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Friday, 15th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, from the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee, which was read as follows:—

Your Committee have considered the following Bill, and have agreed to report the same without amendment:—

A Bill to confirm *John Robertson Stewart* in the possession of certain lands at *Quatsmo*, and for other purposes.

Mr. *Robson* moved, That the said Bill be read second time on Monday next.  
*Ordered* accordingly.

Mr. *Cogan* moved, Mr. *Smithe* seconding, and it was  
*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to recommend to the Government of Canada, that a weekly Mail Service be established between Peat's Hotel, Metchosin, Happy Valley, and Sooke.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Hughes* seconding, and it was  
*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will urge upon the Dominion Government the importance of establishing Telegraphic communication between Victoria and Nanaimo, with a view to extending the same across the Gulf of Georgia, by means of a submarine cable, so as to connect with the Telegraphic system of the Mainland.

The House then adjourned at 2.45 p.m.

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Monday, 18th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Smithe* presented the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Cowichan*.  
Read and *Ordered* to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Bunster* moved, Mr. *Humphreys* seconding, and it was  
*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he may be pleased to move the Dominion Government that a Mail Service, twice a week, may be established between Victoria and North and South Saanich; also the District of Lake, in Victoria District.

Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) asked leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the 26th Section of the "Land Ordinance, 1870."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.  
Read first time accordingly.

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

Mr. *Cogan* asked leave to bring in Wild Animal Destruction Bill.  
*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.  
Read first time accordingly.  
*Ordered* to be read second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked leave to bring in Fence Bill.  
*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.  
Read first time accordingly.  
*Ordered* to be read second time on Tuesday, the 26th instant.

Mr. *Smith* moved, Mr. *Robinson* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That the correspondence respecting the cutting out of the Trail between Quesnelmouth and Germansen Creek be read, and a Select Committee be appointed to consider the same; such Committee to be composed of Messieurs *Hunter, Semlin, Walkem, Booth (Cowichan), Armstrong, and Smith.*

Mr. *Semlin* moved, Mr. *Beaven* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Return of the amount of per centage on the value of the Estates of deceased persons, received since the 2nd day of June, 1870, under the General Order of that date, be printed and sent down for the information of this House.

The Honorable the Attorney-General asked leave to bring in a Bill for the appointment of a third Judge.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Friday next.

Mr *Bunster* asked leave to bring in Pawnbrokers' Licence Bill.

Mr. Speaker ruled the same out of Order, as being an impost on the people.

Mr. *Bunster* moved, Mr. *Humphreys* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the nature of Trades Licences collected in this Province, for the purpose of equalizing the same; the Committee to consist of Messieurs *Beaven, Smith, Smithe, Mara, Duck.*

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—How much it is estimated it will cost to make a graded Road from Goldstream to Sayward's Mill, Cowichan, by way of Saanich Arm.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* replied.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table, Returns of Revenue and Expenditure, since 20th July, 1871, and Returns of Intestate and Lunatic Estates.\*

On the Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the School Bill,

*Ordered* to be postponed till to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the Report on the Officers Security Bill,

*Ordered* to be postponed till Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Breeding Stock Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Smith*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill with certain Amendments.

Report to be received to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Waggon Tire Bill was read second time and committed.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for this day week.

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee on the Lien Law Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution for the consideration of the House:—

That the Lien Law Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messieurs *Duck, Robertson, Robson, Robinson, and Armstrong*, with instructions to ascertain whether this House has jurisdiction, and whether it would not conflict with the prosperity of this Province.

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the Justices of the Peace Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Officers' Titles Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Armstrong*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with slight Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Naval and Military Settlers' Amendment Bill.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, in amendment,—

That the Bill be read second time this day Six Months.

Amendment put and lost.

Bill read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with slight Amendments.

*Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

Tuesday, 19th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the School Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Public School Act, 1872."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Officers' Titles Bill was brought up.

*Ordered* to be adopted, and that the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Executive Officers' Denomination Act, 1872."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Justices of the Peace Bill was considered.

*Ordered*, That the Report be adopted and the Bill now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be "The Appointment of Justices and Coroners Act, 1872."

On the Order being read for the consideration of the Report on the Naval and Military Settlers' Bill.

*Ordered* to be deferred till Thursday.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker as follows:—

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor forwards herewith, for the information of the House of Assembly, a copy of the Report of the Commission appointed to enquire into

the condition of the Gaol at New Westminster, in pursuance of an Address of the House of Assembly, dated 26th February, 1872.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
Victoria, 19th March, 1872.

According to Order the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand one hundred and fifty-two dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's Office.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand six hundred and forty dollars be granted to the use of Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the Colonial Secretary's Department.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered this day week.

Mr. *Mara* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 20th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, from the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented to the House the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which was read as follows:—

Your Committee have considered the Bill for supplying Victoria with Water, and have agreed to report the same without any Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be adopted.

Mr. *Smithe* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will move the Dominion Government to take such steps as shall be necessary to clear out the log piles in Cowichan River.

Mr. *Smith* moved, Mr. *Robinson* seconding.—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he may be pleased to recommend to the Dominion Government, the wise policy that American pack-trains may be allowed to enter British Columbia, under the same conditions that the American Custom House enacts; and that all British Columbia pack-trains passing over to American Territory, for supplies, and returning within ninety days from the date of their departure, will be excused from Dominion Customs duty on all those animals.

Motion withdrawn by leave.

Mr. *Ash* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to instruct the High Sheriff to summon, in due course, all persons liable to serve on juries, irrespective of color.

On the question being put the House divided. *Yeas* 5, *Nays* 13.  
And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Booth, (Cowichan),</i>	<i>Smithe.—5.</i>
<i>Robson,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>
<i>McCraith,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Booth, (Cariboo),</i>
<i>Holbrook,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Duck.—13.</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>			

So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Report on the Breeding Stock Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered,* That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved,* That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Breeding Stock Act, 1872."

According to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

3. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Three thousand two hundred and twenty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the salaries of the Printing Branch of the Colonial Secretary's Department.

4. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Sixteen hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Audit Branch of the Colonial Secretary's Department.

5. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Three thousand three hundred and ninety-two dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Treasury Branch of the Colonial Secretary's Department.

6. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand four hundred and eighty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Lands and Works Department.

7. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand nine hundred and forty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salary of the Registrar-General of Titles.

8. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Five thousand one hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Attorney-General's Department.

9. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Sixteen hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salary of the Clerk of the Executive Council.

10. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with Legislation.

11. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Four thousand four hundred and eighty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the salaries connected with the Administration of Justice.

12. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Fifteen hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salary of the High Sheriff.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

*Ordered,* That the Report be received on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Mara* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House then adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

Thursday, 21st March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following Returns to Addresses:—

Copies of correspondence in reference to Immigration Conference, at Ottawa: Copies of correspondence relative to the construction of a Trail to Tatlah Lake, and *J. W. Moore's* claim in connection therewith:

Copies of correspondence in reference to Real Estate Tax.

*Ordered*, That the Immigration Return be printed.\*

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on the Naval and Military Settlers' Bill was adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, Mr. *Bunster* seconding,—

That the Bill be now read third time.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, in amendment, Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) seconding,—

That the said Bill be read third time this day Six Months.

Amendment put and lost, on a division. *Yeas* 10, *Nays* 12.

So the Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Military and Naval Settlers' Act Amendment Act, 1872."

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars and twenty-five cents be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the salaries connected with the Police and Gaols, at Victoria.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Police and Gaols Department, New Westminster.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand two hundred and sixteen dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries connected with the Department of Police and Gaols, at Kootenay and Columbia.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand three hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Department of Police and Gaols, at Cariboo.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand four hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Police and Gaols Department, at Omineca.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand five hundred and twenty-four dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Department of Police and Gaols, in the Hope, Yale, and Lytton District.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Police and Gaols Department, in the Lillooet and Clinton District.

\* See Sessional Papers, No. 4.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand seven hundred and eighty-two dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Police and Gaols Department, in Nanaimo, Comox, Salt Spring Island, and Cowichan Districts.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand seven hundred and eighty-six dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries and expenses of the Assay Department.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and eighty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Mrs. Ogilvy's pension for year ending 1872.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with the Administration of Justice, exclusive of Establishments.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twelve thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, for Charitable purposes.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with Immigration.

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and discuss the subject of Immigration, and that no expenditure on account of this grant be made unless such Committee recommend the same, and such recommendation be adopted by the House. Committee: Messieurs *Robson, Duck, Beaven, Armstrong, and Robinson*, with power to send for persons and papers, and instructions to report as soon as possible.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

*Ordered*, That the Report be received on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Mara* also acquainted the House, that he had been directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House do, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

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Friday, 22nd March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to bring in Legitimacy Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted and Bill now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on the 25th Instant.

According to Order the Quatsino Land Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Wednesday next.

According to Order the Puisne Judge Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Thursday next.

According to Order the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses connected with Education.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenses connected with keep of Prisoners and other Police Expenditure.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and sixty-four dollars and fifty cents be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenses of Rents.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand three hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with Transport.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with the completion of Nanaimo Gaol, and constructing Court House, at New Westminster.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with the maintenance of Government House, Victoria.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with the maintenance of Government House, New Westminster.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Repairs of Public Buildings, and of Surveys.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Mara* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House do, on Monday, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table a Return of the amount of Probate and Intestate Fees.

The House then adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Monday, 25th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved, Mr. *Jamieson* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Return of all moneys received as Fees, during the years 1870 and 1871, by the Registrars of the Supreme Court, both Mainland and Island, for their own use, be sent down to this House.

Mr. *Ash* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that all Reports and Correspondence relating to the condition of the Victoria Hospital, be presented to this House.

Mr. *Duck* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—Can several parties pre-empting land in one block, who, for the purposes of convenience and safety, reside only on one Pre-emption Claim, but whose labours and improvement on such land extend throughout the several claims, retain possession thereof, according to the laws applicable thereto?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Semlin* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—What action has been taken with regard to the County Court Fees of this Province?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.



Mr. *Hunter* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—What is the legal standing in this Province of the Kurtz and Lane Mining Company, or of any other Company formed in a Foreign Country, for the purpose of mining in British Columbia?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Ash*, Chairman of a Select Committee appointed to enquire into the charges made by Mr. *Humphreys*, Member for *Lillooet*, that certain men, whose names shall be ascertained, employed on the Waggon Roads in the upper country, have been paid for work which they have never done, and have defrauded the Government, with power to call for persons and papers, reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report with regard to the first charge,—

That your Committee find that the said charge has not been proved, but beg leave to say that Mr. *Humphreys* has stated that there are witnesses residing near Clinton who could substantiate it, but your Committee do not deem it advisable to send for them.

2. With regard to Mr. *Spence*, your Committee has had satisfactory evidence that Mr. *Thomas Spence* is a trustworthy employe of the Government.

On the question of the Report being adopted being put, the House divided.  
*Yeas 11, Nays 11.*

And the names having been called for, they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Holbrook,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Booth (Cowichan),</i>
<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Smithe.—11.</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Booth (Cariboo),</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Jamieson,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Cogan.—11.</i>
<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	

Which being a tie vote, Mr. Speaker cast his vote in the affirmative, and the Report was adopted and Committee discharged.

On the Report of the Committee on the Officers' Security Bill being considered, The Honorable the Attorney-General moved,—

That in section 5, after word "prescribed," words "or referred to" be added: That in section 9, add same words after "limited."

That in section 12, add same words after "prescribed."

Amendments put and carried, and Bill read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be the "Civil Officers' Securities Act, 1872."

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Pastoral Lease Repeal Bill,

Bill withdrawn, by leave.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wolf Poisoning Bill,

Mr. *Cogan* moved that the Bill be now read second time.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, in amendment, that it be read second time this day Six Months.

