

Friday, 30th April, 1897.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. McRae*.

On the motion of Mr. *Macpherson*, seconded by Mr. *Sword*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing:—

1. The number of Crown grants issued since 17th April, 1896.
2. Statement of how many, and which of them, contained the clause to bring such Crown grant into accord with section 13 of the "Land Act, 1896."
3. Wording of such clause.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be laid before this House copies of any further correspondence which has passed between his Government and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, with reference to the question of the removal of the Indians from the *Songhees Reserve*, since the Return dated the 17th March, 1897, was presented to this House.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved, seconded by Mr. *Braden*,—

Whereas on the 30th June, 1896, the Commander-in-Chief of the British Squadron on the *Pacific Station* approached the Government of the Province of British Columbia on the subject of a residence for the Admiral who commands the *Pacific*:

And whereas the vicinity of *Esquimalt Harbour* presents a suitable site, and it is in the interests of the Province that a site for such residence should be obtained:

Be it therefore Resolved, That the said communication should receive the respectful consideration of the Government of the Province of British Columbia.

Mr. *Booth* moved, in amendment—That the consideration of the Resolution be postponed till this day three months.

Amendment carried on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>McGregor—17.</i>
<i>Sword,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Braden—11.</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	

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

Whereas small-pox, cholera, plague and other infectious and contagious diseases have their home in the Orient; and

Whereas communication between this country and the Orient is at the present time, by means of the lines of large steamers which bring weekly to our shores a large number of Chinese and Japanese immigrants, with their baggage, direct from the plague-stricken sections of these countries; and

Whereas an epidemic of small-pox occurred in *Victoria*, *Vancouver* and *Seattle* in 1892, the source of infection being brought in by one of the Oriental steamers; and

Whereas during the present year small-pox has been brought by several of these vessels to *William's Head Quarantine Station*; and

Whereas the detention and disinfection at *William's Head* of vessels such as the "Empresses" are serious matters to our country, commercially, and particularly at the present initial stage of development of trade between this country and the Orient; and

Whereas the present Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health has paid a visit to China and Japan, and on his return stated to the City Council of *Victoria* the dangers of infection which the country is constantly exposed to by communication with the East, and has recommended that the quarantining of Oriental immigrants, and the disinfection of their baggage, should be done before they are allowed to leave or embark at Oriental ports:

Therefore, be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the Dominion Government should take such steps as will insure a proper detention in quarantine of intending Oriental immigrants, and the disinfection of their baggage, before embarking at the various Oriental ports, and that an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to communicate this resolution to the Dominion Government.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Braden*, it was Resolved,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to communicate with the Dominion Government and urge upon them the necessity of having the naturalization laws so amended that, in the case of Chinese or Japanese, a residence of ten years shall be required before naturalization can be granted, and also that in their cases they shall appear in person before the Judge of the Court to complete the formalities.

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

1. What is the total cost of the Draft Revision?
2. How much has the Government paid to the learned Chief Justice as sole Commissioner for completing the said draft?
3. What arrangement (if any) as to compensation has been made by the Government with the Commissioners for the revision of the Draft Revision?
4. What is the total cost of the work to date?

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

"The total amount paid to the sole Commissioner is \$13,500, out of which his payments for professional and clerical assistance are \$4,665.

"The arrangement with the new Commissioners for checking, amending and settling the draft is \$2 per printed page, consisting of about 2,000 pages.

"The cost of binding has been \$334. The cost of printing cannot be computed, as the work has been done by the staff during office hours.

"The total estimated cost of the work will be little more than half that of the revisions either of the Dominion or Ontario, whilst the work is as much as either, or more."

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

1. What is the total expenditure in connection with the photo-topographical survey of *Kootenay*?
2. Has this survey been completed?
3. Have the results obtained been satisfactory to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner?
4. Why has the survey been discontinued?

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

"1. Twenty-five thousand six hundred and two dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$25,602.28).

"2. Yes; as far as undertaken.

"3. Yes.

"4. Because the cost was considered to be too great a tax upon the revenue.

The Report on Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act granting Aid to the Cassiar Central Railway Company," was committed, with Mr. *Booth* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again this evening

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented a Report from the Select Committee to which was referred Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act for the Incorporation and Regulation of Trading Companies," as follows:—

30th April, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee to which Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act for the Incorporation and Regulation of Trading Companies" was referred, have the honour to report:

That they have carefully considered the provisions of the said Bill, and have made certain amendments thereto, and submit the same, as amended, to the consideration of the House.

D. M. EBERTS,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Bill read a first time.

To be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

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

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

House again in Committee on Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act granting Aid to the Cassiar Central Railway Company."

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:10 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 3rd May, 1897.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

On the motion of Mr. *Rithet*, Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act relating to the Grading of Lumber for Exportation to Foreign Markets," was introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Macpherson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a return of all correspondence between the Government and any person or persons in connection with the closing of *Campbell Creek School*?

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

Whereas in and by the award of the Tribunal of Arbitration, constituted under Article I. of the Treaty concluded at *Washington* on the 29th February, 1892, between Her Britannic Majesty and the United States of America, dated the 15th day of August, 1893, certain regulations were made respecting the proper protection and preservation of the fur seal in the *Behring Sea*:

And whereas the "Behring Sea Award Act, 1894," which enacted these regulations, has seriously interfered with the universally recognized rights of vessels on the high seas:

And whereas, in the enforcement thereof by the officers in the Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America, the Canadian sealers have been subjected to great loss, and without compensation being obtained therefor :

And whereas large sums of money have been invested in the said industry :

And whereas further restrictions in the lawful prosecution of the said industry will have the effect of seriously crippling if not altogether ruining it, whereby great injustice as well as loss and privation will be inflicted on those engaged therein, their employés, as well as upon those dependent upon them :

And whereas the existing regulations may, in terms of the said Act, be modified, if found desirable, at the end of the year 1898 ; and it is learned that the United States of America will endeavour to obtain a close season this present year :

And whereas the Canadian sealers contend that the said industry could be carried on without unnecessary loss to them, and without serious detriment to the seal herds, if the following changes could be effected, viz. :—

- (a.) If the zone around the *Pribiloff Islands* were reduced from the 60-mile limit to a 30-mile limit :
- (b.) To permit of pelagic sealing in the Pacific Ocean until the 30th June, instead of 1st May, as at present :
- (c.) If the provisions relating to boarding on the high seas were so guarded as to protect vessels from being unnecessarily boarded and searched and delayed thereby :
- (d.) If two Canadians, experienced in the habits of the fur seal and familiar with the sealing industry, were appointed to investigate and report in conjunction with the British Commissioners :
- (e.) If power were given to the naval officers of both nations engaged in the patrol to hold a Court of Enquiry at *Ounalaska*, or other convenient and safe place nearest the point of seizure, and decide whether, in the event of seizure for an alleged infraction, a vessel, where the evidence is such as not to warrant a vessel being ordered to the home port, may be permitted to return to the *Behring Sea* and complete the season :

And whereas it is desirable to respectfully protest against the present regulations, as well as to request the revision thereof, for the purpose of considering the above suggestions :

Be it therefore Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to communicate with the Government of the Dominion of Canada, urging that Government to lay these views before the Imperial Government, so as to obtain consideration of the same in the direction as herein mentioned.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *McGregor*, it was Resolved,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of a copy of the judgment in the case of *Hoggan v. Canessa*, involving the title to certain property on *Gabriola Island*.

