4s/2d be levied upon each Passenger arriving in the Colony."

House divided.

Ayes: 4. Noes: 4.

Chairman gave the casting Vote. 1 Majority.

Motion lost.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

House adjourned until Friday 25th April at 3 o'clock—Easter Holidays.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Friday, the 25th day of April, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Harris, Burnaby, Tolmie, McDonald.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Tolmie presented Bill to enable the Surveyor General of Vancouver Island to authorise the closing of part of the old Saanich and Burnside road, also known as the north road.

Mr. McDonald seconded.

Read 1st time.

House in Committee on Ways & Means.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Mr. Attorney General brought in Bill of Supply to apply the sum of £6875 out of the General Revenue for the payment of certain Salaries and expenses for the Service of the year 1862.

Read 1st time.

Mr. Attorney General brought in Bill of Supply to apply the sum of £18576 out of the General Revenue of the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies to the service of the year 1862.

Read 1st time.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

House adjourned until Monday 28th April 1862 at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Monday, the 28th day of April, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Tuesday 29th inst. at 3 o'clock P.M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 29th day of April, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Wednesday 30th inst. at 3 o'clock P.M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Wednesday, the 30th day of April, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Thursday 1st May at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 1st day of May, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Friday at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Friday, the 2nd day of May, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Monday 5th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Monday, the 5th day of May, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Trimble, Southgate, Franklin, Tolmie, Trutch, Ring.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Trimble presented Petition from the Gas Company Extension of time.

Referred to Standing Order Committee on Private Bills.

2nd Reading of Bills of Supply £18576 & £6875.

2nd Reading of Bill to authorise the closing of certain parts of the Saanich and Burnside Roads.

House in Committee of Supply.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Read 1st time Bill to authorise the Governor to borrow the sum of £20,000 upon the security of the Revenue of the Colony for the formation of Roads.

Read 1st time Bill to authorise the Governor to borrow money for temporary purposes.

House adjourned until Tuesday 6th May at 3 o'clock P. M.

Speaker

Tuesday, the 6th day of May, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, Attorney General, and Messrs. Trimble, Harris, Franklin, Trutch, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Harris gave notice of Motion.³⁷

Mr. Franklin's motion asking for a Return of the Revenue received from the 1st of January to the 30th April from the Harbor Dues and Postal Dues.

Agreed to.

House in Committee.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported the Committee had agreed to the Bills of Supply for the sums of £18576 and £6875, and the "Stamp Act" had been considered also in Committee.

Read 1st time "The Stamp Act."

Ordered to be printed.

House adjourned until Wednesday 7th May at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Wednesday, the 7th day of May, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Thursday 8th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Thursday, the 8th day of May, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Friday 9th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

³⁷ *Colonist*, 7 May 1862: "Mr. Harris gave notice of a motion for leave to bring forward on Friday a bill for the purpose of constructing a road from Victoria to Nanaimo."

Friday, the 9th day of May, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Harris, Trimble, McDonald, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Read 3rd time Bills of Supply for the sums of £18576 and £6875.

House in Committee on Bill to protect the property of a Woman deserted by her Husband.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill under their consideration had made Amendments thereto and agreed to the same.

House in Committee on "Burnside Road Bill."

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had made Amendments thereto and agreed to the same.

House adjourned until Monday 12th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 12th day of May, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Harris, Trimble, Franklin, Burnaby, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

2nd Reading of Loan Bill £20000.

2nd Reading of Loan Bill £4000.

To be committed.

3rd Reading of Bill [to protect the property of] a Wife deserted by her Husband.

3rd Reading of "Burnside Road Act" postponed for seven days.

1st Reading of Bill to authorise the Chief Justice of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies to make certain necessary appointments.

Mr. Harris gave notice of Motion.³⁸

House adjourned until Tuesday 13 May at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

³⁸ *Colonist*, 13 May 1862: "Mr. Harris gave notice of a resolution on Friday next, asking His Excellency to raise a loan sufficient to cause to be made a trunk road, 16 feet wide, direct to Nanaimo, with branches thereto."

Tuesday, the 13th day of May, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Wednesday 14th May at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Wednesday, the 14th day of May, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Harris, Trimble, Franklin, Tolmie, McDonald, Burnaby.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Franklin brought up the Report of the Private Bill Committee on the Petition of the Gas Company.

Report agreed to.

Mr. Ring brought in Bill to enlarge the time limited by the Victoria Gas Company's Extension Act 1861 for the establishment of Gas Works and Buildings by the Victoria Gas Company.

Read 1st time.

House in Committee on Loan Bills for raising £20000. and £4000.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported the Committee having the Bills referred to them under consideration had made Amendments thereto and agreed to the same.

To go to 3rd Reading.

House adjourned until Thursday 15th May 1862 at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 15th day of May, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Harris, Trimble, Burnaby, Ring, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read messages from His Excellency the Governor enclosing a Return shewing the Amount of Revenue received from the Harbour Dues, and Postal Dues, and Report by the Court of Revision under the Real Estate Tax Act of 1860.

3rd Reading of Loan Bill £20,000 and 3rd Reading of Loan Bill £4000.

House in Committee to consider the Petition of the Pilots.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress stating it was out of Order.

House adjourned until Friday 16 May at 3 o'clock P. M.

Speaker.

Friday, the 16th day of May, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Harris, Trimble, Franklin, McDonald, Ring.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Mr. Harris presented a Petition against the Stamp Act.

Read 1st time Bill to Incorporate the Town of Victoria.

Ordered to be Printed.

House in Committee of the Whole on "Mr. Harris Motion to ask H. E. the Governor to raise a loan sufficient to cause to be made a Trunk Road 16 feet wide direct to Nanaimo with Branches thereto."

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Helmcken moved "That His Excellency be respectfully requested to cause a trail not less than six feet wide be opened from Langfords Lake to the Kommocks Country."

Amendment agreed to.

The Chairman reported progress. "That the Amendment had been agreed to."

2nd Reading of Bill to authorize the Chief Justice to make certain appointments.

House adjourned until Monday 19 May at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken

Speaker

Monday, the 19th day of May, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Tuesday 20th May at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken

Speaker

Tuesday, the 20th day of May, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Harris, Burnaby, Trimble.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

2nd Reading of Resolution to cause a trail to be made from Langfords Lake to the Kommocks Country.

Mr. Trimble presented a Petition against the Burnside Road Act.

Mr. Cary introduced a Bill to confirm the appointment of certain Members of the Court of Revision.

Read 1st time.

2nd Reading of Stamp Act.

2nd Reading of Gas Company Extension Bill.

House in Committee on Bill to authorise the Chief Justice to make certain necessary appointments.

Mr. Harris in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

House adjourned until Wednesday 21 May at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Wednesday, the 21st day of May, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Burnaby, Franklin, Tolmie, Trimble, Harris.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Burnside Road Act recommitted.

2nd Reading of Bill to confirm the appointment of certain Members of the Court of Revision.

House in Committee of Ways & Means on An Act to amend the Victoria & Esquimalt Dues Act.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported leave given to bring in the Bill.

Read 1st time.

