
Thursday, 15th February, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *E. G. Miller*.

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

REPORT No. 14.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
15th February, 1912.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time limited for receiving reports from the Standing Committee on Private Bills be extended to Friday, February 23rd.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL F. MACKAY,
Chairman.

The report was received and adopted.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved the 14th February by the Hon. Mr. *McBride*, as follows:—

“That whereas the feeling in the Province of British Columbia has long been opposed to Asiatic immigration; and

“Whereas numerous representations have been made by the Legislative Assembly of this Province to the Federal authorities, setting forth the views of the people at various times as being in favour of effectual exclusion; and

“Whereas on account of the action of the Dominion Government on several occasions in disallowing local legislation, framed on the lines of the commonly called ‘Natal Act,’ with the object of preventing such immigration, the local Legislature has been prevented from exercising authority on its own behalf; and

“Whereas a Delegation from the Government of British Columbia, whose report has been submitted to this House, has recently made further and urgent representations on the subject to the Federal authorities to the effect that the immigration from Oriental countries still continues in a degree constituting a menace to white labour and the desire to preserve British Columbia as a white man’s domain:

“Therefore, be it Resolved, That this House heartily concurs in the representations made by the said Delegation to the Right Honourable R. L. Borden, Prime Minister of Canada, and desires to express its great satisfaction at the announcement that the Government of British Columbia will be consulted in connection with the new Treaty with Japan so far as consideration specially affecting British Columbia may be concerned; and

“Be it further Resolved, That His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be requested to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Honourable the Secretary of State at Ottawa.”

Mr. *Brewster* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, to add after the word "and," at the end of the first clause of the Resolution, the following words:—

"Be it further Resolved, That this House regrets the absence of any assurance from the Premier of Canada that any legislation passed by this House for the purpose of regulating immigration into British Columbia will not be disallowed by his Government, and that in any Treaty arrangements entered into by the Dominion Government with the Empire of Japan the rights of both the Dominion and the Provinces of Canada to regulate the immigration of Japanese subjects will be maintained; and."

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

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* called upon Mr. Speaker to take notice that strangers were present.

Mr. Speaker thereupon put the question under Rule 14, "That strangers be ordered to withdraw," and it was *Resolved* in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—2.

Messieurs

Williams,

Hawthornthwaite.

NAYS—32.

Messieurs

Shaw,

Jardine,

Bowser,

Young,

Fraser,

Manson, W.,

McBride,

Taylor,

McDonald,

Tisdall,

Ellison,

Ross,

Mackenzie,

Wright,

Thomson,

Macgowan,

Braden,

Callanan,

Schofield,

Gifford,

Manson, M.,

Miller,

Behnen,

Hayward,

Lucas,

Jackson,

Hunter,

Parson,

Brewster,

Cawley,

Manson, W. J.,

Davey.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

15th February, 1912.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

*Government House,
15th February, 1912.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Bowser presented a copy of the Report of the Provincial Game Warden for the year ending 31st December, 1911.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Veterinary Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act'" was committed.

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

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act relating to the Resurvey of District Lot 264A, Group 1, New Westminster District, and within the Limits of the City of Vancouver" was committed.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Bowser, Bill (No 21) intituled "An Act to validate certain Municipal By-laws" was introduced, read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Friday, 16th February, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. E. G. Miller.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved on the 14th February by the Hon. Mr. McBride, as follows:—

"That whereas the feeling in the Province of British Columbia has long been opposed to Asiatic immigration; and

"Whereas numerous representations have been made by the Legislative Assembly of this Province to the Federal authorities, setting forth the views of the people at various times as being in favour of effectual exclusion; and

"Whereas on account of the action of the Dominion Government on several occasions in disallowing local legislation, framed on the lines of the commonly called 'Natal Act,' with the object of preventing such immigration, the local Legislature has been prevented from exercising authority on its own behalf; and

"Whereas a Delegation from the Government of British Columbia, whose report has been submitted to this House, has recently made further and urgent representations on the subject to the Federal authorities to the effect that the immigration from Oriental countries still continues in a degree constituting a menace to white labour and the desire to preserve British Columbia as a white man's domain:

"Therefore, be it Resolved, That this House heartily concurs in the representations made by the said Delegation to the Right Honourable R. L. Borden, Prime Minister of Canada, and desires to express its great satisfaction at the announcement that the Government of British Columbia will be consulted in connection with the new Treaty with Japan so far as consideration specially affecting British Columbia may be concerned; and

"Be it further Resolved, That His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be requested to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Honourable the Secretary of State at Ottawa."