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

What modifications have been made, or promised to be made, by the Government in the leases of the *Burnaby Small Holders*?

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

- “ 1. The valuation of land not to exceed \$30 per acre.
- “ 2. Duration of leases to be forty-nine years.
- “ 3. Annual rental of holdings not to exceed five per cent. on valuation.
- “ 4. Settlers to have the privilege of purchasing their holdings outright at any time, and to receive credit for amount paid by them to sinking fund.”

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

Has any person made application to record any mineral claim situated on portions of 65 and 66, *Victoria District*? If such application has been made and refused, on what grounds was the refusal?

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* replied as follows :—

“ Yes.

“ The application was refused on the ground that the property was not land whereon the right to enter and mine for gold and silver had been reserved to the Crown.”

Mr. Booth presented the Second Report from the Select Committee appointed to consider proposed amendments to the Municipal Acts :—

3rd May, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Committee on municipal matters beg leave to report as follows :—

That they have examined, in accordance with the instructions contained in the Resolution passed on the 18th of March, the Municipal Elections Act, and beg leave to report a Bill to amend the same.

J. P. BOOTH,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act, 1896,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act granting Aid to the Cassiar Central Railway Company," was considered.

Mr. *Sword* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*, to insert the following as a new clause :—

"Placer claims which have to be represented and continuously worked shall not be subject to any claim on the part of the Company to any share in the proceeds of same, although such claims may be located within the limits of the lands leased under the provisions of this Act."

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Walkem—10.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McGregor—17.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>			

Mr. *Sword* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*, to strike out the word "adopted" and substitute the words "considered this day six months."

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Walkem—10.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McGregor—17.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>			

Mr. *Semlin* moved to amend clause one by striking out the word "fifty" in the second line thereof, and inserting "twenty-five" in place thereof.

Moved by Mr. *Huff* in amendment to the amendment, to strike out the words "twenty-five" and insert the words "thirty-five."

Question proposed, "Shall the words proposed stand part of the question?" and resolved in the negative.

Question proposed, "Shall the words proposed to be inserted stand part of the question?" and resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Stoddart.</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McGregor—17.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Colton,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Walkem—10.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>		

Original question, as amended, put and carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to authorise the redemption of certain Debentures issued for the construction of Dyking Works, and, subject thereto, to authorise the Expenditure of Additional Moneys in Strengthening, Extending and Repair of certain Dykes," was committed, with Mr. *Rithet* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Greenwood City Water-Works Company," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Brandon Water and Light Company, Limited," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Huff* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Fairview Power, Water and Telephone Company, Limited," was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of the Cumberland and Union Water-Works Company," was considered.

Mr. *Bryden* moved to amend the title by striking out the words "the incorporation of."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

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

E. DEWDNEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly, for reconsideration, Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Public School Act, 1891,'" which has passed its third reading, and recommends that it be amended in the manner indicated in the Schedule accompanying.

Government House,
3rd May, 1897.

SCHEDULE.

HON. MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

No. 60.]

BILL.

[1897

An Act to further amend the "Public School Act, 1891."

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Public School Act Amendment Act, 1897."

2. Section 5 of the "Public School Act Amendment Act, 1892," and all amendments thereto, are hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:—

"5. The [elective members of the] Board of Trustees for each City School District shall be elected in the manner hereinafter provided by the votes of electors possessing the qualifications prescribed in section 5 of the "Municipal Elections Act, 1896," for electors entitled to vote for Mayor; and when preparing the annual voters' list in cities where said section of said Act is not in force and does not govern the election of Mayor, a list of the names of those entitled to vote for School Trustees, but not included in the city annual voters' list as entitled to vote for Mayor, shall be added thereto."

3. [In addition to the elective members of the Board of School Trustees for each City District, the Council of the Municipality may in each year, by resolution, appoint three of its members to be representatives of the Council on such Board, and such members so appointed shall have and enjoy all the like rights and privileges as are had and enjoyed by the elective members of the Board, and shall, until their successors are appointed, be members of the Board of School Trustees of the said city.]

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee recommend to the House the amended Bill.

Mr. *Booth*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.
The consideration of the Report was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act relating to the Grading of Lumber for Exportation to Foreign Markets" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* to be considered in Committee of the Whole forthwith.

The Committee reported progress.
Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Pend d'Orcille Power and Light Company," was adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Electric Company, Limited," was again committed.
Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* presented a Return of all correspondence between any member of the Government and any other person or persons in regard to matters dealt with under section 16 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, and also a copy of any report which the Inspector of Mines may have made in connection therewith.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to impose certain restrictions upon the granting of Liquor Licences in Rural Districts," was again committed.
Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act for the Incorporation and Regulation of Trading Companies," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The second reading of Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Voters Act' and the 'Election Regulation Act' (and any Acts amending said Acts), by extending to Women the franchise of voting," was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>McGregor—12.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Martin.</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Braden—16.</i>

The Report on Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1896,'" was considered.

Mr. *Hume* moved to strike out section 3.

Question proposed, "Shall the clause stand part of the Bill?" and resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Braden—12.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Bryden—13.</i>
<i>Smith,</i>			

Mr. *Smith* moved to amend sub-section (c) of section 5 by adding to the end of the section the words "having special reference to any prior locations it may join."

Carried.

Mr. *Cotton* moved to insert as a new section:—

"Section 8 of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:—

"8. Every person and joint stock company engaged, as owner or holder of a mineral claim, in mining for minerals (other than coal) shall take out a free miner's certificate, and every person or joint stock company who mines without having taken out and obtained such certificate shall, on conviction thereof in a summary way, forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars, besides costs."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Walkem—10.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Rogers—12.</i>

Mr. *Rogers* moved that clause 17 be struck out.

Carried on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers—15.</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Braden—8.</i>

Mr. *Smith* moved to strike out of section 22 the words "and S," and insert the word "and" between A and B.

Carried.

Mr. *Smith* moved to strike out Form "S."

Carried.

Mr. *Smith* moved to strike out Form "U."

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:30 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 4th May, 1897.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

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

That whereas in the country lying to the north of British Columbia, more particularly the *Yukon* country, there are wide areas which contain rich quartz ledges and placer diggings, and are attracting a large mining population, with prospects of becoming thickly settled and establishing an extensive import trade :

And whereas already there is an important and growing trade between this Province and the country to the north :

And whereas for the carrying of goods into the said country by the present routes it is necessary to pass through the United States Territory of *Alaska*, and as much delay and irritation are caused on account of customs restrictions imposed under the United States regulations, in some instances duty being collected on goods during transit through said territory :

Therefore, be it Resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he may urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of arriving at an arrangement with the Government of the United States, in order that the transport of goods from Canada through the Territory of *Alaska* to the *Yukon* country may be facilitated.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act for the Incorporation and Regulation of Trading Companies," was committed, with Mr. *Walkem* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act granting Aid to the Cassiar Central Railway Company," was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to authorise the redemption of certain Debentures issued for the construction of Dyking Works, and, subject thereto, to authorise the Expenditure of Additional Moneys in Strengthening, Extending and Repair of certain Dykes," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again this evening.