House in Committee on "Bill to confirm the appointment of certain Members of the Court of Revision."

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made Amendments thereto and agreed to the same.

House adjourned until Thursday 22nd inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 22nd day of May, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Friday 23rd inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Friday, the 23rd day of May, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Burnaby, Franklin, McDonald.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

3rd Reading of Bill to appoint Revisors.

1st Reading of Harbour Dues Act.

Mr. Speaker read message from The Honble. Council enclosing Bills of Supply, one for the sum of £6875, the other for the sum of £18576.

House in Committee on Bill to authorise the Chief Justice to make certain appointments.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill with Amendments.

Report agreed to.

2nd Reading of "Incorporation Bill" Town of Victoria.

House adjourned until Tuesday 27th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 27th day of May, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Ring, McDonald.

House counted. A quorum not being present House adjourned until Wednesday 28th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

Speaker.

Wednesday, the 28th day of May, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker.

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Thursday 29th May at 3 o'clock P. M.

Speaker

Thursday, the 29th day of May, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Franklin, Ring, Harris, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Mr. Franklin brought up the Report of the Committee on the Gas Bill.

Report agreed to.

Ordered to go to 3rd Reading.

Read 3 time Bill to authorise the Chief Justice to make certain necessary appointments.

2nd Reading of Bill to amend the Harbour Dues Act 1860.

House in Committee of the whole on "Burnside Road Act."

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had made amendments thereto and agreed to the same.

Ordered to go to 3rd Reading.

House in Committee of the whole on "Incorporation Bill" "Bill to Incorporate the City of Victoria."

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

House adjourned until Friday 30th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Friday, the 30th day of May, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Trimble, Harris, McDonald, Franklin.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read message from H. E. the Governor.

“Assent to the Vancouver Island Temporary Loan Act 1862” and “Recommending that a suitable Building be immediately erected for a Powder Magazine” at the Public Expense.

Estimates 1862.

Supplemental.

Powder Magazine.

For the erection of a suitable Building for the safe storage of Gunpowder.

Seven hundred pounds £700.

House in Committee on “Bill to Incorporate the City of Victoria.”

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

House adjourned until Monday 2nd June at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Monday, the 2nd day of June, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Tolmie, Burnaby, Ring.
The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

3rd Reading of Burnside Road Act.

1st Reading of “Bill to establish Fire limits within the Town of Victoria.”

House in Committee of the Whole on “Bill to enlarge the time limited by the Victoria Gas Companies Act 1860 and the Victoria Gas Companies Extension Act 1861 for the establishment of Gas Works & Buildings by the Victoria Gas Company.

Mr. Tolmie in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress That the Bill had passed the Committee.
Ordered to go to 3rd Reading.

House adjourned until Wednesday 4th June at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Wednesday, the 4th day of June, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Thursday 5 June at 3 o'clock P. M.

Speaker.

Thursday, the 5th day of June, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Franklin, Burnaby, Trimble.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on "Incorporation Bill."

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

Friday, the 6th day of June, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Franklin, Burnaby, Trutch, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

House in Committee of the Whole on Incorporation Bill.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

House adjourned until Monday 9th June at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 9th day of June, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, Attorney General, and Messrs. Franklin, Foster, Trimble, Tolmie, Burnaby, Harris.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

3rd Reading of "Gas Company's Bill."

2nd Reading of Bill to establish Fire limits within the town of Victoria.

House in Committee on Bill to Incorporate the City of Victoria.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under consideration had made Amendments thereto and agreed to the same.

3rd Reading of Bill to Incorporate the City of Victoria.

House adjourned until Tuesday 10 June 1862 at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

**Tuesday, the 10th day of June to
Friday, the 27th day of June, 1862**

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Friday 27th June at 3 o'clock P. M.

Speaker.

Friday, the 27th day of June, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Ring, Harris, Trimble, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read message from H. E. the Governor enclosing copies of correspondence.

No. 1 Bishop [Modeste] Demers to the Acting Colonial Secretary.

No. 2 Petition of the Pilots of Victoria to H. E. the Governor.

No. 3 Correspondence of the Victoria Fire Department.

H. E. the Governor assent to the Revisors Confirmation Act 1862 (12 June 1862).

23 June 1862

Gentlemen

I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Surveyor General to the Colonial Secretary, containing an Estimate of the approximate cost of a Trail not less than six feet wide from Langfords Lake to the Kommocks Country.

(sgd.) James Douglas

Lands & Works Office

Sir

I have the honor to state for His Excellency's information, that having carefully examined Capt. Richards recent Coast survey, I find the distance from Victoria to Comax to be about 150 English Miles, and that I can promise to execute the work in question, in a satisfactory manner, paying all surveying & superintending expenses, for a sum not exceeding £5000.

(sgd.) J. Despard Pemberton

Message from Hon. Council sending An Act to authorise the Governor of Vancouver Island to borrow the sum of £20,000 upon the security of the Revenue of the Colony for the formation of Roads—with Amendments.

Also An Act to protect the property of a Wife deserted by her Husband—with Amendments.

Read 1st time An Act to authorise the appointment of a Sanatory Commission for the Town of Victoria, and to define the powers thereof.

House adjourned until Monday 30th June 1862 at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 30th day of June, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Franklin, Harris.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

2nd Reading of Bill to authorise the appointment of a Sanatory Commission for the Town of Victoria & to define the powers thereof.

House in Committee on "Bill to establish Fire limits within the Town of Victoria."

Mr. Harris in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made amendments thereto and agreed to the same.

House in Committee on "Bill to authorise the appointment of a Sanatory Commission for the Town of Victoria, and to define the powers thereof."

Mr. Harris in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

House adjourned until Tuesday 1st July at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 1st day of July, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Harris, Franklin, Trimble.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

House in Committee on Victoria and Esquimalt Harbor Dues Act 1862.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

House in Committee on "Bill to establish the Fire limits in Victoria" (Recommittal).

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made amendments thereto and agreed to the same.

3rd Reading of "Bill to establish the Fire limits in Victoria."

House adjourned until Wednesday 2nd July 1862 P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Wednesday, the 2nd day of July, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Thursday 3rd July at 3 o'clock
P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 3rd day of July, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Friday 4th July at 3 o'clock
P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Friday, the 4th day of July, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Harris, Trimble, Franklin.
The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read message from H. E. the Governor "Assent to the Victoria Gas
Companys Extension Act 1862"—July 3rd 1862.

Also Message from the Hon. Council returning Bill to authorise the Chief Justice
of Vancouver Island to make certain necessary appointments—with amend-
ments.

Also The Burnside Road Act 1862 with amendments, and A Bill from the
Hon. Council "To amend an Act for the preservation of Game."

Read 1st time.

House in Committee on Sanatory Bill.

Mr. Harris in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them
under their consideration, had made amendments thereto and agreed to the
same.

Ordered to go to 3rd Reading.

**House in Committee on "Bill to authorise the Chief Justice to make certain appoint-
ment[s]" (Hon. Council Amendments).**

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported the Council Amendments agreed to.

House in Committee on "Harbour Dues Act 1862."

