

Monday, 1st February, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Stephen*.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Twelfth Annual Report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in the Province. (*See Seasonal Papers*).

Mr. *Cunningham* presented a Petition from the *New Westminster* and *Port Moody* Telephone Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (Telephone)
Laid on the table.

The Petition from *A. Cowan* and others for leave to introduce a Private Bill (Fire Insurance), was read and received.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the consideration of the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was resumed.

Mr. Speaker stated that objection having been taken at the last sitting of the House to the proposed amendment of Mr. *Beaven*, he would have to rule the said amendment out of order as being a reflection on the past proceedings of this House. [*See May's Par. Prac.*, pp. 336-338, 8th Edition].

Mr. *Beaven* appealed from the decision to the House.

Mr. Speaker's decision was affirmed on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Orr,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Dick,</i>
<i>Davie, Theo.,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Cunningham,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>John,</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Drake,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>
<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Raybould—18.</i>
<i>McTavish,</i>	<i>Dingwall,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs.

<i>Galbraith,</i>	<i>McLeese,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Helgesen—6.</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>		

The fifth to the twenty-sixth clause, both inclusive, being again read, were agreed to, and it was *Resolved* accordingly.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Davie*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Resolution to present an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Honour for his gracious Speech, be referred to a Select Committee, composed as follows:—

The Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the Honourable the Attorney-General, the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Agriculture, and Messrs. *Wilson* and *T. Davie*.

The Honourable Mr. *Smith*, from the Select Committee, reported an Address, which read as follows:—

To the Honourable CLEMENT FRANCIS CORNWALL, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for your gracious speech at the opening of this the Fourth Session of the Fourth Term of the Provincial Legislature.

We receive with great pleasure Your Honour's congratulations upon the continued pros-

perity of the country, and the hopeful prospect of its varied resources being steadily and increasingly developed.

It is gratifying to us to know that the stupendous work of constructing the Canadian Pacific Railway from the Atlantic to the Pacific has been successfully accomplished, and that the iron band which now spans the continent entirely within British territory may be confidently expected to produce effects beneficial alike upon Dominion and Provincial interests. We trust with Your Honour that the people of this Province will be drawn more closely to those of the other Provinces, and that inter-provincial trade will be stimulated. We recognize and appreciate the fact that as an alternative route between Great Britain and her Asiatic possessions, the Railway will, doubtless, be regarded by the Imperial Government as of great importance to the interests of the Empire.

We agree with Your Honour that the establishment of strong defensive works at the various points on the coast, necessary to prevent hostile approach to this new national highway from the waters of the Pacific, should be pressed upon the attention of the Dominion and Imperial Governments, with a view of causing our natural strategic position to be recognized and transformed into a formidable outpost of British power and prestige.

We are well pleased that work on the Island Railway has been prosecuted with commendable energy, and that already the rails are laid more than half the distance between Esquimaux and Nanaimo, and that proportionate progress on the remaining part will secure the completion of the entire road in early summer.

We feel with Your Honour that the benefits accruing to the Province through the construction of this road are important, and we are pleased to be informed that the settlement upon lands along its line, which took place to so great an extent in the year 1884, has continued unabated during the year just closed; and it is very gratifying to us that Your Honour is able to state that more land has been taken up by actual settlers in the various districts embraced within the railway belt on the Island during that period, than had been acquired during all the previous years.

We are glad to learn that work on the Graving Dock has made satisfactory progress, and that it is confidently expected that during the coming summer it will be available, in case of need, for the reception of any vessels in these waters.

We concur in Your Honour's opinion that in view of the establishment, in the near future, of a line of large steamers for trans-Pacific trade, which will probably be longer than the present Dock would accommodate, it has become apparent that it should be lengthened to a sufficient extent to meet the requirements of the future. And we are pleased with the information that Your Honour's Ministers have urged upon the Dominion Government the expediency of providing for such enlargement while the work is in progress; we note that anxiety to secure the earliest possible completion of the work seems to have induced the Dominion Government to defer extension until a future period, when it may be easily done, although at a somewhat increased cost.