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* presented a Return of the following papers:—

(a.) A copy of all Provincial tenders for furnishing hardware for Parliament Buildings, said hardware to be procured by the tenderer from the *Yale-Towne Manufacturing Co.*

(b.) The name of the successful tenderer.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Martin*, Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the Land Act," was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to make further provision respecting the Territorial Division of British Columbia for Judicial and other purposes," was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

The Report on Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Brandon Water and Light Company, Limited," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Electric Company, Limited," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to authorise the redemption of certain Debentures issued for the construction of Dyking Works, and, subject thereto, to authorise the Expenditure of Additional Moneys in Strengthening, Extending and Repair of certain Dykes," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act for consolidating in one Act certain Provisions usually inserted in Acts with respect to the Constitution of Companies incorporated for carrying on Undertakings of a Public Nature," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to establish Farmers' Institutes," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

To be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the South Kootenay Water-Power Company," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Okanagan Water-Power Company," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1895,' and amending Act," was further considered.

Mr. *Rogers* moved as a new section—

"Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7 of the 'Game Protection Act, 1895,' it shall be lawful to export from this Province, within sixty days after the passing of this Act, any deer skins lawfully held at the time of the passing hereof upon receiving a license so to do under the hand of the Provincial Secretary, to be issued upon his being furnished with satisfactory evidence, by declaration or otherwise, that the same at the time of the passing of this Act were lawfully held."

Negatived.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustees and Executors Act,'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1896,'" was considered.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* moved in amendment, to strike out all the words after and including the word "joint" at the end of section 2 and insert:—

"Joint Stock Company" shall mean any company for mining purposes:

"(a.) Incorporated under the 'Companies Act, 1897,' or any Act repealed thereby; or

"(b.) Registered as a foreign company under any Act repealed by the 'Companies Act, 1897;' or

"(c.) Licensed or registered as an extra-Provincial company under the 'Companies Act, 1897;' or

"(d.) Incorporated by any special Act."

Carried.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* moved to amend section 2 by striking out all the words after "Act," on the nineteenth line, down to and including "Act," on the twenty-first line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words:—

"'Rock in place' shall be deemed to mean and include mineral, not necessarily in a vein or lode, that is, when discovered in the same place or position in which it was originally formed or deposited, as distinguished from loose fragmentary or broken rock or float which, by decomposition or erosion of the rocks, is found in wash, loose earth, gravel, or sand.

"'Valuable deposits of mineral' shall be deemed to mean and include mineral 'in place' in appreciable quantity, having a present or prospective value sufficient to justify exploration."

Carried.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* moved to insert the following as new sections:—

"21. Section 143 of the 'Mineral Act, 1896,' is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sub-section:—

"(a.) The Gold Commissioner or person authorised by him as aforesaid shall be governed by the provisions of the 'Official Administrators Act,' and amending Acts, and any Rules and Regulations thereunder."

"22. Sections 5, 6, 13, 19, 20, 22, 27, 28 and 29 of the 'Mineral Act,' being chapter 82 of the 'Consolidated Acts, 1888,' are hereby repealed."

"23. The schedule of fees to the 'Mineral Act, 1896,' is hereby amended by striking out the word 'scale' in the caption thereof and inserting the word 'Schedule,' and by striking out the first line thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following:—

'For every free miner's certificate issued to an individual..... \$ 5 00

'For every free miner's certificate issued to a joint stock company,—

'(a.) Having a nominal capital of \$100,000.00 or less..... 50 00

'(b.) Having a nominal capital exceeding \$100,000.00..... 100 00

Carried.

Mr. *Braden* moved to strike out section 4 and insert the following in lieu thereof:—

“4. Section 12 of the said Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted in lieu thereof:—

“12. Every free miner shall, during the continuance of his certificate, but not longer, have the right to enter, locate, prospect, and mine upon any waste lands of the Crown for all minerals other than coal, and upon all lands whereon the Crown and its licensees shall have the right to so enter upon, prospect, and mine all minerals other than coal, or to enter, locate, prospect and mine gold and silver only, excepting out of all the above description of lands any land occupied by any building, and any land falling within the curtilage of any dwelling house, and any orchard, and any land for the time being actually under cultivation, and any land lawfully occupied for mining purposes, other than placer mining, and also Indian reservations and military or naval reservations: Provided that where any hydraulic mining works, established in accordance with the ‘Placer Mining Act, 1891,’ have been in operation, the land which may have been uncovered by the operation of such works shall not be located or mined upon by any free miner other than the person or persons carrying on such hydraulic works for a space of six months next after the same shall have been so uncovered: Provided that in the event of such entry being made upon lands already lawfully occupied for other than mining purposes, and not being a portion of lands granted to and held by or for a railway company under any railway subsidy Act heretofore or to be hereafter passed, such free miner shall give adequate security to the satisfaction of the Gold Commissioner or Mining Recorder for any loss or damages which may be caused by such entry if requested by the owner or owners of such land, and should he refuse to give such security when so requested his right to such claim or mine shall cease and determine: Provided that after such entry he shall make full compensation to the occupant or owner of such lands for any loss or damages which may be caused by reason of such entry; such compensation, in case of dispute, to be determined by the Court having jurisdiction in mining disputes, with or without a jury.”

Negatived.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved—That Bill (No. 65) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Provincial Land Surveyors Act, 1891,’ and the ‘Provincial Land Surveyors Amendment Act, 1892,’” be read a second time now.

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* moved in amendment, to leave out the word “now” and insert “this day six months.”

Amendment negatived.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The House again went into Committee of the Whole to consider the provisions of Bill (No. 81) intituled “An Act relating to the Grading of Lumber and other Wood Products.”

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That Bill (No. 81) intituled “An Act relating to the Grading of Lumber and other Wood Products,” be reported to the House.

Mr. *Hume*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

Report adopted.

Bill (No. 81) intituled “An Act relating to the Grading of Lumber and other Wood Products,” was then introduced and read a first and second times.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Elections Act,’” 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 11:15 o’clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 5th May, 1897.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* presented a Return of copies of any further correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, with reference to the question of the removal of the Indians from the *Songhees Reserve*, since the Return dated the 17th March, 1897, was presented to the House.

The Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to establish Farmers' Institutes," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the motion of Mr. *Kellie*, seconded by Mr. *Hume*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the present position of the settlement of the question of the title to the disputed lands in the Railway Belt, so far as the *Town of Revelstoke* is concerned, with names of original grantees, and a list of parties claiming under them, so far as is known, with descriptions of property and nature of title. Also, how many of these have made application through the Provincial Government for Dominion patents, with dates of applications and the action taken in respect to each.

The Report on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to impose certain restrictions upon the granting of Liquor Licences in Rural Districts," was considered.

Mr. *Huff* moved that the following words be added after the word "petition," on the 10th line of section 2 :—

"and for the purposes of this Act a man and his wife shall both be considered as householders."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1896,'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act relating to the Grading of Lumber and other Wood Products," was committed, with Mr. *Walkem* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the motion of Mr. *Adams*, Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act, 1891,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act, 1896,'" was committed, with Major *Mutter* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Major *Mutter* presented the Thirteenth Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
5th May, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

At a meeting of the Committee the following Return was submitted and ordered to be printed:—

Statement of Special Warrants.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. MUTTER,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. *Williams*, as follows:—

That the *Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Company* have been allowed to survey and take up their land grant in a manner not contemplated by the Act—
was resumed.