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

House adjourned until Monday 7th July at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Monday, the 7th day of July, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Tuesday 8th July at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 8th day of July, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Harris, Franklin.
The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Read 3rd time "Sanatory Bill."

Council Amendments to "Bill to protect the property of a Wife deserted by her Husband."

Agreed to.

Council Amendments to "Burnside Road Act."

Amendments made thereto and agreed to.

House in Committee on Harbour Dues Act.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

House adjourned until Wednesday 9th July at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Wednesday, the 9th day of July, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Harris, Franklin, Trimble, Tolmie, Southgate.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

House went into Committee on Harbour Dues Act 1862.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

House adjourned until Thursday 10th July at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Thursday, the 10th day of July, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Friday 11th July 1862 at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Friday, the 11th day of July, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Trimble, Franklin, Tolmie, Trutch.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

House in Committee on "Harbour Dues Act."

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported the Committee having the Bill referred to them had made amendments and agreed to them.

His Excellency the Governor Assent to

"Provisional Appointments Act 1862."

"Victoria Fire Limit Act 1862."

"Act to protect the property of a Wife deserted by her husband."

Message from Hon. Council.

11 July 1862

I am directed by the President of the Legislative Council to acknowledge the receipt of a communication dated this day, from your Hon. House, enclosing "An Act to enable the Surveyor General to authorise the closing of part of the old Saanich and Burnside Road, also known as the North Road" with an Amendment of the House of Assembly to the Councils Amendment thereto, and I am instructed to state that Council are unable to agree to the amendment proposed by your Honorable House, for the reason that the rights of the public are not protected thereby.

sgd. Joseph Porter
Acting Clerk of Council

House adjourned until Monday 14th July at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 14th day of July, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Tuesday 15th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 15th day of July, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Wednesday 16th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Wednesday, the 16th day of July, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Thursday 17th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 17th day of July, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Friday 18th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Friday, the 18th day of July, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Tuesday 22nd July at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 22nd day of July, 1862

Present: The Attorney General and Messrs. Harris, Burnaby, Franklin, Trimble, Ring.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Ring presented two Petitions from Inhabitants of Nanaimo.

1 Praying the House will take the necessary measures to have a Court established for the recovery of small debts.

2ndly Asking for a Mail subsidy.

Ordered to lie on the table.

House in Committee of Supply "For the erection of a Powder Magazine £700."³⁹

Letter from Fire Department asking for a further grant.

Letter from Bishop Demers—Education grant.

Pilot Petition.

Comax Country [trail proposal] to lie on the Table.

Burnside Road Act Resolution.

In consequence of no quorum being present the Committee rose and will report next meeting.

Adjourned. until 23 July.

Wednesday, the 23rd day of July, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Burnaby, Harris, Trimble, Tolmie, Ring.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

The Chairman reported the previous days proceedings "Committee of Supply."

Agreed to.

Mr. Cary introduced a Bill relative to the storage of Gunpowder.

(To be considered in Committee).

Message from the Hon. Council asking for a conference relative to the Burnside Road Act at 1 o'clock Friday at the Council Chamber.

Agreed to.

Message from the Hon. Council "Amendments to a Bill to Incorporate the City of Victoria."

Read 1st time.

Resolved by the House to ask for a conference on Council Amendments to £20,000 Loan Bill.

House in Committee on "Gunpowder Act."

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

House in Committee on "Stamp Act."

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

³⁹ The remaining minutes for this day were entered in pencil in the original.

A Bill to authorise the Governor of Vancouver Island to erect a powder Magazine for the Custody of Gunpowder (presented by Mr. Cary).

Read 1st time.

House adjourned until Friday 25 July 1862.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Friday, the 25th day of July, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Monday 28th July.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Monday, the 28th day of July, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Tuesday 29th July at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Tuesday, the 29th day of July, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Harris, Trimble, Franklin, Tolmie, Burnaby.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read message from His Excellency the Governor vizt.

The Governor with the advice of the Council directs it be notified

That, to any person or persons who shall first discover a profitable Gold Field with the Colony of Vancouver Island, and make known and describe to the Colonial Government the site and limits of the tract of Land comprised in his or their discovery there shall be paid the sum of £1000 sterling provided the monies received for Licenses issued for working the said tract of land be equal to that amount; and provided always that there shall have been proved to the satisfaction of the Local Government, that there has been bona fide raised and produced from the said tract or field, within two months of the issue of the said Licenses, an amount of Gold equal in value to not less than £10,000 Ten thousand pounds.

By His Excellency's Command.

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

29th July.

Gentlemen

By the instructions issued to me under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, I am directed to require from the Clerk of the Assembly, transcripts of all the Journals and other proceedings of the Assembly—to the end that such transcripts may be transmitted to the Queen through one of the Principal Secretaries of State.

I regret to state to the House that notwithstanding repeated applications to the Clerk, Mr. E. B. Doggett, I am still without these necessary documents for the last Session, and consequently have been unable to carry out Her Majestys Commands as above signified.

I have also to state that I had considerable difficulty in obtaining transcripts of the Journals from the same officer for the first Session of the present Assembly, and was not able to transmit them to the Secretary of State, until July 1861.

Under these circumstances I consider it necessary in the first place to communicate to the House this neglect on the part of the Clerk.

(sgd.) James Douglas
Governor

Governors Assent to The Provisional Sanitary Act 1862. 19 July 1862.

Message from the Hon. Council.

25 July 1862

Extract from Minutes of Council

The Council in Conference with the Hon. House of Assembly on the subject of the Vancouver Island Road Loan Act 1862.

On behalf of the House of Assembly it was suggested that this Bill should be withdrawn, with the consent of both Houses and a new Bill introduced.

Agreed to.

sgd. Joseph Porter
Actg. Clerk of the Council

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

Transmitting the Copy of the Report of the Harbour Commission appointed under the provisions of the Victoria Harbour Act 1860. Sgd. James Douglas Governor.

Mr. Trimble presented a Petition from Landowners in the District of Cowichan. To lie on the table.

Mr. Ring gave notice for leave to introduce a Bill to apply the principles of the Law of Divorce as they exist in England.

Mr. Cary gave notice for leave to introduce a Bill to authorise the Governor to borrow the sum of £40,000 on the General Revenue of the Colony.

House in Committee on "Stamp Act."

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

House adjourned until Thursday 31st July at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Thursday, the 31st day of July, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Burnaby, Tolmie.
The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Burnaby asked for a Special Committee with reference to the communication of H. E. the Governor respecting the Records of this House.

Committee: Messrs. Burnaby, Franklin, Trimble.

Agreed to.

Read 1st time "Bill to increase the number of Representatives for Victoria Town District."

2nd Reading of Council Amendments to the "Incorporation Bill."

1st Reading of Council Amendt. to "Burnside Road Act."

House in Committee on Stamp Act.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

House adjourned until Monday 4th August at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Monday, the 4th day of August, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Trimble, Burnaby, Franklin, Harris.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

His Excellency the Governors Assent to "Victoria Incorporation Act 1862."

2nd Reading of "Bill for the preservation of Game."

2nd Reading of Council Amendments to the Burnside Road Act.

Agreed to.