And the amendment thereto moved on 15th February by Mr. Brewster, as follows:—

To add after the word "and," at the end of the first clause of the Resolution, the following words:—

"Be it further Resolved, That this House regrets the absence of any assurance from the Premier of Canada that any legislation passed by this House for the purpose of regulating immigration into British Columbia will not be disallowed by his Government, and that in any Treaty arrangements entered into by the Dominion Government with the Empire of Japan the rights of both the Dominion and the Provinces of Canada to regulate the immigration of Japanese subjects will be maintained; and."

Amendment negatived.

Resolution agreed to.

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Works the following question:—

What extra work was performed in connection with the building of the highway bridge over the Columbia River at Revelstoke beyond the extra mattrassing and riprap, and the cost of such extra work?

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

“ Extra piles, nose of piers	\$ 264 00
Changing nose of piers	110 00
Extra cost of furnishing Coast timber in lieu of local specified ..	1,352 00
Wages representing cost of framing chord-leaves to replace culled material	348 77
Cost of building 528 feet approach not included in contract	6,410 56
Total	\$8,485 33 ”

Bill (No. 15) intituled “ An Act to amend Chapter 111 of the Revised Statutes ” was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Liquor Licence Act.’ ”

Bill read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

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

Bill (No. 16) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Licence of Canneries Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 18) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Coal and Petroleum Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 20) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Water Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 21) intituled “ An Act to validate certain Municipal By-laws.”

Bill (No. 53) intituled “ An Act to validate By-laws Numbered 86 and 91 of the Corporation of the City of Fernie ” was read a third time and passed.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Land Act’ ” a debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 54) intituled “ An Act for the Relief of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Fernie ” was adopted.

Third reading on Monday next.

Bill (No. 57) intituled “ An Act to validate By-law No. 59 of the City of Prince Rupert ” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 58) intituled “ An Act respecting the City of Victoria ” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Salmon Arm" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

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

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to ratify By-law No. 54 of the District Municipality of Penticton, being the 'Kettle River Valley Railway Aid By-law, 1911.'"

Bill No. (64) intituled "An Act respecting Christ Church Trust."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Monday, 19th February, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. J. B. Warnicker.

On the motion of Mr. W. Manson, Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'City of Prince Rupert Incorporation Act, 1910,'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved on 14th February by the Hon. Mr. McBride, as follows:—

"Whereas by a Resolution passed on March 7th, 1908, this House declared that the grant of \$100,000 annually for ten years, provided by the 'British North America Act, 1907,' to be paid to this Province, is inadequate as a settlement of the claims of British Columbia for special treatment at the hands of Canada; and

"Whereas this House affirmed in said Resolution its right to further urge on the Dominion Government that steps be taken to bring about a fair and adequate settlement of the recognized claim of this Province; and

"Whereas it appears from the Report of Hon. R. McBride, Hon. W. J. Bowser, and Hon. W. R. Ross, a Delegation from the Government of British Columbia to Ottawa in November, 1911, that, in response to their representations, the Dominion Government is prepared to appoint a Commission, as requested in a memorandum submitted to the Dominion Government by the Hon. R. McBride on October 9th, 1906, to investigate the merits of the claim made by this Province; such Commission to be composed of three persons of eminent repute, one Commissioner to be named by the Dominion, one by the Province, and the third by agreement of the two Commissioners, or, failing such agreement, by the Secretary of State for the Colonies:

“Therefore, be it Resolved, That this House endorses the course taken by said Delegation, and is of the opinion that such Commission be appointed at an early date; and that an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor requesting that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Hon. the Secretary of State at Ottawa.”

Resolution agreed to.

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

That on this day and all following days to the close of the Session there shall be two distinct sittings in each day, one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and the other from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until eight o'clock this evening.