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Walkem—7.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McGregor—16.</i>

The adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hume*, as follows:—

That the Honourable Minister of Mines, in granting a record of 1,200 inches of water on *Beaver Creek* to *A. F. Heinze*, acted without any legislative authority, and such grant should not have been made until the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act" had become law, and then only in accordance with the provisions of that Act—
was resumed.

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Walkem—9.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McGregor—15.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Martin*, Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act for the removal from Crown Lands of persons unlawfully thereon," was introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act for consolidating in one Act certain Provisions usually inserted in Acts with respect to the Constitution of Companies incorporated for carrying on Undertakings of a Public Nature," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Stoddart* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented a Return showing the present position of the settlement of the question of the title to the disputed lands in the Railway Belt, so far as the *Town of Revelstoke* is concerned, with names of original grantees, and a list of parties claiming under them, so far as is known, with descriptions of property and nature of title. Also, how many of these have made application through the Provincial Government for Dominion patents, with dates of applications and the action taken in respect to each.

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

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

Thursday, 6th May, 1897.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Placer Mining Act, 1891,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Walkem* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* presented a Return to an Order of the House for all correspondence between the Government and any person or persons in connection with the closing of *Campbell Creek School*.

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

1. What is the net cost of all the marble ordered for the new Parliament Buildings, laid down at said works?
2. Is the marble being fixed in place by contract or day labour?
3. If by contract, state amount of said contract; if by day labour the amount paid for same to date.
4. The total amount that has been paid by the Government for day labour since commencement of building to date, on, around and in connection with said buildings.
5. What is the net cost of the two tablets to commemorate the opening of the House, dated 8th February, 1897?
6. What is the difference in cost between the extra work done and work contained in quantities which has not been performed?
7. What is the comparison between the original bill of quantities and the actual measurements so far as completed—in money values?

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

- “1. \$28,796.
- “2. Day labour.
- “3. The cost of day labour on marble has not been kept separately.
- “4. \$1,712, including setting marble and general work on and around the buildings.
- “5. Cost \$210.
- “6. Impossible to say until completion and final adjustment of accounts.
- “7. Impossible to say until completion and final adjustment of accounts, but estimated difference is comparatively little, say \$10,000”

The Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 70) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Small Debts Act, 1895,’” was discharged and the Bill recommitted, with Mr. *Graham* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Major *Mutter* presented the Fourteenth Report from the Printing Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
6th May, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That your Committee met on the 5th inst., when the following Returns and correspondence were submitted and ordered to be printed :—

1. Correspondence *re* Revelstoke lands.
2. Tenders, Yale & Towne, hardware.
3. Correspondence under section 16, “Coal Mines Regulation Act,” &c.
4. Correspondence *re* Songhees Reserve, since 17th March, 1897.
5. Order in Council *re* sealers’ grievances.

All of which are respectfully submitted.

J. M. MUTTER,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Report on Bill (No. 78) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act,’” was considered.

Mr. *Sword* moved, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*, to add the following as a new section :—

“5. In the case of lands authorised to be granted to any railway company as consideration for the construction of such railway or any part of same, no inchoate right shall be held to have been acquired to such land until actual bonâ fide construction has been commenced.”

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Graham—8.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McGregor—16.</i>

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 76) intituled “An Act to authorise the redemption of certain Debentures issued for the construction of Dyking Works, and, subject thereto, to authorise the Expenditure of Additional Moneys in Strengthening, Extending and Repair of certain Dykes,” was considered.

Mr. *Sword* moved to amend section 6 by adding as a sub-section :—

“(a.) No increase to the assessment already registered against the lands in the various dyking districts specified in the Schedule to this Act shall be made against the written protest of the majority in interest of the owners of such lands.”

Negatived.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 45) intituled “An Act to confirm to the Crown all unrecorded and unappropriated Water and Water-power in the Province, and to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the acquiring of Water Rights and Privileges for ordinary domestic, mining and agricultural purposes, and for making adequate provision for Municipal Water Supply, and for the application of water-power to industrial and mechanical purposes,” was again committed, with Mr. *Walkem* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered this evening.

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

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

E. DEWDNEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to make further provision respecting the erection of New Buildings for the accommodation of the Provincial Legislature and the Public Departments,” and recommends the same to the consideration of Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

4th May, 1897.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Booth* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 85) intituled “An Act to make further provision respecting the erection of New Buildings for the accommodation of the Provincial Legislature and the Public Departments.”

The Committee reported the Resolution and the Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill read a second time on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden.</i>
<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Stoddard,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>McGregor—19.</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rieth,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton—7.</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	

Bill committed, with Major *Mutter* in the Chair.

Reported complete without amendment.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to make further provision respecting the Territorial Division of British Columbia for Judicial and other purposes," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Rithet* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act for the Incorporation and Regulation of Trading Companies," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered this evening.

Mr. *Booth* presented the Third Report from the Select Committee on Municipal matters, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
May 6th, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Ward System (section 24).—That the Act remain unchanged so far as regards Rural Municipalities, but to be amended so as to leave it optional to adopt the system by City Municipalities. That the property owners be entitled to vote thereon.

By-Laws (section 50).—That power be given to Corporations to aid smelters, dry dock, or marine railway within a limit of five miles beyond the boundaries of the municipality.

That power be granted to impose a fire insurance tax not exceeding \$200, and not otherwise authorised.

Sub-section (158).—In cities, for regulating the hours during which children under years of age being in the streets without their parents or guardians.

That, notwithstanding section 290, section 29 of the "Municipal Act, 1892," is hereby declared to be in force and not affected in any manner thereby.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the proposed Bill of "Government by Commissioners" (submitted herewith) should be printed and distributed amongst the members of the Legislative Assembly. Your Committee express no opinion as to the advisability or desirability of adopting the said proposed Bill as part of the municipal system.

J. P. BOOTH, *Chairman*.

The Report was received and ordered printed.

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* presented a Return showing:—

1. The number of Crown grants issued since 17th April, 1896.
2. Statement of how many, and which of them, contained the clause to bring such Crown grant into accord with section 13 of the "Land Act, 1896."
3. Wording of such clause.

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act for the removal from Crown Lands of persons unlawfully thereon," was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the South Kootenay Water-Power Company," was considered.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved to amend ssection 12, sub-section (*f*), line 32, by striking out the word and figures "section 42," and inserting the words "the regulations imposed by virtue."

Carried.

The Report to be further considered this evening.

The Report on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Okanagan Water-Power Company," was considered.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved to amend section 12, sub-section (*f*), line 11, by striking out the word and figures "section 42," and inserting the words "the regulations imposed by virtue."

Carried.

Report to be further considered this evening.

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

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

E. DEWDNEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Delta, New Westminster and Eastern Railway Company Act, 1894,'" which has passed its third reading, and recommends that it be amended by substituting the figures "57" for the figures "64," in section 1 of the said Bill.

Government House,
6th May, 1897.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *McGregor* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House the Message and the accompanying Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Delta, New Westminster and Eastern Railway Company Act, 1894.'"