House in Committee of Ways & Means.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Consideration of His Excellency the Governor Proclamation offering £1000 for the discovery of Gold Fields.

Proposed by Mr. Burnaby—seconded by Mr. Trimble "This House having considered the message of H. E. the Governor, & the Proclamation proposed to be issued by him offering a reward of £1000 for gold discoveries in Vancouver Island and its dependencies is of opinion that the measure is highly desirable and calculated to conduce to the prosperity of the Country, but the House is of opinion that the period of two months limited in the last clause of the Proclamation, might with advantage be extended to Six months.

Mr. Cary introduced Bill for the raising of £40,000.

Mr. Cary introduced Bill for the raising of £15,000.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

House adjourned until Tuesday 5th August at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Tuesday, the 5th day of August, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Burnaby, Harris, Trimble, Franklin.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

H. E. the Governor Assent to the Burnside Road Act.

Mr. Burnaby brought up the Report of the Special Committee relative to the Minutes.

Report adopted.

2nd Reading of the Proclamation £1000 for discovery of Gold Fields.

1st Readg. of Bill to raise £40000.

1st Readg. of Bill to raise £15000.

1st Readg. of Harbour Dues Act.

House in Committee on Stamp Act.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

House adjourned until Wednesday 6th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Wednesday, the 6th day of August, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Harris, Trimble, Burnaby, Southgate, Franklin.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

2nd Readg. of Gunpowder Bill.

2nd Readg. Bill to raise a loan of £40,000.

2nd Readg. Bill to raise a loan of £15,000.

House in Committee Victoria & Esquimalt Harbour Dues Act 1862.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill complete.

Ordered to go to 3rd Reading.

House in Committee on Bill for the erection of a Powder Magazine.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

House adjourned until Thursday 7 inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken.
Speaker

Thursday, the 7th day of August, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Harris, Burnaby, Southgate, Franklin, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

3rd Reading of "The Victoria and Esquimalt Harbour Dues Act 1862."

House in Committee on Bill to raise £40,000.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

House in Committee on Bill to raise £15,000.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made Amendments thereto and agreed to the same.

Ordered to go to 3rd Reading.

House adjourned until Friday 8 Augt. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Friday, the 8th day of August, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Trimble, Harris, Southgate, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

House in Committee on Mr. Harris Motion relative to Heads of Departments.

Mr. Trimble in the Chair.

Motion carried and on Loan Bill £40,000 and Gunpowder Magazine Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported Mr. Harris Motion passed, the Loan Bill £40,000 as amended passed, and the Gunpowder Magazine Bill passed with Amendments.

The House adjourned until Monday 11th August 1862 at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken

Monday, the 11th day of August, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Tuesday 12 August at 3 o'clock P. M.

Speaker

Tuesday, the 12th day of August, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Burnaby, Ring, Trimble, Tolmie, Harris.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Mr. Harris presented a Petition from John Dickson Chief Engineer of the Fire Department asking for the sum of £500 for the purchase of a new Fire Engine.

3rd Reading of Loan Bill for £40000.

3rd Reading of Loan Bill for £15000.

3rd Reading of Gunpowder Bill.

House in Committee on "Stamp Act."

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them had made amendments thereto and agreed to the same.

House in Committee on Bill to amend An Act for the preservation of Game.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made amendments thereto and agreed to the same.

House adjourned until Thursday 14 August at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Thursday, the 14th day of August, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Harris, Tolmie, Burnaby, Trimble.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Message from Hon. Council asking for a conference on Victoria & Esquimalt Harbour Dues Act 1862.

Agreed to 2 oClock Friday 15th.

3rd Reading of Stamp Act.

3rd Reading of Bill for the preservation of Game.

Mr. Harris tendered his resignation as Member for the Town of Esquimalt.

Accepted.

House adjourned until Friday 15 August at 3 oclock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Friday, the 15th day of August, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Monday 18th August at 3 oclock.

Speaker

Monday, the 18th day of August, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned.

Monday, the 25th day of August, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Burnaby, Trimble, Franklin.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Message from H. E. the Governor relative to the Clerk of the House not furnishing a copy of the Minutes of Proceedings during the last Session, stating that he had received them, and transmitted them to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Mr. Speaker read Message from the Hon. Council asking for a conference relative to "An Act to authorise the Governor of Vancouver Island to borrow the sum of £40,000 on the security of the General Revenue of this Colony" and "An

Act to enable the Governor of Vancouver Island to borrow the sum of £15,000 upon the security of the General Revenue of the Colony.”

Agreed to.

Mr. Speaker read Message from the Hon. Council “transmitting ‘An Act intituled The Victoria and Esquimalt Harbour Dues Act 1862,’ for reconsideration on certain points agreed upon in Conference this day.”

Ordered that a New Writ be issued for the Town of Esquimalt in room of Thomas Harris Esqr. resigned.

House adjourned until Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Tuesday, the 26th day of August, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Burnaby, Trimble, Franklin, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read message from His Excellency the Governor enclosing a Copy of An Order in Council dated 7th day of June 1862.

At the Court at Windsor the 7th day of June 1862

Present

The Queens Most Excellent Majesty
Lord President
Lord Stanley of Alderly
Sir George C. Lewis, Bart.

Whereas the Governor of Her Majestys Island of Vancouver, with the Council and Assembly of the said Island did in the months of July September October, November and December 1861, and January and February 1862, pass Twelve Acts which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, vizt.

No. 42 An Act to provide for and regulate the sale of Wines Spirits, Malt and other Liquors.

No. 43 An Act to extend and amend the provisions of the Fireman's Protection Act 1860.

No. 44 An Act to authorise the continuation of certain Streets in Victoria, Vancouver Island.

No. 45 An Act for preventing frauds upon Creditors by secret Bills of Sale of personal Chattels.

No. 46 An Act to regulate the business of Pawnbrokers.

No. 47 An Act to facilitate the remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes by the prevention of frivolous or fictitious defences to actions thereon.

No. 48 An Act to enlarge the time limited by the Victoria Gas Companys Act 1860 for the establishment of Gas Works and Buildings by the Victoria Gas Company.

No. 49 An Act to amend the Trades Licenses Act 1860.

No. 50 An Act to extend the Provisions of the Limitation of Foreign Actions Act 1860.

No. 51 An Act to prohibit Swine & Goats from running at large in the Town of Victoria and to prohibit Goats from running at large in the settled Districts of Vancouver Island.

No. 52 An Act to apply the sum of £4550 out of the General Revenue for the payment of certain Salaries & Expenses for the service of the year 1861.

No. 53 An Act to apply the sum of £15,910 out of the General Revenue of the Colony of Vancouver Island & its Dependencies to the service of the year 1861.

And Whereas the said Acts have been laid before Her Majesty in Council, together with a letter to the Lord President of the Council, from the Most Noble The Duke of Newcastle one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, recommending that the said Acts should be left to their operation Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Privy Council, to approve the said Recommendation.

Whereof the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being of Her Majesty's Island of Vancouver and all other persons whom it may concern are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(signed) Arthur Helps

Read 2nd time "Bill to increase the representatives of Victoria City."