We observe with pleasure that since Your Honour last met us the Province has enjoyed the honour of a visit from His Excellency the Governor-General, who was impressed with the beauty of the scenery and salubrity of the climate, and expressed himself as entertaining a high opinion of the resources of the country, and great confidence in its future.

We receive with much interest the information that the Acts passed by us last session, and the sessions previous, to prevent the further influx of Chinese, and to regulate those already here, have been only partially successful in attaining their object, and that the Act to prevent the immigration of Chinese, after having been in operation a short period, was disallowed by the Dominion Government, as being *ultra vires* of this House.

It is satisfactory to us to know that an Act was, however, passed by the Parliament of Canada purporting to accomplish the same object, and that that Act has been in operation since with beneficial results, though but to a limited extent.

We join with Your Honour in hoping that at the next session of that Parliament the principle embodied in the Act referred to may be extended. We note that the Chinese Regulation Act, passed by us in the session of 1884, but not put in force until February last, is in operation so far as its provisions have not been challenged; and that objection having been raised respecting the constitutionality of certain imposts provided, and an adverse decision of the Supreme Court having been rendered, steps have been taken to appeal the case to the Privy Council.

We are pleased to be informed that we shall be invited to consider what further action should be taken to secure the object aimed at by previous legislation.

We rejoice to hear that the discovery of rich alluvial gold mines on Granite and other Creeks in Yale District, is likely to bring about a new era of mining development in the Province, and that it is expected that a large mining population will be attracted to the new diggings during the coming season; and in this connection we notice that our sanction will be asked to such expenditures as may be necessary to open up that section of country with roads and trails to facilitate, as much as possible, the successful prosecution of an industry which will have so important an influence upon the general interests of the whole Province.

We are pleased to hear that the Big Bend section of the Kootenay District is attracting men and capital, and we believe with Your Honour that through the agency of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, the rich auriferous quartz veins there will soon be made to yield a golden harvest.

We learn with pleasure that efforts are being made to have the varied products of the Province well represented at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, to be held in London during the present year.

We note that the cost of the Administration of Justice has been very much increased, and feel with Your Honour that this is owing to the large general increase of population, and more particularly in consequence of the influx of people into remote and unsettled portions of the country.

We applaud Your Honour's resolution that, at whatever cost, law and order must be maintained; and we agree with Your Honour that it should be your aim to make it apparent that life and property will be protected, and crime punished, even in the remotest portions of the Province.

We are gratified to be informed that in view of impending negotiations between the Imperial and United States Governments, for a renewal or enlargement of the Treaty of Washington, Your Honour has taken steps to ensure that the interests of this Province shall not be overlooked or misunderstood.

We receive, with pleasure the intimation that the increase of population in the various districts on Mainland and Island has caused a demand for the establishment of numerous new schools; and while we observe, in consequence, the expenditure in connection with our educational system is becoming very heavy, we feel that the cause of it is nevertheless gratifying as showing the rapid growth of the settlements.

We are thankful that the total product of our gold mines has been about the same as the previous year, while we regret that there has been a slight falling off in the output of coal, owing chiefly to the depressed condition of San Francisco market.

We are grateful for the satisfactory condition of the agricultural interests of the Province, although the unusually dry summer had the effect of somewhat reducing the yield of cereals and roots on Vancouver Island.

We will carefully consider Your Honour's recommendation for the appointment of Commissioners to revise and consolidate the statute laws of the Province, so that every one desirous of becoming conversant with our laws, or upon whom the administration of justice depends, may readily obtain knowledge of the same; and any measure for the consolidation of the many statutes relative to the constitution and procedure of the Supreme Court will receive our careful consideration.