The Chairman reported the Resolution.
Report received and adopted.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Delta, New Westminster and Eastern Railway Company Act, 1894,'" was thereupon recommitted, with Mr. *McGregor* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

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

E. DEWDNEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to authorise the granting of Land Subsidies for and in aid of certain Lines of Railway in Cassiar District," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
6th May, 1897.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee recommend to the House a Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to authorise the granting of Land Subsidies for and in aid of certain Lines of Railway in Cassiar District."

Mr. *Smith*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

On the second reading a debate arose, which was adjourned until this evening.

The Report on Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustees and Executors Act,'" was considered.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved to strike out section 12.

Carried.

Mr. *Stoddart* moved as a new section :—

“12. Any trustee or receiver appointed by any Court or Judge may be removed and a trustee or trustees substituted in lieu and place of such trustee or receiver at any time, upon application to the Supreme Court or a Judge thereof by any cestui que trust being sui juris, with the consent and approval of a majority in interest and number of the cestuis que trust likewise being sui juris.”

Carried.

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

“13. Where any person has entered into a contract in writing for the sale and conveyance of real estate, or of any estate or interest therein, and such person has died intestate, or without providing by will for the conveyance of such real estate, or estate or interest therein, to the person entitled or to become entitled to such conveyance under such contract, then, where, upon the supposition of the deceased being alive, he will be liable to execute a conveyance, the executor, administrator, or administrator with the will annexed (as the case may be) of such deceased person shall make and give to the person entitled to the same a good and sufficient conveyance or conveyances of such estates, and of such nature as the said deceased, if living, would be liable to give, but without covenants, except as against the acts of the grantor; and such conveyances shall be as valid and effectual as if the deceased were alive at the time of the making thereof, and had executed the same, but shall not have any further validity.”

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 65) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Provincial Land Surveyors Act, 1891,’ and the ‘Provincial Land Surveyors Amendment Act, 1892,’” was committed, with Mr. *Hume* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered this evening.

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

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

E. DEWDNEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Supplementary Estimates (No. 1) for the year ending 30th June, 1898, and Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) for the year ending 30th June, 1897; also Schedule A, unprovided items of expenditure for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1896; and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
6th May, 1897.

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

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 80) intituled “An Act to further amend the ‘Supreme Court Act,’” was introduced and read a first and second times and committed, with Mr. *Walkem* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to authorise the granting of Land Subsidies for and in aid of certain Lines of Railway in Cassiar District," was resumed.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McGregor—17.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Walkem—10.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>		

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

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Question proposed, "That I do leave the Chair?"

Moved by Mr. *Walkem* in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Macpherson*—

To strike out all the words after "That," and insert "this House regrets that the Government has not removed the mortgage tax."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Walkem—9.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

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

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do leave the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

8. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Provincial Secretary's Department, to 30th June, 1898.

9. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$132 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Finance Department (Audit Office), to 30th June, 1898.

12. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$54 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Lands and Works Department, to 30th June, 1898.

Mr. *Booth*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolutions and asked leave to sit again.

Report to be received to-morrow.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the South Kootenay Water-Power Company," was further considered.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved to amend section 14, line 4, by striking out the figures "85" and inserting the figures "84."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Okanagan Water-Power Company," was further considered.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved to amend section 14, line 4, by striking out the figures "85" and inserting "84" in lieu thereof.

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read third time and passed.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act.'" was introduced, read a first and second time and committed, with Mr. *Huff* in the Chair.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read third time and passed.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to make valid the 'Tax By-law, 1894,' and the 'Tax By-law, 1895,' of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Kaslo," was introduced and read first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to provide for the more easy Trying and Determining the Rights to Charters, Franchises, and Offices held from the Crown," was introduced, read a first and second time, and committed, with Mr. *Stoddart* in the Chair.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act for the Incorporation and Regulation of Trading Companies," was further considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved the following as a new section:—

"23. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 4 of the 'Mineral Act, 1896,' or section 4 of the 'Placer Mining Act, 1891,' or elsewhere in the said Acts or other the mining laws of the Province, no free miner's certificate shall be issued to a joint stock company for a longer period than one year, and such certificate shall date from the 30th day of June in each year; and every free miner's certificate held by a joint stock company at the passing of this Act shall be valid and existing until and shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1897. Upon applying to renew any such certificate on or before said 30th day of June, the joint stock company shall be entitled to a rebate of a proportionate amount of the fee paid for a certificate heretofore issued according to the further time for which it would but for this section have been valid."

Carried.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to confirm to the Crown all unrecorded and unappropriated Water and Water-power in the Province, and to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the acquiring of Water Rights and Privileges for ordinary domestic, mining and agricultural purposes, and for making adequate provision for Municipal Water Supply, and for the application of water power to industrial and mechanical purposes," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Land Surveyors Act, 1891,' and the 'Provincial Land Surveyors Amendment Act, 1892,'" was further considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* moved to amend clause 3, in line 16, by striking out all words after "Examiners" and insert "and shall have satisfied the Board that he is qualified to practice as a Provincial Land Surveyor, and has resided in the Province for one year immediately preceding his application for admission."

Negatived.

Mr. *Kellie* moved to amend sub-section (a) by striking out the last two lines.

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Walkem—7.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>McGregor—19.</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12, midnight.

Friday, 7th May, 1897.

TWELVE O'CLOCK, NOON.

On the motion of Mr. *Booth*, Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act, 1896,'" was introduced and read a first and second time and *Ordered* to be committed this afternoon.

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to make valid the 'Tax By-Law, 1894,' and the 'Tax By-Law, 1895,' of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Kaslo," was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Sword* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to revise and amend the Rules and Orders of the House, as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee on amendments to be made to the Rules and Orders of the House beg to report as follows:—

They consider it to be desirable that the rules in regard to Private Bills should be so amended as to allow of the consideration of such Bills by the House at an earlier stage of the Session.

That your Committee consider that the rules should be amended to the following effect :

Applicants for Private Bills to deposit with the Clerk of the House, eight days before the opening of the Session, copy of the Bill to be introduced, and copy of the Petition to be presented to the House, together with the notices published; also the sum of \$300. The Law Clerk to compare such Petition with the notices given, in accordance with the rules.

Petitions for Private Bills to be presented to the House within ten days of the opening, and to be referred to the Committee on Standing Orders with a certificate from the Law Clerk as to their being in compliance with the rules. A copy of the notice given to be attached to such certificate.

Bills to be presented to the House within three days of the Report of the Committee on Standing Orders having been received.

In the event of any suspension of the rules, double fees to be charged.

In the case of a Bill introduced not passing the second reading, one-half of the amount deposited for fees to be returned.

Your Committee respectfully recommend that as these changes will necessitate a careful examination and amendment of several of the present rules, Mr. Speaker, the Attorney-General and Mr. Helmcken be appointed a Commission to sit during the recess, with authority to amend the rules in accordance with the above recommendations, and that such rules shall apply to all Private Bills to be introduced at the next Session of the Legislature, and that Mr. Speaker give ample notice by advertisement of the amended rules.

C. B. SWORD,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

Major *Mutter* presented the Fifteenth Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
7th May, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Committee met on the 6th day of May, when the following Return and correspondence were submitted and ordered to be printed, viz. :—

6. Return of Crown Grants issued since 17th April, 1896, and shewing those having section 13 of Land Act inserted.

7. Correspondence *re* Campbell Creek School.

All of which are respectfully submitted.