House in Committee on The Victoria and Esquimalt Harbour Dues Act 1862 suggested in Conference relative to Schedule.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Agreed to.

Mr. Cary gave notice of Motion.⁴⁰

House adjourned until Thursday 28th August at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Thursday, the 28th day of August, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Friday 30th August 1862 P. M. at 3 o'clock.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Friday, the 29th day of August, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Trimble, Franklin, Burnaby, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Mr. Trimble gave notice of Motion.⁴¹

⁴⁰ *Colonist*, 27 August 1862: "Mr. Cary gave notice of an act to amend the One Per Cent Tax Act, . . ."

⁴¹ *Colonist*, 30 August 1862: "Mr. Trimble gave notice of a motion that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a nominal salary be granted to the representative of the Government in this House."

House in Committee on Bill to increase the Representatives for Victoria Town District.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Report progress.

House in Committee on Loan Bill £15000 and £40000 as amended in Conference.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bills referred to them had agreed to the Amendments made in conference.

House adjourned until Monday 1st September 1862.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 1st day of September, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Burnaby, Trimble, Franklin, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

2nd Reading of Loan Bills—£40,000 and £15,000.

House in Committee on "Bill to increase the number of Representatives for Victoria Town District and to alter the limits of the said District."

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

The Chairman reported the Committee having the Bill referred to them had made Amendments thereto and agreed to the same.

House adjourned until Monday 8th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Monday, the 8th day of September, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Tuesday 9th Sept. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 9th day of September, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Trimble, Franklin, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

William Cocker Esquire took his seat as Member for the Town of Esquimalt in room of Thomas Harris Esqr. resigned.

Bill Read 1st time.

House adjourned until Thursday 11 Sepr. 1862.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Thursday, the 11th day of September, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Friday 12th Sepr. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Friday, the 12th day of September, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Coker [Cocker], Trimble, Tolmie, Franklin.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

House in Committee on An Act to amend the Real Estate Tax Act 1860 and An Act to repeal and amend the Laws affecting Trade Licences.

The Chairman reported progress.

2d Reading of Bill to increase the Number of Representatives for Victoria.

House adjourned until Thursday 18th Sept. at 3 o'clk P. M.

J. S. Helmcken

Thursday, the 18th day of September, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Tuesday 23 September at 3 o'clock.

J. S. Helmcken

Tuesday, the 23rd day of September, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Foster, Ring, Coker, Trimble, Burnaby, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Cocker gave notice of Motion.⁴²

Mr. Franklin Motion for copies of correspondence between the Colonial and Home Governments on the subject of the Volunteer Rifle movement in Vancouver Island.

Agreed to.

Message from Hon. Council transmitting an "Act for the regulation of the Harbours of Vancouver Island," passed in Council.

Read 1st time.

Message from Hon. Council returning the Powder Magazine Act with Amendments.

2nd Reading of a "Bill to repeal and amend the laws affecting Trade Licenses."

2nd Reading of "Bill to amend the Real Estate Tax Act 1860."

Mr. Ring [asked] leave to bring in a Bill to give the accused the right of appeal in all cases of summary decisions and convictions by the Stipendiary & other Magistrates of Petty Sessions in this Colony, and to expedite the hearing [of] such Appeals.

House then went into Committee on Mr. Trimble's Motion.

Mr. Tolmie in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported. The Committee order that a Bill be prepared & introduced requiring that any Member hereafter authorised to represent the Government in the House of Assembly shall resign his seat and be re-elected.

Agreed to.

House adjourned until Thursday 25th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Thursday, the 25th day of September, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, Attorney General, and Messrs. Cocker, Trimble, Southgate, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Tolmie introduced "Bill to repeal and amend the laws affecting the repair, Improvement & Regulation of Roads in Vancouver Island."

House in Committee on "Bill to amend the Real Estate Tax Act 1860."

Mr. Tolmie in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

⁴² *Colonist*, 24 September 1862: "Mr. Cocker gave notice that at the next meeting of the House he should ask the Hon. Attorney General when it is the intention of Government to commence the completion of the Esquimalt Road."

Mr. Speaker read following Resolution from the Hon. Council agreed to by them.

Council Chamber
25 Sepr. 1862

That in order to provide employment to some extent for those emigrants who have already arrived, & for those who are expected in the Colony the Government should, if possible commence without delay, by means of the loan already authorised to be made, the construction of such Public Works, and especially Roads, as may be deemed most urgently required.

That a Copy of the above Resolution be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor, and to the House of Assembly.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
sgd. Joseph Porter
Actg. Clerk of the Council

House adjourned until Friday 26th inst. at 3 oclck.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Friday, the 26th day of September, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Monday 29 inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Monday, the 29th day of September, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Cocker, Southgate, Franklin.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Cocker presented a Petition relative to Victoria Gas Compy. 1860.

House in Committee on Bill to amend the Real Estate Tax Act 1860.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

House adjourned until Tuesday 30th Sept. 1862 at 3 ock.

Tuesday, the 30th day of September, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned Sine die.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Monday, the 13th day of October, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, Attorney General, and Messrs. Southgate, Ring, Trimble, Cocker, Franklin.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Ordered Mr. Trimble to serve on the "Private Bill Committee."

Read 2nd time "Bill for the regulation of the Harbours of Vancouver Island."
(Council Bill)

House in Committee on Bill to amend the Real Estate Tax Act 1860.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported the Committee having the Bill referred to them had made amendments thereto and agreed to the same.

House adjourned until Tuesday 14th October at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Tuesday, the 14th day of October, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Trimble, Southgate, Franklin, Cocker.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Council Amendments to "Gunpowder Bill" to be taken into consideration a future day.

House in Committee of the Whole on Bill to Repeal and amend the Laws affecting Trades Licenses.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

House adjourned until Wednesday 15th October at 3 o'clock. P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

**Wednesday, the 15th day, and
Thursday, the 16th day of October, 1862**

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Friday 17th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Friday, the 17th day of October, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Monday 20th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Monday, the 20th day of October, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Coker, Ring, Franklin, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Ring introduced a Bill,⁴³

Read 1st time.

2nd Reading of Pilot Bill.

Mr. Speaker read message from the Hon. Council enclosing Amendments to the Stamp Act.

House in Committee upon Bill to repeal and amend the laws affecting Trades Licenses.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Tuesday, the 21st day of October, 1862

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Wednesday 22 Octr. at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Wednesday, the 22nd day of October, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Foster, Burnaby, Tolmie, Franklin, Ring.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

⁴³ See minutes for 23 September, p. 386 above.

House in Committee upon Bill to repeal and amend the laws affecting Trades License.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

House in Committee on Bill to amend the Road Act 1860.

Mr. Franklin in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Message from the Hon. Council enclosing a Bill to prohibit Sunday Trading.

Read 1st time Bill to amend the Road Act 1860.

House adjourned until Thursday 23 Octr. at 3 oclock P. M.

Speaker

Thursday, the 23rd day of October, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Ring, Tolmie, Trimble, Franklin, Foster.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

3rd Reading of Bill to amend the One per cent tax Act.

Bill to prohibit Sunday trading.

Read 1st time.