Amendment put and carried, after a division. *Yeas 15, Nays 4.*

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Water Bill,

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messieurs *Duck, Semlin, Booth (Cariboo), Robinson, Beaven, Holbrook, Booth (Cowichan), and Armstrong*, with power to call for witnesses and papers, five

to be a quorum, with instructions to enquire,—(1) Can water be brought in effectively; (2) At what cost; and such other matters as they may deem advisable.  
Amendment put and carried.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Legitimacy Bill was read second time.  
*Ordered*, to be committed on Wednesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table, a Return to an Address for a Report from the Gold Commissioner of Omineca.

*Ordered* to be printed.\*

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee of Supply.

IN THE COMMITTEE.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and forty thousand four hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Roads and Trails.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding thirty-four thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Miscellaneous Expenditure.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Mr. *Mara* also acquainted the House, that he had been directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

The House then adjourned at 11 p.m.

Tuesday, 26th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Beaven* presented the Petition of *Peter Eddy*.

Mr. Speaker ruled the same out of Order, as containing improper imputations on Chief Justice *Begbie*.

Mr. *Armstrong*, Chairman of a Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Water Bill, and to report,—(1) If water can be brought in effectively; (2) At what cost, reported as follows:—

Your Committee are of opinion,—

1. That water can be brought into the City of Victoria effectively.
2. That the cost, according to Mr. *Tiedeman*, will be \$120,000, and the Committee think \$30,000 should be added for contingencies.

*Ordered*, That the Report be adopted, and the Committee discharged.

On the motion of Mr. *Duck*,

The Water Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Thursday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire if this House has jurisdiction in the Lien Law Bill, and if it would not conflict with the prosperity of the Province, brought up a Report as follows:—

Your Committee find that this House has power to deal with the said Bill,

and that such a Bill, in their opinion, would not conflict with the prosperity of the Province.

Your Committee recommend to the favourable consideration of your Honorable Body the said Bill, with certain Amendments which your Committee have made thereto.

*Ordered*, That the Report be adopted, and the Committee discharged.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the Waggon Tire Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with several Amendments.

Report received, and *Ordered* to be considered on Tuesday next.

According to Order, the Fence Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

The following Resolutions from Committee of Supply, were presented by Mr. *Mara*, and having been read a first and second time, were severally adopted:—

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand one hundred and fifty-two dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's Office.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand six hundred and forty dollars be granted to the use of Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the Colonial Secretary's Department.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand two hundred and twenty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the salaries of the Printing Branch of the Colonial Secretary's Department.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixteen hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Audit Branch of the Colonial Secretary's Department.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand three hundred and ninety-two dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Treasury Branch of the Colonial Secretary's Department.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand four hundred and eighty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Lands and Works Department.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand nine hundred and forty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salary of the Registrar-General of Titles.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand one hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Attorney-General's Department.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixteen hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salary of the Clerk of the Executive Council.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with Legislation.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand four hundred and eighty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the salaries connected with the Administration of Justice.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifteen hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salary of the High Sheriff.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars and twenty-five cents be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the salaries connected with the Police and Gaols, at Victoria.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Police and Gaols Department, New Westminster.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand two hundred and sixteen dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries connected with the Department of Police and Gaols, at Kootenay and Columbia.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand three hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Department of Police and Gaols, at Cariboo.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand four hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Police and Gaols Department, at Omineca.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand five hundred and twenty-four dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Department of Police and Gaols, in the Hope, Yale, and Lytton District.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Police and Gaols Department, in the Lillooet and Clinton District.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand seven hundred and eighty-two dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Police and Gaols Department, in Nanaimo, Comox, Salt Spring Island, and Cowichan Districts.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand seven hundred and eighty-six dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries and expenses of the Assay Department.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and eighty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Mrs. Ogilvy's pension for year ending 1872.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with the Administration of Justice, exclusive of Establishments.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twelve thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, for Charitable purposes.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with Immigration.

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and discuss the subject of Immigration, and that no expenditure on account of this grant be made unless such Committee recommend the same, and such recommendation be adopted by the House. Committee: Messieurs *Robson, Duck, Beaven, Armstrong, and Robinson*, with power to send for persons and papers, and instructions to report as soon as possible.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses connected with Education.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenses connected with keep of Prisoners and other Police Expenditure.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and sixty-four dollars and fifty cents be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenses of Rents.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand three hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Transport.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with the completion of Nanaimo Gaol and the construction of Court House at New Westminster.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with the maintenance of Government House, Victoria.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with the maintenance of Government House, New Westminster.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with the Repair of Public Buildings, and of Surveys.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and forty thousand four hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Roads and Trails.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-four thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Miscellaneous Expenditure.

*Ordered*, That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, to-morrow, in order to make good the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

The House then adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 27th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

His Excellency *Joseph William Trutch*, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, entered the House, and, being seated in the Chair, assented in Her Majesty's name, to the following Bills:—

An Act respecting the Statutes.

An Act to adopt the Tariff and Excise Laws of Canada.

An Act to abolish certain Road Tolls in British Columbia.

The Titles of the Acts having been read severally, His Excellency's assent was announced by the Clerk of the House, in these words;—

In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to this Bill.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved, Mr. *Jamieson* seconding,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the system of Telegraphic arrangements in this Province, and for other purposes; such Committee to consist of Messieurs *Ash*, *Jamieson*, *Booth* (*Cowichan*), *Humphreys*, *Hunter*, and *Armstrong*.

*Ordered*, That the words "and for other purposes" be omitted.

On the question as amended being put, the House divided. *Yeas* 6, *Nays* 16.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Semlin*,  
*Humphreys*,

*Bunster*,  
*Jamieson*,

*Cogan*,

*Duck*.—6.

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Robertson*,  
*McCreight*,  
*Holbrook*,  
*Walkem*,

*Todd*,  
*Robinson*,  
*Beaven*,  
*Hunter*,

*Smith*,  
*Mara*,  
*Hughes*,  
*Robson*,

*Armstrong*,  
*Booth*, (*Cariboo*),  
*Booth*, (*Cowichan*),  
*Ash*.—16.