J. M. MUTTER,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

(Recess from 12:30 to 2 p. m.)

House in Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Stipendiary Magistrates, to 30th June, 1898.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$132 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Provincial Police, to 30th June, 1898.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$180 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Police and Gaols, Cariboo District, to 30th June, 1898.

61A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Hospital, Vernon, to 30th June, 1898.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, in aid of Resident Physician at Ashcroft (additional to \$200 voted), to 30th June, 1898.

72A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, in aid of Resident Physician at Greenwood, to 30th June, 1898.

72B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, in aid of Resident Physician at 150-Mile House, to 30th June, 1898.

72C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, in aid of educating the Deaf and Dumb, to 30th June, 1898.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Yale District, to 30th June, 1898.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, West Kootenay District, to 30th June, 1898.

134A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), lock-up, Ashcroft (addition), to 30th June, 1898.

134B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), lock-up, Sandon (construction), to 30th June, 1898.

135A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Recorder's Office, Trout Lake City (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1898.

135B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Court House, Revelstoke (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1898.

203A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), road, Horsely to Quesnelle Forks, to 30th June, 1898.

204A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), road, Quesnellemouth to Quesnelle Forks, to 30th June, 1898.

207. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), trail, Hazelton to Omineca, repairs (additional to \$1,000 voted), to 30th June, 1898.

207A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), trail, Telegraph Creek to Teslin Lake, to 30th June, 1898.

218A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), bridge at Nicomen, to 30th June, 1898.

218B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), bridges, Granite Creek, Alberni, to 30th June, 1898.

224A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), wharf, Cowichan Bay, to 30th June, 1898.

257A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Steveston, to 30th June, 1898.

257B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Wellington, to 30th June, 1898.

279A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, gratuity to parents of the late F. Mallandaine (3 months' salary), to 30th June, 1898.

279B. *Resolved*, that a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, British Association, grant toward expenses of visit of Delegates to British Columbia, to 30th June, 1898.

279C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, caretaker, Government Buildings, Richfield, to 30th June, 1898.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,855 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Printing Branch, to 30th June, 1897.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Temporary Assistance, to 30th June, 1897.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$480 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Supreme and County Courts, New Westminster, to 30th June, 1897.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Stipendiary Magistrates, to 30th June, 1897.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$840 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Police and Gaols, West Kootenay District, to 30th June, 1897.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Police and Gaols, Cariboo District, to 30th June, 1897.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$211 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Police and Gaols, Nanaimo City, to 30th June, 1897.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$275 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Messengers, Sessional (additional to \$500 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Contingent Fund (additional to \$1,500 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Journals and Statutes Binding (additional to \$1,000 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), (additional to \$9,000 voted), Printing Office, Victoria, to 30th June, 1897.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, In aid of Destitute Poor and Sick (additional to \$2,000 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Prosecution and Interpreters (additional to \$3,500 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, North Nanaimo District, to 30th June, 1897.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,680 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Westminster District, to 30th June, 1897.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,490 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Yale District, to 30th June, 1897.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,117 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, West Kootenay District, to 30th June, 1897.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$340 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Lillooet District, to 30th June, 1897.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$590 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Cassiar District, to 30th June, 1897.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Revenue Services, Commission, Courts of Appeal, Travelling Expenses, &c. (additional to \$12,000 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, Yale District (additional to \$500 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, North Riding, West Kootenay District (additional to \$200 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Asylum for the Insane, water service, &c. (additional to \$2,000 voted for general repairs), to 30th June, 1897.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Law Courts, Victoria, for elevator, &c., to 30th June, 1897.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Court House, Kamloops, alterations (additional to \$2,000 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Gaol at Kamloops, repairs (additional to \$500 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

136A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Lock-up at Grand Forks, construction, to 30th June, 1897.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Trail, construction and furniture (additional to \$1,500 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$111 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Harwood, construction and furniture (additional to \$300 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, East Cedar, construction and furniture (additional to \$300 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

157A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Purchase of lot adjoining Government Office, Kaslo, to 30th June, 1897.

157B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Purchase of site for Court House at Revelstoke, to 30th June, 1897.

165A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$520 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Government House), Victoria, Sewerage construction, to 30th June, 1897.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Esquimalt District, including Sooke River Bridge (additional to \$8,000 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Westminster District, including \$2,800 for bridge on Squamish River Trunk Road, and removal of log jams from Mamquam River (additional to \$20,000 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Yale District, North Riding, including \$2,500, repairs to South Thompson River Bridge at Kamloops (additional to \$10,000 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Yale District, East Riding (additional to \$12,000 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), East Kootenay District, (additional to \$15,000 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

182. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), West Kootenay District, North Riding (additional to \$20,000 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

184. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Main Trunk Road (additional to \$20,000 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$650 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Victoria-Nanaimo Trunk Road (additional to \$3,000 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

193. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$130 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Illecillewaet (additional to \$500 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

194. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$487 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Road to Princeton (additional to \$3,000 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

206. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Toby Creek Trail (additional to \$1,000 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

214F. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), bridge, Coquhala River, (construction), to 30th June, 1897.

214G. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Nanaimo River, Protection to Public Road and Indian Reserve (in consideration of Dominion Government refunding one-half cost), to 30th June, 1897.

214H. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Colonization roads, bridges and wharf, Bella Coola Valley, to 30th June, 1897.

214I. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), China Creek Road, Alberni, (aid toward construction), to 30th June, 1897.

215. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works, Surveys throughout the Province (additional to \$15,000 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

218. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Postage and Express (additional to \$6,500 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

219. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Telegrams (additional to \$2,500 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

221. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Library, Legislative (additional to \$1,000 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

222. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Library, Departmental (additional to \$700 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

224. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Telephone Service (additional to \$1,600 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

247. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, destruction of wolves, panthers and coyotes (additional to \$3,000 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

255. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,415.91 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Provincial Exhibit at Imperial Institute, London, settlement of increased proportion of cost for Curator, staff and maintenance from 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1897, \$529.14; and settlement of Lyons & Co.'s claim for furniture and fittings, including costs of suit, \$2,886.77, to 30th June, 1897.

257. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Lithographing maps (additional to \$1,000 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

258. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Provincial Board of Health (additional to \$1,500 voted), to 30th June, 1897.

261. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Revision of Statutes (additional to \$7,500 voted in 1895, and \$2,500 in 1896), including services of two Commissioners, to 30th June, 1897.

261A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Collecting Agricultural Statistics, to 30th June, 1897.

261B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, in aid of Woman's Ward, Kamloops Hospital (additional to \$1,500 voted in 1896), to 30th June, 1897.

261C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Contribution to the famine fund of India, to 30th June, 1897.

261D. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700.40 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Three Commissioners' services, *re* Lunacy Bill, each \$210; travelling and incidental expenses, \$70.40, to 30th June, 1897.

261E. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Caretaker, Government Buildings, Richfield, to 30th June, 1897.

263. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$526 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Agent-General, London, (allowance for disbursements for office furniture and cablegrams), to 30th June, 1897.

SCHEDULE A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,708.47 be granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the Public Service for the year ended 30th June, 1896, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures.