Mr. Ring gave notice of Motion.⁴⁴

House in Committee on Bill to amend the Trades Licenses Act.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

House in Committee on Bill for the regulation of the Harbour of Vancouver Island.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

Message from His Excellency the Governor.⁴⁵

Downing Street
12 July, 1862

Sir:—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatch No. 29, of the 4th April, enclosing an address of condolence to the Queen from the Legislative Assembly of Vancouver Island.

⁴⁴ *Colonist*, 24 October 1862: "Mr. Ring asked leave to introduce a bill to empower the Governor to authorize Justices of the Peace in outlying districts, such as Nanaimo, to adjudicate on small debts, etc."

⁴⁵ The Governor's address was omitted from the original and one page was left blank. The address is taken from the *Colonist*, 24 October 1862.

I have to request that you will acquaint them that their address has been duly laid before the Queen, and that Her Majesty was pleased to receive it very graciously, and derived much satisfaction from the assurances of sympathy with Her and the Royal Family, expressed by the Legislative Assembly.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) Newcastle.

Gov. Douglas, C. B., &c., &c.

A Message from the Governor, announcing the assent of His Excellency to the following acts, was also read:

To the "Victoria and Esquimalt Harbor Dues Act, 1862."

To the "Vancouver Island Road and Harbor Loan Act, 1862."

To the "Vancouver Island Temporary Debenture Loan Act, 1862."

And to "an Act for the preservation of game."

Friday, the 24th day of October, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Trimble, Tolmie, Cocker, Foster, Ring.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

House in Committee on Bill to amend the laws affecting Trade Licenses And Gunpowder Act 1862 (Council Amendts.).

Mr. Cocker in the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

House in Committee on Council Amendments to Stamp Act.

Mr. Coker in the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and ask for leave to sit again.

The House adjourn until Tuesday 28th Octr. at 7 oclock.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Tuesday, the 28th day of October, 1862

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Ring, Coker, Trimble, Southgate, Franklin.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Select Committee on the Harbour Bill: Messrs. Foster, Southgate, Franklin.

3[rd] Reading of Bill to repeal Trade Licenses Act.

Mr. Cocker presented Petition relative to Gas Company referred to a Select Committee on Private Bills.

House in Committee on Stamp Act and Pilot Bill.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

House adjourned until [Wednesday at 7 o'clock.]

Wednesday, the 29th day of October, 1862

The House met at 7 P. M.

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Trimble, Tolmie, Burnaby, Cocker, Ring.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houes with the fact of the absence of the Clerk—cause unknown.

The House determined to proceed with the business of the day and the reading of Minutes of proceeding meeting (they not being at hand) dispensed with for the day.

Mr. Burnaby gave notice of motion for select Committee to enquire into the conduct of the Clerk.

Mr. Attorney General gave answers to questions of Messrs. Ring, Trimble and Burnaby respectively.

The House then went into Committee on Bill to repeal and Amend Road Act.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Chairman reported progress, asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

House then adjourned to meet Thursday 3 P. M.

Thursday, the 30th day of October, 1862

The House met at 3 P. M.

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Tolmie, Southgate, Franklin, Trimble, Cocker, Ring, Forster [Foster].

The Clerk not being present Mr. Speaker, with the consent of the House, appointed Mr. Nesbitt to that office pro. tem.

The former minutes having been read and confirmed.

The House went into Committee on the Road Bill.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Mr. Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The House adjourned until Friday at 3 P. M.

Friday, the 31st day of October, 1862

The House met at 3 P. M.

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Tolmie, Burnaby, Trimble.

The former minutes were read and confirmed.

Mr. Tolmie gave notice of the following resolution.

That in consideration of the extensive forests of valuable timber growing on Vancouver Island, of the safe commodious and easily accessible harbours contiguous thereto, and of the general ignorance prevailing abroad of this attractive field for the investment of Capital in Saw-Mills—Be it resolved that His Excellency the Governor be respectfully solicited by proclamation to order that grants of timbered land be made to parties establishing Saw-Mills thereon.

The consideration ordered for this day week.

The House then went into Committee on the Road Bill.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The House adjourned until Monday at 3. P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Monday, the 3rd day of November, 1862

The House met at 3 P. M.

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Trimble, Southgate, Tolmie, Franklin, Cocker.

The Minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed.

The Sunday Trading Bill was read a second time and referred to a select Committee.

Messrs. Cary, Franklin and Ring appointed.

House in Committee on the Road Bill.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Chairman reported the Bill complete.

House adjourned till 3 P. M. tomorrow.

Tuesday, the 4th day of November, 1862, and Wednesday, the 5th day of November, 1862

On the 4th & 5th November a quorum not being present there was no meeting.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Thursday, the 6th day of November, 1862

The House met at 3 P. M.

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Coker, Burnaby, Forster, Southgate, Franklin.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Road Bill was referred to a select Committee.

Messrs. Cary, Burnaby and Dr. Tolmie appointed.

House went into Committee on Stamp Act Amendments by Council.

Mr. Coker in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Chairman reported some amendments agreed to and others not.

Report agreed to.

Mr. Coker asked leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Gas Company to make bye laws.

Mr. Franklin from the select Committee on Private Bills reported in favor thereof.

House adjourned till 3 P. M. tomorrow.

Friday, the 7th day of November, 1862

The House met at 3 P. M.

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, Dr. Trimble, and Messrs. Coker, Franklin, Forster.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Coker brought in a Bill to define and confirm the Terms under which the Victoria Gas Company shall supply Gas and Gas Metres and to authorise the Victoria Gas Company to make bye laws with regard to such supply.

Bill read a 1st time.

Mr. Franklin moved that a congratulatory Address be made to the Prince of Wales on the attainment of his Majority.

Mr. Forster asked leave to bring in a Bill to regulate weights and measures.

The House adjourned to Thursday next at 3 P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Thursday, the 13th day of November, 1862

A quorum of Members not being present on Thursday 13 Novr. there was no meeting.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Wednesday, the 19th day of November, 1862

House met at 3 P. M.

Present: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Cary, Dr. Trimble, and Messrs. Ring, Coker, Franklin, Tolmie.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Franklin read a Petition to the House from the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Victoria with reference to certain doubts entertained by them in regard to the powers granted by "the Victoria Incorporation Act 1862."

Ordered that the House go into Committee on Tuesday next for consideration thereof.

Mr. Speaker read a Message from the Governor forwarding copy of a letter from Mr. C. S. Nicol relative to the construction of certain works at Esquimalt.

Consideration ordered for Tuesday next.

Mr. Ring moved 2nd reading of "Bill to facilitate and expedite the administration of Justice in all cases of Summary convictions."

Dr. Trimble seconded the motion.

Mr. Cary moved as an Amendment that the Bill be read this day six months. Seconded by Mr. Franklin.

Mr. Speaker put the Question.

For the 2nd reading: Messrs. Ring, Coker, Tolmie, and Dr. Trimble.

Against it: Messrs. Cary & Franklin.

Bill read a 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Cary gave notice of his intention to bring in a Bill to regulate Railways.

The consideration of Dr. Tolmie's resolution with reference to the extensive forests of timber on Vancouver Island and grants of land being made to parties establishing saw mills thereon was brought on.