So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

The Honorable the Attorney-General asked leave to bring in the following Bills:—

Qualification and Registration of Voters Amendment Bill:

Marriage Explanatory Bill:

Public Works Bill:

Election Regulation Amendment Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the said Bills be now read first time. Read severally first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read severally second time on Tuesday next.

*Ordered*, That the Lunacy Jurisdiction Bill be read second time on Tuesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* asked leave to bring in Land Registry Amendment Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time. Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee on the Quatsino Land Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had risen without any report.

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee on the Legitimacy Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with certain Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be received to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read,

The Committal of the Fence Bill was postponed till to-morrow.

And Committee of Ways and Means till Tuesday next.

The House then adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, 28th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Robson*, from a Select Committee appointed to enquire into the subject of Immigration, reported as follows:—

Your Committee recommend,—

1. That the House do assent to the terms and conditions agreed to at Ottawa, in September, 1871.

2. That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be recommended to appoint a local Board, to be called the "Board of Immigration," with power to consider and report upon all matters concerning Immigration, and deal generally with the subject.

3. That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be appropriated for the purpose of compiling and circulating information respecting the Province.

4. That the Government at once offer a premium for the best written pamphlet setting forth, in a concise and popular form, the advantages presented by the Province to Immigrants generally; that the manuscripts of such pamphlets be placed in the hands of the Board of Immigration so to be appointed, within one month of the date of the offer, and that said Board have power to decide upon the respective merits of those submitted, selecting the one which they may deem entitled to the premium for publication.

Report adopted and Committee discharged.

The Honorable the Attorney-General asked leave to bring in County Courts Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted and Bill now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Tuesday next.

The Honorable the Attorney-General asked leave to bring in Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

*Ordered* to be read first time on Tuesday next.

The Honorable the Attorney-General asked leave to bring in Road Ordinance Extension Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Mr. *Cogan* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—If the Tenders of the proposed Graving Dock at Esquimalt require an additional guarantee to that offered by the Government of the Dominion, is it the intention of this Government to bring down a Bill for that purpose this Session?

The Honorable the Chief Commissioner replied.

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—If, in answer to the advertisement of the Government, in respect to a first class Dry Dock at Esquimalt, any Tenders have been supplied; and, if so, their terms, and whether it be the intention of the Government to take any steps towards the immediate construction of the said Dock?

The Honorable the Chief Commissioner replied.

According to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee on the Puisne Judge Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Smithe*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without Amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read third time, and *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be the "Puisne Judge Appointment Act, 1872."

According to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the Water Bill.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Tuesday next.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Beaven* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, based upon the Report from the Select Committee on Immigration.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m., till Tuesday, the 2nd April.

Tuesday, 2nd April, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) presented the Petition of the *Spring Ridge Water Co.*  
Read and *Ordered* to lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* asked leave to bring in Married Womens' Acknowledgment Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.  
Read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Thursday next.

Mr. *Semlin* asked leave to bring in Inheritance Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.  
Read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Thursday next.

The Honorable the Attorney-General asked leave to bring in Constitution Schedule Amendment Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly. *Ordered* to be read second time on Thursday.

Mr. *Jamieson* asked the Honorable the Colonial Secretary,—Whether or not he denies having admitted to me, on two different occasions, that he had received from me, previous to the first meeting of this House, a statement of the wants and requirements of the Lillooet District?

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* replied.

Mr. *Ash* asked the Honorable the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to send to Canada for persons to fill the offices of Superintendent of Education and Warden of Victoria Gaol?

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* replied.

Mr. *Jamieson* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—What course the Government intend to pursue with regard to a Ferry at Lillooet?

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* replied.

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to institute a Survey between Gold Stream and Sayward's Mill, by way of Saanich Arm, with a view of ascertaining the feasibility and cost of constructing a graded Road to Cowichan?

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* replied.

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring down to this House any Supplementary Estimates; and, if so, is it the purpose of the Government to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to bridge the Cowichan River?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Duck* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any steps to provide for a Public Cemetery in the vicinity of the City of Victoria?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Supplementary Estimates for the service of the year ending 31st December, 1871, and for the further service of 1872; and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.\*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

2nd April, 1872.

*Ordered*, That the Supplementary Estimates be referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Beaven* presented Probate Bill.

*Ordered* to be read first time.

Read first time accordingly, and *Ordered* to be read second time to-morrow.

\* See Sessional Papers, No. 6.



Mr *Beaven* asked leave to bring in Municipal Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted and the Bill now read first time.

Read first time accordingly, and *Ordered* to be read second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Legitimacy Bill was considered and adopted.

Mr. *Beaven* moved,—

That the Bill be now read third time.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, in amendment,—

That the said Bill be read third time this day Six Months.

Amendment put and lost.

So the Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Legitimacy Act, 1872."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Waggon Tire Bill was brought up.

On the question of the adoption of the Report being put, the House divided.

*Yeas* 8, *Nays* 13.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Holbrook,</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Booth (Cowichan),</i>	<i>Cogan.—8.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>
<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Jamieson,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Booth (Cariboo),</i>	<i>Robinson.—13.</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>			

So it passed in the negative, and the Bill lapsed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House went into Committee on the Lien Law Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had risen without a Report.

So the Bill lapsed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Marriages Explanatory Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Smithe*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without Amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read third time, and *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be the "Marriage Ordinance Amendment Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Election Regulation Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without Amendment.

Bill read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Election Regulation Act (1871) Amendment Act, 1872."

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Public Works Bill,

*Ordered* to be postponed till to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Lunacy Jurisdiction Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

Report received, and *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Land Registry Amendment Bill,  
Bill withdrawn by leave.

Pursuant to Order, the County Court Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Smithe*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

Report received, and *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the House to go into Committee of Ways and Means,

*Ordered* to be deferred till Friday.

On the Order of the Day being read for the committal of the Water Bill, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) moved, That the Bill be committed this day Six Months. Motion subsequently withdrawn by leave.