The Chairman reported the Resolutions passed and asked leave to sit again.
Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Resolutions 8, 9, and 12 passed in Committee of Supply yesterday, and the Resolutions 23, 24, 29, 61A, 65, 72A, 72B, 72C, 96, 97, 134A, 134B, 135A, 135B, 203A, 204A, 207, 207A, 218A, 218B, 224A, 257A, 257B, 279A, 279B, and 279C, for the year ending 30th June, 1898; the Resolutions 8, 22, 23, 25, 30, 31, 37, 41, 46, 47, 48, 65, 79, 98, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 111, 116, 120, 123, 127, 128, 138, 136A, 141, 153, 155, 157A, 157B, 165A, 168, 173, 174, 175, 181, 182, 184, 186, 193, 194, 206, 214F, 214G, 214H, 214I, 215, 218, 219, 221, 222, 224, 247, 255, 257, 258, 261, 261A, 261B, 261C, 261D, 261E, and 263, for the year ending 30th June, 1897, and Schedule A, for the year ending 30th June, 1896, reported from Committee of Supply this afternoon, were received and read a first time.

Resolutions read a second time and taken as read.

Resolutions read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

\$	40,708.47	for the financial year ending 30th June, 1896.
	100,158.31	for the financial year ending 30th June, 1897.
	1,592,033.10	for the financial year ending 30th June, 1898.

\$1,732,899.88

The Resolution was reported.
Report received and adopted.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," be reported to the House.

The Chairman reported the Resolution and the Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill read a first and second time and committed, with Mr. *Booth* in the Chair.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act for the Incorporation and Regulation of Trading Companies" was considered.

Mr. *Cotton* moved to amend section 20 by striking out the words from "place" in the fifth line to "situated" in the sixth line, and inserting the words "part of the Province where the registered office of the company is proposed to be situate" in lieu thereof.

Carried.

Mr. *Cotton* moved to amend section 20 by striking out the words "and in one newspaper circulating in the city or district in which the registered office of the company is situate," in lines 15, 16 and 17.

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved to amend the First Schedule, Table B, line 27, by inserting after the word "hereof" the words "or the capital whereof is increased, pursuant to section 5 (b) hereof.

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was considered.

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

"Notwithstanding anything contained in the Act passed by the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, being 54 Victoria, Chapter 8, and known as 'An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act,' and the Rules and Orders passed thereunder, it shall not be hereafter competent for a County Court Judge to sit as a Local Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, or to exercise any of the powers of such Judge within any Judicial District where a Judge of the Supreme Court resides or usually discharges his duties: Provided, however, that in case of the temporary absence or illness of such Supreme Court Judge, Court motions and Chamber applications may be made and disposed of by a County Court Judge during such absence only."

Carried.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved to amend section 7 by adding the following as sub-section (5):—

"(5.) The giving of notice of appeal shall be deemed to be the bringing of the appeal, within the meaning of this Act."

Carried.

Moved by Mr. *Helmcken* as a new clause, section 9A:—

"The appeals set down for hearing shall be entered by the Registrar on a list divided into three parts, and to be numbered and headed as follows: Number One, Number Two, and Number Three; and the Registrar shall before each sitting of the Full Court enter all appeals in which all the Counsel engaged are non-residents of the place where such sitting of the Court is to be held on part numbered One; and all appeals in which all the Counsel engaged are residents of the place at which such sitting is to be held on part numbered Three; and the remaining appeals on part numbered Two, in the order in which they are respectively received, and such appeals shall be heard and disposed of in the following order, that is to say:—First, those on part numbered One; then those on part numbered Two; then those on part numbered Three, unless otherwise ordered by the Court."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order for the consideration of the Report from Committee of the Whole on the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor returning Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Public School Act, 1891,'" was discharged.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to prevent the spreading of Noxious Weeds," was discharged.

Order for third reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act for consolidating in one Act certain Provisions usually inserted in Acts authorising the taking of Lands for Undertakings of a Public Nature," was called.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved in amendment to section 17, line 4, to add after the word "undertaking" the following: "(or if by the special Act, or by special resolution filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, the undertaking is divided into distinct parts, the whole of the estimated sum required for any such part intended to be presently undertaken)."

Carried.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act, 1896,'" was committed, with Mr. *Walkem* in the Chair.

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

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

House again in Committee on Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act, 1896.'"

Reported complete with amendments.

Mr. *Walkem* moved to add as a new clause :

"Section 219 of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following is enacted in lieu thereof :—

"219. In every City Municipality in the Province there is hereby constituted a Board of Commissioners of Police ; and such Board shall consist of the Mayor, the Police Magistrate, and Commissioner to be nominated and elected by the electors of the municipality at the time and in manner from time to time and by law provided for the nomination and election of Mayor ; and in case the office of Magistrate is vacant, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint such person or persons resident in the municipality to be a member or members of the Board during such vacancy or absence, as the case may require, and the Mayor, or person appointed in his room, shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Board, and any two members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In case the office of Mayor is vacant, the Council may appoint one of their number to act in his place during such vacancy."

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Walkem—9.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>McGregor—17.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>			

Mr. *Kidd* moved to strike out clause 29.

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Walkem—9.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>McGregor—18.</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>		

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:30 o'clock, p. m.

Saturday, 8th May, 1897.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

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

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

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the "Co-operative Associations Act, 1896."
- (No. 2) An Act respecting Master and Servant.
- (No. 3) An Act for the Incorporation and Regulation of Joint Stock Companies and Trading Corporations.
- (No. 5) An Act to Incorporate the Cascade Water, Power and Light Company, Limited.
- (No. 6) An Act to Incorporate the Trail Water Company, Limited.
- (No. 7) An Act respecting the establishment of Farmers' Institutes.
- (No. 8) An Act to Incorporate the Lardeau Railway Company.
- (No. 9) An Act to amend the "Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited, Act, 1896."
- (No. 10) An Act to Incorporate the West Kootenay Power and Light Company, Limited.
- (No. 11) An Act to Incorporate the South Kootenay Water-Power Company.
- (No. 12) An Act to Incorporate the Okanagan Water-Power Company.
- (No. 13) An Act to Incorporate the Fairview Power, Water and Telephone Company, Limited.
- (No. 14) An Act to impose certain restrictions upon the granting of Liquor Licences in Rural Districts.
- (No. 16) An Act to amend the "Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway Act, 1891."
- (No. 17) An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Power and Light Company, Limited.
- (No. 18) An Act to Incorporate the Revelstoke, Trout Lake and Big Bend Telephone Company, Limited.
- (No. 19) An Act to amend the "Cariboo Railway Company's Consolidated Act, 1894."
- (No. 20) An Act to Incorporate the Barkerville, Ashcroft and Kamloops Railway Company.
- (No. 21) An Act to Incorporate the Kaslo and Lardo-Duncan Railway Company.
- (No. 22) An Act to Incorporate the East Kootenay Railway Company.
- (No. 23) An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company.
- (No. 24) An Act to Incorporate the Cassiar Central Railway.
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the "Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company Act, 1894."
- (No. 26) An Act to amend the "Delta, New Westminster and Eastern Railway Company Act, 1894."
- (No. 27) An Act to Incorporate the Stikeen and Teslin Railway, Navigation and Colonization Company.
- (No. 28) An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver-Nanaimo Railway Transfer Company.
- (No. 29) An Act respecting the Cumberland and Union Water-Works Company.
- (No. 31) An Act respecting the Incorporation of the Revelstoke Water, Light and Power Company, Limited.
- (No. 32) An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Electric Company, Limited.
- (No. 33) An Act to Incorporate the Pend d'Oreille Power and Light Company.
- (No. 34) An Act to Incorporate the Brandon Water and Light Company, Limited.
- (No. 36) An Act to Incorporate the Greenwood City Water-Works Company.
- (No. 37) An Act to Incorporate the Grand Forks Water, Power and Light Company, Limited.
- (No. 39) An Act for Consolidating in one Act certain Provisions usually inserted in Acts authorising the taking of Lands for Undertakings of a Public Nature.
- (No. 43) An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Lunatic Asylums and the Care and Custody of the Insane.