Resolution referred to Committee of the Whole.

Dr. Trimble gave notice of intention to introduce a Bill to amend the Registration of Voters Act.

House Adjourned till 3. tomorrow.

Thursday, the 20th day of November, 1862

House met at 3 P. M.

Present: Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Cary, Coker, Ring, Dr. Trimble.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Ring moved that a Committee be appointed to draw up a complimentary Address to the Prince of Wales on the attainment by H. R. H. of his Majority.

Messrs. Ring, Franklin, and Colonel Forster appointed.

Mr. Cary asked leave to bring in a Bill entitled "An Act consolidating in one Act certain provisions usually inserted in Acts authorizing the taking of lands for undertakings of a public nature."

Bill read first time.

Mr. Cary brought in a Bill for consolidating in one Act certain provisions usually inserted in Acts authorizing the making of Railways.

Read first time.

Mr. Speaker read a message from the Legislative Council forwarding An Act to establish a Decimal System of Accounts in the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, which had been read a third time and passed the Council.

Bill read first time.

House adjourned till tomorrow at 3 P. M.

Friday, the 21st day of November, 1862

A quorum of Members not being present there was no meeting.

Monday, the 24th day of November, 1862

House met at 3 P. M.

Present: Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Cary, Southgate, Burnaby, Franklin, Coker, Dr. Tolmie.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Coker read to the House a Petition from Alfred Waddington and others praying the House to pass an Act to authorize the Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Company Limited to construct a Railway between Victoria and Esquimalt and to take land for the purposes of the undertaking.

Petition referred to the Select Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. Speaker read a message from the Legislative Council forwarding an extract from the Minutes of that Body whereby the Council insists on the amendment in the Gunpowder Bill which had not been agreed to by the House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker read a message from the Governor enclosing a letter from the Municipal Council with accompanying resolution of the Council passed on the 21st November Instant with reference to the destitute condition and employment of passengers from England per "Silistria" and asking the guarantee by Government for a loan of £5000.

Consideration ordered for tomorrow.

House adjourned till 3 tomorrow.

Tuesday, the 25th day of November, 1862

House met at 3 P. M.

Present: Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Cary, Franklin, Coker, Ring, Burnaby, and Drs. Tolmie, Trimble.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Ring asked leave to bring in a Bill creating Inferior Courts of Civil Justice.

Bill read first time.

House in Committee of the Whole on Message from the Governor enclosing letter from Municipal Council *in re* employment to passengers per "Silistria" and asking for a guarantee of a loan for £5000. And Petition from Municipal Council to the House with regard to certain doubts entertained by them as to the powers granted by the Incorporation Act 1862.

Mr. Coker in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and "That His Excellency be requested to give such guarantee as may be expedient on the part of the Government for the repayment by the Municipal Council of any monies borrowed upon Bonds within the authority of the 'Act to Incorporate the City of Victoria.'"

With reference to the Petition from the Municipal Council—"That it is not within the power of the House to grant the prayer of the Petitioners."

House adjourned till tomorrow.

Wednesday, the 26th day of November, 1862

House met at 3 P. M.

Present: Mr. Speaker, Dr. Tolmie, and Messrs. Franklin, Cary, Coker, Trutch.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Report of Committee of yesterday brought up and Mr. Chairman reported That the Committee had taken into consideration H. E. message relative to the request of Municipal Council that the Government would guarantee a loan of £5000 and had arrived at the following Resolution.

That His Excellency be requested to give such guarantee as may be expedient on the part of the Government for the repayment by the Municipal Council of any monies borrowed upon Bonds within the authority [of] the "Act to Incorporate the City of Victoria."

That in reference to the Petition of the Municipal Council they had agreed to the following Resolution.

"That it is not within the power of the House to grant the prayer of the Petitioners."

Dr. Tolmie handed in a Report of the Select Committee on Education.

House in Committee of the Whole on Governor's Message enclosing letter from Mr. C. S. Nicol, relative to the construction of a Railway from Esquimalt to Victoria and certain other works and Dr. Tolmie's Resolution with reference to grants of land being made to parties establishing Saw Mills thereon and Mr. Rings Bill to facilitate and expedite the administration of Justice in all cases of summary convictions.

Mr. Coker in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Chairman reported progress and that "The proposition made by Mr. Nicol is too indefinite to enable the House to express any opinion as to its merits."

With reference to Dr. Tolmie's Resolution the Committee agreed That in consideration of the extensive forests of valuable timber growing on Vancouver Island of the safe commodious and easily accessible harbours contiguous to these, and of the general ignorance prevailing abroad of the existence of this attractive field for the investment of capital in Saw Mills—Be it resolved that H. E. the Governor be respectfully solicited by Proclamation to order that licenses be granted to parties establishing Saw Mills in Vancouver Island to cut timber on unsold and unpre-empted land.

Mr. Cary gave notice that he would move "that in all cases where by Law an Appeal is allowed from the decision of the Justice or Stipendiary Magistrate the Appeal shall be heard by the Chief Justice in lieu of the Court of Quarter Sessions.

House adjourned till tomorrow at 3. P. M.

J. S. Helmcken

Thursday, the 27th day of November, 1862

A quorum of Members not being present there was no Meeting.

Friday, the 5th day of December, 1862

House met at 3 P. M.

Present: Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Franklin, Southgate, Burnaby, Cocker, Forster, Trutch, Dr. Tolmie.

Mr. Speaker read a message from the Legislative Council forwarding amendments made to Act to increase the Representatives for the City of Victoria which were agreed to by the House.

Dr. Tolmie gave notice of a resolution of thanks to Captain Richards and officers of H. M. S. Hecate on the completion of the Coast Survey of Vancouver Island.

Mr. Franklin asked leave of the House that a Clerk may be appointed for Private Bills Committee.

Mr. Speaker read a message from Legislative Council forwarding Gunpowder Bill with amendments made by the Council and which they insist to.

Mr. Franklin moved that a conference be had with the Legislative Council on the subject thereof.

Dr. Tolmie seconded the motion.

Resolution agreed to by the House.

Currency Bill read a 2nd time.

An Act for consolidating in one Act certain provisions usually inserted in Acts authorizing the making of Railways Read a 2nd time.

Consolidation Land Clauses Bill read a 2nd time.

House in Committee on Currency Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Chairman reported Bill without amendments.

House adjourned till Monday.

Monday, the 8th day of December, 1862

The House met at 3 P. M.

Present: Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Franklin, Tolmie, Forster, Burnaby, Cocker, Trutch, Dr. Trimble.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read a message from H. E. the Governor stating that the Communication of the House, of 1st Novr. ulto. had been under H. E.'s consideration and that he was unable to comply with the request of the House for copies of all correspondence with the Governor and the Home Government and the Hudson's Bay Company relative to the Town site of Victoria without the sanction of the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department.

Mr. Speaker read a message from the Legislative Council stating that they had agreed to waive their amendment to the Gunpowder Bill on the ground offered by the House of Assembly in conference "that the sum of Twelve shillings and six pence per ton per month for storage would be sufficient to meet the expenses of the proposed Magazine."