The question of water rights for irrigating and manufacturing purposes upon that portion of the Mainland and Island situate East of the Cascades, will also receive our serious attention. Agreeing with Your Honour that the constant strife and litigation attendant upon the use of water in that region, is productive of great loss to the individuals concerned, and is, consequently, injurious to the public interests, and feeling that practical, but not hasty, legislation on this subject is required, we assure Your Honour that your suggestion of the appointing Commissioners, composed of persons of practical experience, to submit to the next Legislative Assembly a report defining principles which, in their judgment, should govern the enjoyment and acquisition of water rights, merits our earnest consideration.

We are pleased to hear that the revenue has continued steadily to increase, and that that for the last fiscal year has exceeded the estimate considerably.

We thank Your Honour for the assurance that the Public Accounts will be laid before us, and that the Estimates for the public service during the next year will be submitted for our consideration.

With Your Honour we pray that Providence may guide our efforts, so as to promote the best interests of the Province.

The said Address was read first, second, and third time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Address in reply to the Speech be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by such Members as are of the Executive Council.

Messrs. *T. Davie, Martin, John, Semlin, and Galbraith* were nominated to form the Select Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

Messrs. *Wilson, Pooley, Dingwall, Grant, and Beaven* were nominated to form the Select Committee on Public Accounts.

Messrs. *Orr, McTavish, Allen, Helgesen, and McLeese* were nominated to form the Select Committee on Printing.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House, in printed form, the following papers referring to an Act to prevent the immigration of Chinese, 47 Vic., chap. 3, 1884, and an Act to prevent the immigration of Chinese, 48 Vic., chap. 13, 1885:—

Copies of the Attorney-General's report to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor;

Copies of all Orders in Council, letters or telegrams received or sent by any member of the Government;

The amount of Revenue received under either of the above Acts.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House, in printed form, the following papers referring to the "Chinese Regulation Act, 1884":—

A copy of the Attorney-General's report to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor;

Copies of all Orders in Council and Rules and Regulations;

Copies of all letters or telegrams received or sent by any member of the Government;

The names and date of appointment of Chinese Collectors.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of the following, so far as in the possession of the Government at the present time:—

The number of licences issued by, and amount of revenue received from, and amount of security given by, each Collector appointed under the "Chinese Regulation Act, 1884."

The number of Free Miners' Certificates issued under the above Act and by whom.

The number of arrests and the number of convictions, for not being in possession of a Licence; for employing unlicensed Chinese; of Chinese mining without a Free Miners' Certificate; or person employing any Chinese to work in a mine who is not in possession of a Certificate and the amount of penalty received in each case.

On the motion of Mr. *Raybould*, seconded by Mr. *Dingwall*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments relating to Crown grants to settlers on the Island Railway lands.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House, in printed form, all letters, papers, and correspondence between the Dominion and Provincial Governments in connection with the lengthening of the Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting the reservation of points of law in Criminal cases."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting the consolidation of the statute laws of British Columbia."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

On the motion of Mr. *McTavish*, seconded by Mr. *Helgesen*, it was *Resolved*,—

That now that the great Canadian Pacific Railway has been completed, and transport from the *Atlantic* to the *Pacific* Ocean rendered rapid and easy, the Federal Government be requested to instruct, at its earliest convenience, the Department of Marine and Fisheries to commence, foster, and encourage the cultivation of lobsters and other food fish suitable to British Columbia waters, whether fresh or salt; this House feeling convinced that by so doing the Dominion Government will be laying the foundation of an industry which will, in due season, yield large profit, wealth, and other advantages, not only to British Columbia but to the Dominion at large.

On the motion of Mr. *McTavish*, seconded by Mr. *Helgesen*, it was *Resolved*,—

That it is highly desirable that explorations, under the auspices of the Dominion Government, of the seas, bays, and inlets in the coasts of British Columbia be made, for the purpose of discovering prolific cod banks and other great haunts of deep sea fish, with the object of commencing, encouraging, and fostering a deep sea fishing industry, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Dominion Government.