And then the House adjourned at 4.35 p.m.

Monday, 19th February, 1912.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act respecting Forests and Crown Timber Lands, and the Conservation and Preservation of Standing Timber, and the Regulation of Commerce in Timber and Products of the Forest” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Liquor Licence Act’” was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered.

Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Licence of Canneries Act’” was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.15 p.m.

Tuesday, 20th February, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. J. B. Warnicker.

The Report on Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Victoria" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting Forests and Crown Timber Lands, and the Conservation and Preservation of Standing Timber, and the Regulation of Commerce in Timber and Products of the Forest" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to validate certain Municipal By-laws" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate Ryerson College."

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Fernie."

The Report on Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to validate By-law No. 59 of the City of Prince Rupert" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Salmon Arm" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to extend the Time for the Commencement of Construction of the Line of the South-East Kootenay Railway Company" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act respecting Christ Church Trust" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair,

Mr. *Thornton Fell*, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

(No. 7) An Act to amend the "Municipalities Incorporation Act."

(No. 58) An Act respecting the City of Victoria.

His Honour was pleased, in His Majesty's name, to give assent to the said Bills.

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Tenth Day of February, 1912, between His Majesty the King and Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart, and an Agreement bearing Date the Twenty-third Day of January, 1912, between the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company and said Foley, Welch, and Stewart," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
20th February, 1912.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Tenth Day of February, 1912, between His Majesty the King and Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart, and an Agreement bearing Date the Twenty-third Day of January, 1912, between the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company and said Foley, Welch, and Stewart," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
 Bill introduced and read a first time.
 Second reading to-morrow.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
20th February, 1912.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
 Bill introduced and read a first time.
 Second reading to-morrow.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision for the Extension of the Lines of Railway of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
20th February, 1912.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to make Provision for the Extension of the Lines of Railway of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
 Bill introduced and read a first time.
 Second reading to-morrow.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Twelfth Day of January, 1912, between His Majesty the King and The Kettle Valley Railway Company," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
20th February, 1912.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Twelfth Day of January, 1912, between His Majesty the King and The Kettle Valley Railway Company," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement between His Majesty the King and the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, bearing Date the Seventeenth Day of February, 1912," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
20th February, 1912.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement between His Majesty the King and the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, bearing Date the Seventeenth Day of February, 1912," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Repurchase by the Crown of certain Railway Subsidy Lands," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
20th February, 1912.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act respecting the Repurchase by the Crown of certain Railway Subsidy Lands," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Mackay* presented the Fifteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 15.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
20th February, 1912.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend 'Westminster Hall Act, 1909,'" has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL F. MACKAY,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to establish and regulate Employment Agencies."

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to regulate Wages in certain Industries."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 21st February, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Stanley Ard.*

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, under the head of "Public Bills and Orders."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Tenth Day of February, 1912, between His Majesty the King and Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart, and an Agreement bearing Date the Twenty-third Day of January, 1912, between the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company and said Foley, Welch, and Stewart" a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company" a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to make Provision for the Extension of the Lines of Railway of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company" a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Twelfth Day of January, 1912, between His Majesty the King and The Kettle Valley Railway Company" a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement between His Majesty the King and the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, bearing Date the Seventeenth Day of February, 1912," a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act respecting the Repurchase by the Crown of certain Railway Subsidy Lands" a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until eight o'clock this evening.

And then the House adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

Wednesday, 21st February, 1912.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Mackay presented the Sixteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 16.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
21st February, 1912.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900,'" has been proven and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL F. MACKAY,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to validate By-law No. 59 of the City of Prince Rupert."

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Salmon Arm."

The Report on Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act respecting Christ Church Trust" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend 'Westminster Hall Act, 1909,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act'" was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Veterinary Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'City of Prince Rupert Incorporation Act, 1910,'" (with the consent of the Crown) was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.25 p.m.

Thursday, 22nd February, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *Stanley Ard*.

Mr. *Mackay* presented the Seventeenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 17.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
22nd February, 1912.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preambles of the undermentioned Bills have been proved and the Bills ordered to be reported with amendments:—

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate West Vancouver Municipality."