The House resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had ruled an Amendment out of Order, as being contrary to the "British North America Act," such Amendment making the expenditure proposed in the Water Bill a direct charge on the Revenue, such expenditure not having been recommended by the Lieutenant-Governor, and that the Committee had appealed against his decision to the House, and asked leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker supported the Chairman, and decided the Amendment to be out of Order.

House again in Committee.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 12, midnight.

Wednesday, 3rd April, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker as follows:—

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "An Act to establish a Consolidated Revenue Fund for British Columbia," with regard to which he calls the attention of the Assembly to the fact that Section 3 of the Bill is not in conformity with Section 54 of the "British North America Act," which, by virtue of Section 90 of the said Act, extends and applies to the Legislative Assembly of this Province. He, therefore, suggests that the said 3rd Section should either be struck out, or be so amended as to conform to the "British North America Act" in this respect.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS,  
Victoria, 3rd April, 1872.

*Ordered*, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Amendments proposed by His Excellency to the Consolidated Fund Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution :—

That this House doth assent to the Amendments proposed by His Excellency to the said Bill.

Question put and carried.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, which was read as follows :—

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly, for reconsideration, a Bill intituled "An Act further to amend the 'Road Ordinance, 1869,'" and suggests to the Assembly the propriety of striking out Section 3 of the said Bill, as it purports to postpone the period for holding the sittings of the Court of Appeal, which have already been held in conformity with the said amended "Road Ordinance, 1869."

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS,  
Victoria, 3rd April, 1871.

*Ordered* to be considered in Committee to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Tax Sale Relief Bill, brought up a Report, which was read as follows :—

Your Committee appointed (without instructions) to report upon a Bill intituled "An Act to carry into effect the recommendations of the Commission on the 'Tax Sale Repeal Ordinance (1867) Amendment Act,' and to give relief in certain cases not appointed by the Commissioners," have the honor to report that they have examined the said Bill, and now recommend the same, with the Amendments your Committee have made thereto, to the favorable consideration of your Honorable House.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be committed to-morrow.

Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) asked leave to bring in Land Clauses Amendment Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted and Bill now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

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

Mr. *Ash* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding,—

That this House is of opinion that all Crown Lands situate to the south of the City of Victoria, between Beacon Hill and the mouth of Victoria Harbour, should be reserved and set apart as a portion of the adjacent Public Park.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved in amendment, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconding,—

That all words after "Harbour" be erased, and the following substituted : "should be set apart for the purposes of a Public Cemetery."

On the question being put, That the words proposed to be struck out do stand part of the question, the House divided. *Yeas* 9, *Nays* 10.

So it passed in the negative, and the words were struck out.

The debate was then adjourned till to-morrow.

Mr. *Bunster* moved, That the question of bringing in a Bill to tax Hawkers and Pedlers be referred, to-morrow, to a Committee of the Whole House.

*Ordered* accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Report on the Lunacy Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Lunacy Jurisdiction Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Report on the County Court Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time, and *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be "The County Court Judges Appointment Act, 1872."

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Public Works Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with certain Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be received on Friday.

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee of Supply.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Smithe*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 12, midnight.

Thursday, 4th April, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Ash* presented the Petition of *W. J. Macdonald*.  
Read and *Ordered* to lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That this House is of opinion that the Court Fees in this Province, taken in the Supreme and County Courts, should be reduced to the same scale as the Fees taken in the corresponding Courts in England.

Mr. *Hughes* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—If there is now in existence a Pilot Board; if so, of whom does it consist? If not, to whom is the Master of a Vessel, feeling aggrieved, to apply to for redress?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to bring in Game Amendment Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

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

The following Resolutions from Committee of Supply, were presented by Mr. *Smithe*, and having been read a first and second time, were severally adopted:—

*Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding fifty-nine thousand four hundred and twenty-three dollars and seven cents be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenditure incurred in the year 1871, beyond the votes of that year.

*Resolved*, That a further sum not exceeding One thousand and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with Legislation.

*Resolved*, That a further sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salary of Constable at Burrard Inlet.

*Resolved*, That a further sum not exceeding Seven thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenditure on Roads, Streets, and Bridges.

*Ordered* to be referred to Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee to consider the Amendment proposed by His Excellency to the Road Amendment Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cogan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution:—

That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully acquainted that this House concurs in the amendment proposed by His Excellency to the Road Amendment Bill.

Question put and carried.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Constitution Schedule Amendment Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cogan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had decided on a point of Order referred to him in Committee. That if an Amendment were offered to repeal or alter the 38th Section of the Constitution Act in Committee on the present Bill, he should rule the same out of Order, as not being within the scope of the preamble of the Bill under consideration, and in opposition to the 54th Section of the "British North America Act;" that he was directed to obtain the opinion of Mr. Speaker on the point of Order, and to ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker deferred his decision till to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted to sit again.

The House went again into Committee on the Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cogan* reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Mr. *Smith* moved, Mr. *Robinson* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this House that a Supreme Court should be held semi-annually, and a County Court monthly, at Lytton.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare a Bill for taxing Wild Lands, brought up a Report as follows:—

Your Committee, appointed to draft a Bill to tax certain Wild Lands in the Province of British Columbia, and report, beg leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee have on several occasions met and consulted, and they have, in accordance with their instructions, drafted a Bill to tax Wild Lands, which Bill is herewith presented to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Report be adopted, and the Bill referred to-morrow to a Committee of the Whole House.

Pursuant to Order, the House took into consideration the Tender for constructing a Graving Dock at Esquimalt.

Mr. *Smith* moved, Mr. *Hughes* seconding,—

That the action of the Government with regard to the Tender now before the House, for the construction of the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, is satisfactory to this House.

Mr. *Ash* moved, in amendment, Mr. *Bunster* seconding,—

That the Government be authorized to accept the Tender made for the construction of the Dock at Esquimalt.

Amendment put and lost.