Mr. Franklin reported that the Conference Committee met as appointed and that the Legislative Council agreed to waive the amendment insisted on by them to the Gunpowder Bill.

Read 3rd time Bill to establish a decimal system of accounts in the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies.

Mr. Franklin proposed the following resolution as a record.

That this House do consent to pass the Currency Bill sent down by the Legislative Council, inasmuch as it only proposes to legalize the existing currency of the Colony without changing its established value, and consequently the privileges of this House are not affected thereby.

Mr. Burnaby seconded the motion.

Resolution carried.

Bill passed 3rd Reading.

Dr. Tolmie read the following resolution.

That in view of the approaching departure from this Colony of Captain Richards and the officers of H. M. S. Hecate on the completion of the Coast

Survey of this Island, this House desires to express its appreciation of the eminently able and practical manner in which the duties of that Survey have been performed and resolves that the thanks of this House are due to Captain Richards and his officers for the valuable services thereby conferred on this Colony.

Seconded by Mr. Forster and carried unanimously.

Mr. Franklin moved that the House go into Committee on resolution with reference to the appointment of a Clerk for Private Bills Committees.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Burnaby in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Chairman reported the following resolution.

That the Private Bill Committee be empowered to appoint a Clerk subject to the same conditions as to fees and duties as provided for in the Standing orders of the Election Committee and that preference be given to the Clerk of the House if he be in position to undertake the duties.

House adjourned till tomorrow at 3 P. M.

J. S. Helmcken

Thursday, the 11th day of December, 1862

House met at 3 P. M.

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Cary, Cocker, Burnaby, Trutch.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read a Message from the Legislative Council forwarding Real Estate Tax Act and Trades Licenses Act with amendments made thereto.

Mr. Burnaby gave notice of motion that the House go into Committee at next meeting to consider the communication from the Colonial Secretary respecting the correspondence between Her Majesty's Government and the Executive relative to the Town site of Victoria.

Mr. Cary from the Select Committee on Road Bill reported certain alterations made thereto.

House adjourned till 3 tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken

Friday, the 12th day of December, 1862

Present: Messrs. Cary, Franklin, Trutch, Cocker, Foster and Drs. Tolmie, Trimble.

House met at 3 P. M.

The Minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read the amendments made by the Honble. the Legislative Council to the Real Estate Tax Act 1862 which were agreed to by the House save one, viz. the word "admeasurements" in Schedule A. 4th column to be struck out. The House wishes the word retained.

Trades Licenses Bill amendments agreed to as made in Council.

House in Committee on Land Clauses Consolidation Act.

Mr. Coker in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted and report adopted.

Mr. Cary from the Committee on Sunday Trading Bill reported that the Committee beg to recommend the Bill appended to this report in lieu of the one sent down by the Council.

Bill read 1st time.

Road Bill amendments agreed to.

House adjourned till Monday at 3 P. M.

J. S. Helmcken

Monday, the 15th day of December, 1862

House met at 3 P. M.

Present: Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Cary, Cocker, Forster, Franklin, Trutch, Dr. Tolmie.

The Minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed.

The Road Bill passed a 3rd reading.

Sunday Trading Bill read 2nd time and ordered to be committed.

Mr. Franklin from the Committee on Private Bills reported that the Petition of Alfred Waddington and others, praying the House to pass an Act to authorize them to construct a Railway between Victoria and Esquimalt, had been considered and that as the standing orders had been complied with the Committee recommended that leave be granted to introduce a Bill.

Mr. Franklin from the Committee on Private Bills reported Bill to define and confirm the terms under which the Victoria Gas Company shall supply Gas and Gas Metres, and to authorize the Victoria Gas Company to make bye laws with regard to such supply—with amendments.

Mr. Cocker gave notice to introduce a Bill to authorize the Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Company to construct a Railway between Victoria and Esquimalt.

House went into Committee Land Clauses Consolidation Act.

Mr. Cocker in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Chairman reported progress.

House adjourned till ½7 tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Tuesday, the 16th day of December, 1862

The House met at ½ 7 P. M.

Present: Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Cary, Trutch, Franklin, Cocker, Forster, and Dr. Trimble.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Cocker in pursuance of notice introduced a Bill to authorize the Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Company, Limited, to make a Railway from Victoria to Esquimalt.

Bill read 1st time.

House went into Committee on Bill for consolidating in one Act certain provisions usually inserted in Acts authorizing the making of Railways.

Mr. Cocker in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Chairman reported progress.

Dr. Trimble gave notice of intention to bring in a Bill to amend the Franchise Act.

House adjourned till 3 tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken

Wednesday, the 17th day of December, 1862

House met at 3 P. M.

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Cocker, Cary, Forster, Tolmie, Trutch.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed.

The House went into Committee on the Land Clauses Consolidation Act.

Mr. Cocker in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

House adjourned till tomorrow at ½ 7 P. M.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

Thursday, the 18th day of December, 1862

House met at ½ 7 P. M.

Present: Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Franklin, Forster, Cary, Cocker, Drs. Tolmie, Trimble.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed.

House went into Committee on Land Clauses consolidation Bill and Bill to regulate Railways.

Mr. Cocker in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Chairman reported the Bills complete.

House adjourned till ½7 P. M. tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken

Monday, the 22nd day of December, 1862

The House met at ½2 P. M.

Present: Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Cocker, Cary, Southgate, Forster, Dr. Trimble.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A communication was read from the Governor stating that he had assented to the following Acts, viz.;

Powder Magazine Act 1862.

Vancouver Island Stamp Act 1862.

City of Victoria Representation Act 1862.

Currency Act 1862.

Real Estate Tax Amendment Act 1862.

Trades Licenses Amendment Act 1862.

A communication from the Governor was read informing the House that His Excellency had transmitted the thanks of the House to Captain Richards and enclosing copy of a letter which was at the same time addressed to that officer with a copy of his reply thereto.

Land Clauses Consolidation Act read 3rd time and passed.

Railway Clauses Act read 3rd time and passed.

His Excellency the Governor attended by the Members of the Legislative Council addressed the Legislative Bodies as follows;

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly;

In closing this season [session] of the Legislature it affords me great pleasure to convey to you my warmest acknowledgments for the anxious and careful attention with which you have applied yourselves to the discharge of your public duties; and I may add, that the result of your deliberations cannot fail to be satisfactory to the people of this Colony.

The monies which you have granted for Public Works are now being laid out in improving the main roads leading into the settled Districts about Victoria, and in forming a roadway through Cowitchan and Nanaimo to the Comax settlement for the purpose of connecting those Districts by a practicable overland communication with each other, and with Victoria.

Measures are also in progress for improving the Harbour, a work which has been unavoidably delayed by financial arrangements.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly

I thank you for the supplies which you have granted for the service of the year, and for the purpose of carrying into effect the several objects of public utility which were set forth in the Estimates.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and of the Legislative Assembly.

I have to congratulate you on the thriving state of Trade, the increase of population, the growing value of fixed property, the large demand for agricultural produce, the state of the public revenue and on the generally satisfactory condition of the Colony which I trust will with the blessing of God prosper.

I now prorogue this Parliament till Friday the 2nd January 1863.