- (No. 44) An Act to Incorporate the Nanaimo-Alberni Railway Company.
- (No. 45) An Act to confirm to the Crown all unrecorded and unappropriated Water and Water-power in the Province, and to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the acquiring of Water Rights and Privileges for ordinary domestic, mining and agricultural purposes, and for making adequate provision for Municipal Water Supply, and for the application of water-power to industrial and mechanical purposes.
- (No. 46) An Act to authorise the Yukon Mining, Trading and Transportation Company (Foreign) to construct a line of Railway from the head of Steamboat Navigation on Taku Inlet to Teslin Lake.
- (No. 47) An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act, 1896."
- (No. 48) An Act to Incorporate the Bedlington and Nelson Railway Company.
- (No. 49) An Act to amend the "Game Protection Act, 1895," and amending Act.
- (No. 50) An Act for consolidating in one Act certain Provisions usually inserted in Acts with respect to the Constitution of Companies incorporated for carrying on Undertakings of a Public Nature.
- (No. 51) An Act to amend the "Tramway Company Incorporation Act, 1895."
- (No. 54) An Act to authorise a Loan of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of aiding the construction of Railways and other Public Works.
- (No. 55) An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia-Yukon Railway Company.
- (No. 57) An Act to amend the "Trustees and Executors Act."
- (No. 60) An Act to further amend the "Public School Act, 1891."
- (No. 61) An Act to amend the "Dairy Associations Act, 1895."
- (No. 62) An Act to amend the Dairyman's Association Act, 1894."
- (No. 63) An Act to amend the "Mineral Act, 1896."
- (No. 64) An Act to amend the "Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Subsidy Act, 1892."
- (No. 65) An Act to amend the "Provincial Land Surveyors Act, 1891," and the "Provincial Land Surveyors Amendment Act, 1892."
- (No. 66) An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia.
- (No. 67) An Act to amend the "Revenue Tax Act."
- (No. 69) An Act to amend the "Horticultural Board Act, 1894."
- (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Small Debts Act, 1895."
- (No. 71) An Act for securing the Safety and Good Health of Workmen engaged in or about the Metalliferous Mines in the Province of British Columbia by the appointment of an Inspector of Metalliferous Mines.
- (No. 73) An Act granting Aid to the Cassiar Central Railway Company.
- (No. 74) An Act respecting the Canadian Western Central Railway.
- (No. 75) An Act to amend the "Kaslo and Slocan Railway Subsidy Act, 1892."
- (No. 76) An Act to authorise the redemption of certain Debentures issued for the construction of Dyking Works, and, subject thereto, to authorise the Expenditure of Additional Moneys in the Strengthening, Extending and Repair of certain Dykes.
- (No. 77) An Act to authorise the granting of Land Subsidies for and in aid of certain Lines of Railway in Cassiar District.
- (No. 78) An Act to amend the "Land Act."
- (No. 79) An Act to amend the "County Courts Act."
- (No. 80) An Act to further amend the "Supreme Court Act."
- (No. 81) An Act relating to the Grading of Lumber and other Wood Products
- (No. 82) An Act to make further provision respecting the Territorial Division of British Columbia for Judicial and other purposes.
- (No. 83) An Act to amend the "Placer Mining Act, 1891."
- (No. 84) An Act for the removal from Crown Lands of persons unlawfully thereon.
- (No. 85) An Act to make further provision respecting the erection of New Buildings for the accommodation of the Provincial Legislature and the Public Departments.
- (No. 86) An Act to provide for the more easy Trying and Determining the Rights to Charters, Franchises, and Offices held from the Crown.
- (No. 87) An Act to make valid the "Tax By-law, 1894," and the "Tax By-law, 1895," of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Kaslo.
- (No. 88) An Act to amend the "Municipal Clauses Act, 1896."

His Honour was pleased, in Her Majesty's name, to give assent to these Bills.

The same was announced by the Clerk of the House, in the following words:—

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

The Clerk of the House read the title to the following Bill:—

(No. 40) An Act relating to the employment of Chinese or Japanese on works carried on under franchises granted by Private Acts.

His Honour was pleased to reserve his assent thereto.

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

“His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor withholds his assent to this Bill, and reserves the same until the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada has been signified in respect thereto.”

Then the Honourable Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance a Bill (No. 89) intituled “An Act for granting certain sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia.”

To this Bill the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

“In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill.”

Then His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In liberating you from the arduous labour attaching to your legislative duties, I desire to express my deep appreciation of the care and close attention which you have given to the important subjects submitted for your consideration, which are manifest in the numerous Bills to which I have just assented in Her Majesty's name.

I have pleasure in noticing the liberal supplies you have granted for carrying on the administration of the public affairs of the Province, and in furthering the progress of the undoubted resources of the country in mineral wealth.

The “Water Clauses Consolidation Act” will have a favourable tendency towards facilitating the introduction of the various industries which can be assisted by water power.

The consolidation of, and amendments to, the laws relating to Companies, cannot fail to give increased security to the investment of capital in our Province.

The “Public Works Loan Bill” affords evidence of your desire to give access to the natural wealth of the country by means of railways.

I am pleased to see that the safety of workmen in metalliferous mines has received your attention by the passing of an Act for that purpose.

It is gratifying to find that the important work of consolidating and revising the Statutes is progressing satisfactorily, and that the Act which you have passed will tend towards a completion of the labours of the learned Judges who have given so much careful attention to the subject.

The Act for the protection of land from flooding in the Fraser River Valley, cannot fail to be of great benefit to the farmers in certain portions of that district.

It is satisfactory to note that, by the introduction of an Act for the better administration of the Asylum for the Insane, your attention has been given to the alleviation of the sufferings of those who are mentally afflicted.

The indications of the interest taken in our mining industries, by the financial centres in various parts of the world, are highly satisfactory and encouraging.

It is a subject of regret that the country has lost the services of a most able and pains-taking member of the Legislature through the death of the member for Chilliwack.

I am pleased to note the expression of loyalty and devotion which you have shown by the Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on Her having attained to the sixtieth year of Her reign.

I now take leave of you under the assurance that your labours will be amply rewarded by the safety and security you have afforded for life, property and the investment of capital in our Province, and the general improvement and welfare of the people.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker*, Provincial Secretary, then said,—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please His Honour to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

D. W. HIGGINS, *Speaker*.

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APPENDICES.



PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS, ETC.