Mr. *Smith's* motion withdrawn, by leave.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, Mr. *Robinson* seconding,—

That it is not desirable that the Tender for the construction of the Graving

Dock at Esquimalt, now laid before this House, should be accepted, and this House is of opinion that it is advisable that further information on the subject be obtained and further Tenders be invited.

On the question being put the House divided. Yeas 18, Nays 2.  
So it was carried in the affirmative and *Resolved* accordingly.

The Honorable the Attorney-General moved, and it was carried *nem. con.*,—  
That leave be granted to bring in Courts Circuit Bill.

Bill presented and read first time.

*Ordered, nem. con.*, to be read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Humphreys*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without any Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be adopted and the Bill now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Circuit Courts Act, 1872."

Pursuant to Order, the Births, Deaths, and Marriages Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Humphreys*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Married Women's Acknowledgment Bill,

*Ordered*, That the rest of the Order of the Day be postponed till to-morrow, in order to read second time the Qualification and Registration of Voters Bill.

Bill read second time and committed.

And the House having continued to sit until after 12, on Friday morning,—

5TH APRIL, 1872.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cogan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-day.

The House then adjourned at 12.40 a.m.

Friday, 5th April, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker rendered his decision on a point of Order, which arose yesterday. In Committee on a Bill, Amendments must be relevant to the subject matter of the Bill. Before the House, irrelevant clauses are admissible, but rarely tolerated.

Mr. *Jamieson* moved, Mr. *Ash* seconding,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the conduct of the two Members for Lillooet, with respect to the information given by them to the Government, regarding the wants and requirements of the said District. Committee to consist of Messieurs *McCreight*, *Walkem*, *Semlin*, *Robson*, *Ash*, and *Booth* (*Cowichan*.)

Mr. *Beaven* moved in amendment, Mr. *Hunter* seconding,—

That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the Members for Lillooet, with respect to giving information to the Government, in regard to the wants of that District, was all that could be done under any circumstances, and all that was necessary.

Amendment put and lost.

On the Original Question being put the House divided. Yeas 8, Nays 14.  
So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

Mr. *Ash* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* seconding,—

That the papers relating to the Trails and Roads from Skeena to Omineca be read.

Mr. *Robson* moved, in amendment, That the following words be added: “and that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the whole question, and report upon the same, with power to send for persons and papers. Committee to consist of Messieurs *Walkem*, *Hunter*, *Robson*, *Bunster*, and *Beaven*.”

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, in amendment, That the Bridge commonly known as Spence's Bridge, be considered at the same time.

Mr. *Armstrong's* Amendment put and lost.

Mr. *Robson's* Amendment put and carried.

Original Question, as amended, put and carried, and it was *Resolved* accordingly.

Mr. *Ash* moved, Mr. *Robson* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Executive Council, in the matter of appointments to Public Offices, to advise the Governor to appoint fit and proper persons, if such there be, from among the actual residents within this Province.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for the Registration in British Columbia of certain Foreign Companies.

Leave granted and Bill read first time.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Births, Deaths, and Marriages Registration Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the “Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1872.”

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Constitution Schedule Amendment Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be “The Act to amend the Schedule of the Constitution Act, 1871.”

On the Order of the Day being read for considering the Report on the Public Works Bill.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be re-committed.

The House went again into Committee on the said Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with further Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

On the Order being read for the consideration of the Report on the Qualification and Registration of Voters Bill,

Mr. *Robson* moved the following Amendment to Section 10:—

That all words after “subject,” in the fourth line, down to the word “having,” in the sixth line, be omitted.

Whereupon a debate arose; which having terminated, the House divided. Yeas 12, Nays 9.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

## YEAS:

## Messieurs

<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Booth, (Cariboo),</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>
<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Cogan,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Duck.—12.</i>

## NAYS:

## Messieurs

<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>
<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Booth, (Cowichan),</i>	<i>Ash.—9.</i>
<i>Holbrook,</i>			

So the Amendment was carried.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, That all words in Section 10, line 7, from "who shall" to "respectively shall," in line 24, and from "Provided," in line 26, to "mentioned," in line 32, and from "Provided," in line 37, to "this Act," in line 45, be struck out.

Amendment put and carried.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* moved, That in Section 12, Notice No 3, all words after "District of" be erased to end of Notice, and the following substituted: "in virtue of my being a natural-born (or naturalized) British Subject, as the case may be, of the full age of twenty-one years, and not disqualified by any law in force in this Province."

Amendment put and carried.

Mr. *Robson* moved, That Section 13 be struck out.

Section 13 struck out accordingly.

Mr. *Robson* moved the following as a new Clause:—

"Nothing in this Act shall be construed to extend to, or include, or apply to Chinese or Indians."

Question put and Clause added.

*Ordered,* That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and *Resolved,* That this Bill do pass and that its title be "The Qualification and Registration of Voters Act Amendment Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolutions:—

*Resolved,* That in order to make good the supply granted to Her Majesty, for the year ending 31st December, 1872, the sum of Four hundred and twenty-two thousand three hundred and twenty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents be granted to Her Majesty, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of British Columbia.

*Resolved,* That in order to make good the supply granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year ending 31st December, 1871, beyond the votes of that year, the sum of Fifty-nine thousand four hundred and twenty-three dollars and seven cents be granted to Her Majesty, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of British Columbia.

Read first and second times and agreed to.

*Ordered,* That leave be granted to the Honorable the Attorney-General to bring in Supply Bill.

Bill read first time.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee to consider a Tax on Hawkers and Pedlers.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cogan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution:—

That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable to tax Hawkers and Pedlers



at a rate of \$            per annum, and that a Bill should be introduced for that purpose, and that the impost should only apply to Vancouver Island.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Game Amendment Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without Amendment.

*Ordered* to be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Game Amendment Act, 1872."

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee to consider the propriety of the Wild Land Tax Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been directed to obtain the decision of the Speaker as to whether a Tax could originate otherwise than in Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker decided that a Tax might originate in a Committee appointed to consider the same.

The House went again into Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported a Resolution.

*Ordered* to be received to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Married Womens' Acknowledgment Bill,

The Order dropped.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Inheritance Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without Amendment.