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

That it is highly desirable that specimens of the various trees, shrubs, and useful plants indigenous to the Province should be grown in a plot of land suitable to the purpose, so as to form the nucleus of a botanical garden, and that this House is of opinion that the Government of British Columbia should, as soon as possible, commence the cultivation of the same.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Orders in Council and correspondence respecting the sale of lots in 1884 at *James Bay, Victoria*, stating the number of lots sold and the price sold at; and, also, respecting the proposed transfer to the Corporation of *Victoria* of the lands and buildings on *Bastion Square, Victoria*, now used as the Gaol, Police Barracks and Sheriff's Office.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55, p.m.

Thursday, 4th February, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Stephen*.

The Petition from the *New Westminster and Port Moody Telephone Company, Limited*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (Telephone) was read and received.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented further papers relating to the *Alaska* Boundary Question. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented papers and correspondence relating to the destitute condition of Chinese. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented papers relating to the proposed transfer to the City of *Victoria* of the "Mud Flat" situated to the east of *James' Bay* Bridge. (*See Sessional Papers*).

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

That this House is of opinion that the Public Accounts, in detail, from 1st July to 31st December, 1885, should be printed and placed before members this session, in the same form as the Accounts for the fiscal year are now printed in the Sessional Papers.

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

That all the words after "1885" in the second line be omitted, and the following substituted:—"should be printed as soon as practicable, placed before Members this Session if possible, and published in the Sessional Papers for this year.

A debate arose, and upon the question being proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," the House divided, and it was *Resolved* in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Galbraith,</i>	<i>McLeese,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Helgesen—6.</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Orr,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>
<i>Davie, Theo.,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Cunningham,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>John,</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Drake,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>
<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Raybould—18.</i>
<i>McTavish,</i>	<i>Dingwall,</i>		

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be added stand part of the question," was *Resolved* in the affirmative on the same division.

Resolution as amended proposed and affirmed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50, p. m.

Friday, 5th February, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Stephen*.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House, in printed form, copies of all Orders in Council, correspondence, telegrams, agreements and communications between the Government of British Columbia, or any of its members, and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, or any one on their behalf, respecting the proposed extension of the Railway from *Port Moody* to *Coal*

Harbour and English Bay, together with a copy of any grant of land made to the above Company, or to trustees in their behalf, together with a copy of the Bond for the completion of the said work.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Orders in Council and correspondence respecting the land at *English Bay* and vicinity, recently offered for sale at auction by the Government; also, a return showing the total acreage sold, the acreage dedicated to highways or streets in order to give access to the lots sold; the size of each lot disposed of; the price of each; the amount paid thereon by the purchaser; the expense connected with the sale; the estimated cost of surveying the land into blocks and lots; the distance from the water front of the rear lots sold; the amount per acre the land disposed of netted to the Government.

On the motion of Mr. *Allen*, seconded by Mr. *Martin*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and the *Kootenay* Transportation Company, with reference to the abandonment of any portion of the 750,000 acres of land.

On the motion of Mr. *Allen*, seconded by Mr. *McTavish*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence relating to certain information obtained by His Honour Judge *Harrison* from witnesses in the *Cariboo* District in regard to the Indian outlaw *Emia*, of *Chilcotin*.

Moved by Mr. *T. Davie*, seconded by Mr. *Helgesen*,—

That a Committee be appointed to enquire the acreage and extent of unimproved land owned by private persons or corporations, in the neighbourhood of *Victoria* and *Esquimalt* Districts; the tenure of such lands; the amount of taxes collected thereon, and from whom collected; and to devise and report to this House some method under which such lands may be taxed according to the values placed upon them by their owners. Such Committee to consist of Messrs. *Pooley*, *Beaven*, *Helgesen*, and the mover, with power to send for persons, books, and papers.