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Vancouver Grain Exchange."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL F. MACKAY,
Chairman.

The report was received.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting of the House:—

By the Hon. *Price Ellison*—Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*—Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Settled Estates Act.'"

By the Hon. Dr. *Young*—Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act.'"

By Mr. *Williams*—Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act respecting the Payment of Wages."

By the Hon. Mr. *Taylor*—Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act.'"

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Works the following questions:—

1. Did the Government build a public wharf at the City of Prince Rupert?
2. If so, were tenders asked for the construction of such wharf?
3. If so, who were the persons tendering, and the amount of tender in each case?
4. To whom was the contract awarded, and at what price?
5. What has been the total cost of such wharf to date?
6. What extra work (if any) has been performed by the contractors for such wharf?
7. Of what did such extras consist, and what has been the cost in detail of such extra work?
8. Did the contractors for this wharf perform any other work in the immediate vicinity of such wharf on behalf of the Government?
9. If so, what were the particulars in regard to such extra work, and the prices paid therefor?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Yes.

	Inclusive of Slips.	Exclusive of Slips.
“ 3. Westholme Lumber Co., Ltd.	\$ 69,958	\$ 64,108
Palmer Bros.	71,265	67,265
H. S. Clements & Co.	86,616	69,987
F. C. Sewell	97,650	91,520
Armstrong, Morrison & Co.	101,200	96,000
Miller & Cumming	102,000	96,000
Macdonnell, Gzowski & Co.	148,000	138,000

“ 4. Westholme Lumber Co., Ltd., \$64,108.

“ 5. \$79,641.84.

“ 6. Extra on wharf, Prince Rupert, B.C.:—

388 lineal feet additional length of piles, @ \$5	\$ 1,940 00
93 cut-offs, @ \$10	930 00
4,000 lb. iron and blacksmith work on anchors to caps	600 00
24 cubic yards concrete, @ \$10	240 00
120 springs, @ \$10	1,200 00
512 lb. in bolts to fenders	51 00
21,600 feet, board measure, lumber in extra falsework and framing, @ \$40	864 00
Diving with crew, 284 hours, @ \$6	1,704 00
Rent of diving outfit, six months, @ \$150	900 00
37,500 feet, board measure, labour only, @ \$10	375 00
Pay-roll whilst trying to place No. 4 pile before Mr. Griffith's arrival	1,405 90
Engineer's services	700 00
Blacksmith-work	446 30
Explosives	30 25
Coal	206 00

\$11,592 45

Plus 10 per cent. 1,159 25

Carried forward\$12,751 70

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$12,751 70
37,500 feet, board measure, lumber, extra inch in thickness of deck-planks, @ \$18	678 75
Blacksmith, extra for lengthening bolts for bollards and making washers for springs	185 05

\$13,615 50

“ 7. Answered by No. 6.

“ 8. Yes.

“ 9. Sea-wall and approaches by contract: Sea-wall, \$33,385.93; approaches, \$28,063.62.”

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

1. How many applications for the registration of absolute fees and charges respectively are on file and unregistered in the Land Registry Offices at: (1) Victoria; (2) Vancouver?

2. Over what periods do the said applications range at: (1) Victoria; (2) Vancouver?

3. How many applications to register as above were withdrawn during the years 1910 and 1911 at: (1) Victoria; (2) Vancouver?

4. What amount of the fees paid were refunded on account of such withdrawals at: (1) Victoria; (2) Vancouver?

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

“ 1. (1.) Indefeasible fees ranging from 6th March, 1907, 1,223; absolute fees ranging from 17th June, 1910, 1,097; charges ranging from 3rd January, 1908, 3,255. (2.) Indefeasible fees ranging from July, 1905, 3,737; absolute fees ranging from July, 1905, 12,075; charges ranging from July, 1905, 16,177.

“ 2. Answered by No. 1.

“ 3. (1.) Victoria, 281. (2.) Vancouver, 1,170.

“ 4. (1.) Victoria, \$1,506.36. (2.) Vancouver, \$6,077.61.”

Bill (No. 13) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Veterinary Act ’ ” was again committed.