Bill read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Inheritance Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House went into Committee on the Tax Sale Relief Bill.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 12, midnight.

Saturday, 6th April, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, Mr. *Robson* seconded, and it was

*Resolved, nem. con.*, That in the opinion of this House, in order to facilitate the construction of a Dry Dock at Esquimalt, the Government should take the earliest opportunity to select a site, and make the necessary borings, and settle the dimensions, prepare the necessary plans and specifications, and advertise for tenders for construction of said Dock, giving the fullest information possible on the subject.

Mr. *Robson* asked leave to introduce a Bill to amend "The Constitution Act, 1871."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted and Bill now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

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

Mr. *Bunster* asked leave to bring in Dower Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

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

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—Whether the report that a Mr. Pinder, lately arrived in this Province, has received, or is to receive, the appointment of Private Secretary to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, is correct? and, if so, whether the appointment will be made by the Government of the day, or by whom?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Bunster* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—Whether private parties can shut up an old and established Trail that Statute labour has been done on?

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* replied.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Public Schools," with a recommendation that that portion of Clause 4 which restricts the selection of a Superintendent to persons "who are experienced and successful Teachers of at least five years' standing, and hold a first class certificate from some College, School, or Board of Examination, in some other Province or Country where a Public School system has been in operation," be struck out.

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*Ordered*, That His Excellency's Message be considered at once in Committee. The House resolved itself into Committee accordingly.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Smith*, Chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee had risen without a Report.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Public Works Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Public Works Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Supply Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report of Committee to consider the propriety of bringing in Hawkers' and Pedlers' Bill was read second time and adopted.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted to bring in a Bill taxing Hawkers and Pedlers.

Bill read first and second times.

*Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the propriety of taxing Wild Lands was considered and adopted as follows:—

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to tax certain Wild Lands within this Province.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted to Mr. *Walkem* to bring in Wild Land Tax Bill.

Bill introduced and read first time.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House went again into Committee on the Tax Sale Relief Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been directed to appeal to the House on the following point of Order, and to ask leave to sit again :—

Yesterday, in Committee on the Tax Sale Relief Bill, the following Clause, viz. : “ That all Government Taxes, &c., now supposed to be due, be and are hereby cancelled up to 21st July, 1871,” was ruled out of Order by the then Chairman, for the following reasons :—That the sums to be obtained from the Taxes proposed to be remitted have already been voted in Committee of Ways and Means, to make good the supply granted to Her Majesty, and could not be diverted without a recommendation by Message from the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Speaker supported the Chairman’s decision, and leave was granted to sit again.

The House went again into Committee on the Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes* reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Monday.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Land Clauses Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with certain Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be received on Monday.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the Ogden Point Land Question was resumed.

After some debate, the question was again adjourned till Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Monday, 8th April, 1872.

2 O’CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Land Clauses Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the “Land Ordinance Amendment Act, 1872.”

On the Order of the Day being read for considering the Report on the Tax Sale Relief Bill,

*Ordered* to be deferred till to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the Supply Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without Amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time, and *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money required for defraying the Expenses of Civil Government for the year 1872, and for making good certain sums expended for the Public Service in 1871, and for other purposes."

Pursuant to Order, the Constitution Amendment Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Dower Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the Ogden Point Lands was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* withdrew his Amendment, by leave.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* moved,—

That 47 acres of the Crown Lands at Ogden Point should be set apart for the purpose of providing for a Public Cemetery, as Trustees in that behalf shall think fit.

Mr. *Ash* moved, That the words "on behalf of the City of Victoria" be added after "Cemetery."

Amendment put and carried.

Mr. *Duck* moved, That the words "and for other public purposes" be added between "Cemetery" and "on behalf."

Amendment put and carried.

Question as amended put and carried, and it was

*Resolved*, That 47 acres of the Crown Lands at Ogden Point should be set apart for the purpose of providing for a Public Cemetery, and for other public purposes, on behalf of the City of Victoria, as Trustees in that behalf shall think fit.

Pursuant to Order, the Probate Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Municipalities Bill was read second time and committed.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 9th April, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

On the Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Tax Sale Relief Bill,

Mr. *Robson* moved, That in line 6, Section 1, the word "and" be omitted, and the word "provided" substituted.

Amendment put and carried.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Tax Sale List Enabling Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Report on the Constitution Amendment Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be "The Constitution Amendment Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Report on the Probate Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be the "Probate Duty Act, 1872."

Pursuant to Order, the Foreign Companies' Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the committal of the Dower Bill,

Mr. *Bunster* moved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee on the said Bill.

On the question being put, it passed in the negative, so the Bill lapsed.

Pursuant to Order, the Wild Land Tax Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hunter*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House went again into Committee on the Municipalities Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 10th April, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Foreign Companies' Registration Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Foreign Companies' Act, 1872."

On the Order being read for the consideration of the Report on the Wild Land Tax Bill,

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, That in Section 1, sub-section (a), words be added as follows: "and any land hereafter to be appropriated under the 11th Section of the Terms of Union with Canada."

Amendment ruled out of Order by Mr. Speaker, in consequence of notice not having been given.

The Report was then adopted, and it was *Ordered*, that the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Land Tax Act, 1872."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Municipalities Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Municipality Act, 1872."

On the Order of the Day being read for the House to go into Committee on the Fence Bill,

*Ordered*, That leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Bill withdrawn accordingly.

On the Order of the Day being read for the committal of the Hawkers' and Pedlers' Bill,

*Ordered*, That leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Bill withdrawn accordingly.

Mr. *Robson*, from a Select Committee appointed to consider the question of the Skeena Roads and Trails, brought up a Report as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report as follows:—

1. With the evidence before it, your Committee find it impossible to arrive at any definite and final conclusion.

2. Your Committee find that a considerable sum of money has been expended in good faith in the construction of the Trail in question.

3. The Tolls upon the Trunk Road having been abolished, your Committee deem it inadvisable that Tolls should be imposed on the Skeena Trail, and it is hoped that the Executive may be enabled to effect a compromise with the Contractor, which will enable the Trail in question to be thrown open to all.