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

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to send down to this House, in printed form, copies of all Orders in Council, correspondence and telegrams between the Dominion and Provincial Governments respecting the Acts passed by this Legislature in the session of 1885.

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

That an Order of this House be granted for a return, in printed form, classified, of the Revenue received and brought to account at the Treasury, from 1st July to 31st December, 1883.

A debate arose, and the House divided. The Resolution was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>McLeese—6.</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>
<i>Orr,</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Cunningham,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>Davie, T.</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Drake,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>
<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Dingwall,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Raybould—16.</i>

Upon the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Duck* the Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and it was then *Resolved*,—

That the Public Accounts generally, up to date, be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35, p. m.

Monday, 8th February, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Percival*.

Mr. *Raybould* presented a Petition from *J. C. Mollett*, of *Alberni*.
Laid on the table.

Mr. *Martin* presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

The Report was received.

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver Gas Company, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. *Cunningham* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the New Westminster and Port Moody Telephone Company, Limited."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to send down to this House, in printed form, copies of all correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments relating to the reserve at *English Bay* and other reserves for public purposes.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of the following papers referring to an "Act to prevent the immigration of Chinese," 47 Vic., chap. 3, 1884, and an "Act to prevent the immigration of Chinese," 48 Vic., chap. 13, 1885:—Copies of the Attorney-General's report to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor; copies of all Orders in Council, letters, or telegrams received or sent by any member of the Government; the amount of revenue received under either of the above Acts. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to An Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of the following papers referring to the "Chinese Regulation Act, 1884:"—a copy of the Attorney-General's report to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor; copies of all Orders in Council and Rules and Regulations; copies of all letters or telegrams received or sent by any member of the Government; the names and date of appointment of Chinese Collectors. (*See Sessional Papers*).

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that additional polling places may be established in the Electoral District of *Yale*, at the following places, viz., at a point convenient to the new mines on *Granite Creek*; one at *Coultie's* in the *Nicola* country; and one at *Ashcroft*, on *Thompson River*.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed, composed of Messrs. *Pooley*, *Wilson*, *Allen*, *Grant*, and the mover, with power to send for persons and papers and to report to this House, to enquire into the claims of *C. C. McKenzie*, Esq., late Superintendent of Education.

On the motion of Mr. *Allen*, seconded by Mr. *Dingwall*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of the names of the Trustees of the *Clinton School*; the date of their election; the name of the Returning Officer; and number of votes cast at such election, and subsequent elections, if any.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that an additional polling place be established in the Electoral District of *Victoria*, viz., at *Craigflower School-house*.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a polling place be established in the Electoral District of *Cariboo*, convenient to the *Quesnelle Quartz Mining Works* on *Hixon Creek*.

Moved by Mr. *Drake*, seconded by Mr. *Raybould*,—

That a Memorial be transmitted to the Dominion Government, praying for the establishment of a parcel post between the Dominion of Canada and Great Britain.

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

To add the words "Parcels not to exceed 2 lbs. 3 oz. in weight."

Amendment put and lost.

Original resolution put and carried.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Fourteenth Annual Report on the Public Schools of the Province of British Columbia, for the year 1884-85. (*See Sessional Papers*).

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into all matters relating to lands, with power to call for persons, books and papers, and to report to this House; the said Committee to consist of Messrs. *Pooley*, *Martin*, *T. Davie*, *Semlin*, and *Beaven*.

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

That the name of the Honourable Member for *New Westminster* District, Mr. *Orr*, be added to the Private Bills Committee.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 9th February, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Percival*.

The Petition from *J. C. Mollett*, of *Alberni*, was ruled out of order.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, papers relating to the question of the ownership of the precious metals within the Railway Belt. (*See Sessional Papers*).