Reported with amendment.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 22) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ City of Prince Rupert Incorporation Act, 1910, ’ ” was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled “ An Act to regulate Wages in certain Industries ’ ” a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Inheritance Act ’ ” was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Bowser* moved to amend clause 2 in line 7, as follows:—

To strike out the quotation marks after the word “ lands ” at the end of the clause, and add the following: “ Provided that this section shall not affect litigation pending on the twenty-sixth day of January, 1912.”

Carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Third reading at next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Tenth Day of February, 1912, between His Majesty the King and Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart, and an Agreement bearing Date the Twenty-third Day of January, 1912, between the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company and said Foley, Welch, and Stewart."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
22nd February, 1912.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act,' " a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
22nd February, 1912.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act,' " a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
 Bill introduced and read a first time.
 Second reading to-morrow.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until eight o'clock this evening.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Thursday, 22nd February, 1912.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

On the motion of the Hon. Dr. *Young*, Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—
 Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1913;
 Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year ending 31st March, 1912;
 Schedule A, Unprovided Items of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1911;
 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
22nd February, 1912.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to make Provision for the Extension of the Lines of Railway of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company."

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Twelfth Day of January, 1912, between His Majesty the King and The Kettle Valley Railway Company."

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement between His Majesty the King and the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, bearing Date the Seventeenth Day of February, 1912."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act respecting the Repurchase by the Crown of certain Railway Subsidy Lands."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Rural Telephone Systems," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
22nd February, 1912.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith, with Mr. *Shatford* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act respecting Rural Telephone Systems," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend 'Westminster Hall Act, 1909,'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Vancouver Grain Exchange" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act further to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
22nd February, 1912.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith, with Mr. *Shatford* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act further to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Watson* presented the First Report from the Municipal Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
22nd February, 1912.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That several amendments to the "Municipal Act" will appear in the form of a Bill to be introduced.

That in view of the fact that conditions in the various municipalities in the Province are changing so rapidly, and contentious points innumerable have been presented to your Committee, that after due and careful consideration of all matters presented, your Committee beg to recommend that a Commission be appointed to consider all suggested amendments and redraft the "Municipal Act."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARRY H. WATSON,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.45 p.m.

Friday, 23rd February, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. F. T. Tapscott.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Price Ellison moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. McBride,—“That Mr. Speaker do leave the Chair.”

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

Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal and Petroleum Act’” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Water Act’” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act’” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Bill (No. 23) intituled “An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Tenth Day of February, 1912, between His Majesty the King and Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart, and an Agreement bearing Date the Twenty-third Day of January, 1912, between the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company and said Foley, Welch, and Stewart” was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 24) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company” was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until eight o'clock this evening.

And then the House adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

Friday, 23rd February, 1912.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Report on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Tenth Day of February, 1912, between His Majesty the King and Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart, and an Agreement bearing Date the Twenty-third Day of January, 1912, between the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company and said Foley, Welch, and Stewart" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to make Provision for the Extension of the Lines of Railway of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Twelfth Day of January, 1912, between His Majesty the King and The Kettle Valley Railway Company" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement between His Majesty the King and the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, bearing Date the Seventeenth Day of February, 1912," was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted on the following division:—

YEAS—14.

Messieurs

<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Manson, M.,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>	<i>Mackay,</i>
<i>Lucas,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Parson.</i>
<i>Manson, W.,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>		

NAYS—3.

Messieurs

<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Brewster.</i>
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Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act respecting the Repurchase by the Crown of certain Railway Subsidy Lands" was committed.

Reported with amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act.'"

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Settled Estates Act.'"

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act.'"

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act respecting Rural Telephone Systems."

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act.'"

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to ratify By-law No. 54 of the District Municipality of Penticton, being the 'Kettle River Valley Railway Aid By-law, 1911,'" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend 'Westminster Hall Act, 1909,'" was adopted.

Read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Vancouver Grain Exchange" was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'City of Prince Rupert Incorporation Act, 1910,'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting Employment Agencies" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-day.

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

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until ten o'clock a.m. to-day, and that said sitting until adjournment thereof be a distinct sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 12.10 a.m., Saturday, 24th February.