Mr. *Booth* moved, Mr. *Armstrong* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That the Report be received and laid on the Table, and the Committee discharged.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Smith* seconding,—

That the Report of the Select Committee on the Skeena Trails be transmitted to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Speaker ruled the question out of Order, as being an Address for an appropriation.

An appeal having been made against the decision of the Speaker.

And on the question being put "Does this House support the Chair?" the House divided. *Yeas* 9, *Nays* 12.

So it passed in the negative.

On the Resolution being subsequently put, the House again divided. *Yeas* 14, *Nays* 8.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Beaven,*  
*Hunter,*  
*Robinson,*  
*Smith,*

*Robson,*  
*Mara,*  
*Hughes,*  
*Duck,*

*Bunster,*  
*Humphreys,*  
*Booth (Cariboo),*

*Ash,*  
*Jamieson,*  
*Cogan.—14.*

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Robertson,*                      *Walkem,*                      *Armstrong,*                      *Smithe,*  
*McCreight,*                      *Todd,*                      *Booth (Cowichan),*                      *Semlin.*—8.

So it was carried in the affirmative and *Resolved* accordingly.

Pursuant to Order, the House went again into Committee on the Water Bill.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Mr. *Smithe* moved, Mr. *Cogan* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be requested to make use of the sum of \$7,000 appropriated for the purpose of bringing Water into the City of Victoria, or as much of it as may be required, to make proper surveys and to prepare plans and specifications, of the best source from which a good supply may be obtained, in order that at the next meeting of the House the question may be dealt with intelligently.

The House then adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

Thursday, 11th April, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, Mr. *McCreight* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That the Government furnish each Member of the House with five copies of the Acts passed at this Session, as soon as convenient, for distribution in the several Districts.

His Excellency *Joseph William Trutch*, Lieutenant-Governor, having entered the House of Assembly, and, being seated in the Chair, assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the following Bills:—

An Act to define the Privileges, Immunities, and Powers of the Legislative Assembly, and to give summary protection to persons employed in the publication of Sessional Papers.

An Act to provide for Oaths to Witnesses being administered in certain cases, for the purposes of the Legislative Assembly.

An Act to establish a Consolidated Revenue Fund for the Province of British Columbia.

An Act to further amend the "Road Ordinance, 1869."

An Act for continuing the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in case of the Demise of the Crown.

An Act to repeal "The Civil List Act, 1871."

An Act to enable the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint Notaries Public.

An Act to amend the manner of taking the Verdict of a Jury in Civil Cases.

An Act to make provision for Inquiries concerning Public Matters.

An Act to enable the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint Justices of the Peace and Coroners.

An Act to amend "The Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867."

An Act to define and explain the designation of the Officer described as the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and to alter and define the designation of the Colonial Secretary as mentioned in "The Constitution Act, 1871."

An Act respecting Public Schools.

An Act respecting Breeding Stock.

An Act respecting Security to be given by Officers of British Columbia.

An Act to amend and explain the "Marriage Ordinance, 1867."

An Act to amend the "Election Regulation Act, 1871."

An Act to make provision for the better administration of Justice in British Columbia.

An Act to amend the "Game Ordinance, 1870."

An Act to make provision for the better administration of Justice in British Columbia,

An Act to remove doubts as to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and of the Judges thereof, over the persons and estates of Idiots and Lunatics.

An Act respecting the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in British Columbia.

An Act to amend the Schedule of "The Constitution Act, 1871."

An Act respecting Public and other Works in British Columbia.

An Act to alter and amend the course of descent of Real Estate.

An Act to make provision for the better administration of Justice in British Columbia.

An Act to alter and amend "The Constitution Act, 1871."

An Act to amend the "Land Ordinance, 1870."

An Act to carry into effect the recommendations of the Commission on "The Tax Sale Repeal Ordinance (1867) Amendment Act," and to give relief in certain cases not appointed by the Commissioners.

An Act respecting Probate and Administration Duty.

An Act respecting Municipalities.

An Act to make provision for the Registration in British Columbia of certain Foreign Companies.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly signified His Excellency's assent, in the following words, after reading the title of each Bill:—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent "to this Bill."

To the following Bills His Excellency's assent was reserved:—

An Act to amend "The Naval and Military Settlers' Act, 1863."

An Act to impose a Wild Land Tax.

An Act to amend "The Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1871."

An Act to render legitimate, children born out of lawful wedlock, whose parents now are or may hereafter, under certain restrictions, be married.

The Clerk signifying the same as follows, after reading the title of each Bill:—

"His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor reserves his assent to this Bill, "until the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada has been "signified in respect thereto."

Then, the Honorable the Speaker addressed His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Excellency, 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 Excellency's acceptance, a Bill intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money required for defraying the Expenses of Civil Government for the year 1872, and for making good certain sums expended for the Public Service in 1871, and for other purposes."



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To this Bill, the Clerk of the House, by His Excellency's command, did thereupon say:—

“In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor thanks Her loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill.”

Then, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following Speech:—

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.*

The state of public business now enables me to release you from further attendance in this Assembly.

I desire to express my acknowledgments for the careful attention which you have bestowed upon the several measures suggested for your consideration, and I am persuaded that those to which I have assented will contribute to promote the best interests of the Province.

I thank you for the supplies granted for the service of the year, and I feel confident that the appropriations made by you in aid of public works will greatly conduce to the advancement of the general interests of the Province.

At the opening of the Session, I adverted to the fact that British Columbia had sought Legislative success in the adoption of a single Chamber, and reminded you that your responsibility was thus proportionately increased. It is, therefore, with very great pleasure that I now congratulate you on the wisdom and prudence which have guided your deliberations, and which afford the best assurance that under our new Constitution, the utmost expectations of our people will be realized’

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, Provincial Secretary, then said,—

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.*

It is His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until Wednesday, the Twelfth day of June next, to be then here holden, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Wednesday, the Twelfth day of June next.

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