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to the House copies of all Orders in Council, correspondence and papers, not already brought down and printed, touching the surrender or definition of the claims of the Dominion upon any of the Mainland railway lands in British Columbia, or touching any change as to the relation of the Dominion and British Columbia in reference to such railway lands.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act respecting the profession of Medicine and Surgery."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Upon what date, and in what year, did *J. F. Smith* receive the appointment of Teacher to the *Clinton* School?

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

"In August, 1880."

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

What was the amount paid to *Hill & Dolan* for work on Section 2, *Cedar* District Road Contract, awarded in 1883; and what was the amount paid the same firm on contract awarded in *Cranberry* District in 1884?

What was the amount paid to *J. Eade* on contract awarded—*Nanoose* Road and Bridge in 1884?

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

"*Hill* and *Dolan* were paid \$424 for *Cedar* District Road Contract in 1883. The same persons were paid \$619.65 for *Cranberry* District Road Contract in 1884.

"Tenders were invited for the construction of a bridge and work to be done on section 4, *Nanoose* Road, but a contract was not let as the bids were considered too high. Mr. *Eade* was not paid anything."

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

Have Debentures under the "Loan Act, 1884," been issued or used in any way; if so, in what manner and to what amount?

What amount had the Government to its debit or credit at the Bank of British Columbia or any other Bank, on the 31st December, 1885? and what was the cash balance in the Deputy Treasurer's hands at the same date?

What was the total revenue and expenditure from 1st July to 31st December, 1885, as brought to account at the Treasury?

What was the amount of revenue brought to account at the Treasury during the first six months of the fiscal year 1885-86, on account of land sales?

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

“No Debentures have been issued under the ‘Loan Act, 1884.’

“Overdraft at the Bank of British Columbia, December 31st, 1885, \$140,808.33.

“Cash in hands of Deputy Treasurer December 31st, 1885, \$7,051.96.

“Cash to credit of the Government in Bank of British Columbia, London, December 31st, 1885, \$553.16.

“Returns of Revenue and Expenditure from July 1st to December 31st, 1885, are in course of preparation, and will be submitted as soon as possible, a reasonable time being required to obtain accounts from District Agents, in order that such returns may comprise the latest actual information.

“Land sales, \$29,832.55.”

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

1. How many acres of land does the *Newcastle Reserve, Nanaimo District*, contain?
2. Is the said Reserve included in the grant to the *Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Co.*?
3. Is the said land open for pre-emption and purchase?
4. Has any application been made for pre-emption or purchase of portions of said land?
5. Have applications been entertained and recorded; if not, why not?

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

“No. 1.—724 acres.

“No. 2.—I think so.

“No. 3.—No.

“No. 4.—Yes.

“No. 5.—No. The land being partly a townsite, and partly forming the suburbs of a townsite, is not open to pre-emption or purchase for agricultural purposes. The fact of it having been reserved so many years for townsite purposes removes it from the operation of the pre-emption law.”

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

Does the Government intend to publish Mr. *Bowman* and Mr. *Tuck's* geological and topographical report of their examination of the *Cariboo District*; if so, when?

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

“Yes. Mr. *Bowman's* preliminary report was received from *Ottawa* on the 4th instant, and it is now in the hands of the printer.”

Mr. *McLeese* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to abolish the road tolls on the *Clinton-Cariboo Waggon Road* this session?

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

“I am not in a position, at present, to answer the question.”

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

Was the land at *English Bay* and its vicinity, recently offered for sale at auction by the Government, surveyed on the ground into Blocks and Town Lots?

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

‘No.’

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

Has any renewal of the timber Lease of the *Hastings Saw Mill Company* been granted or promised to them, or to any other persons claiming under their lease; if so, on what terms and for how long?

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

“An agreement has been made with the *Hastings Saw Mill Company*, whereby they surrender all claim to a strip of land having an average depth of one mile south from *English*

Bay and False Creek, which formed a portion of their timber lease. In consideration of this surrender it has been agreed by the Government to grant the Company a lease, for timber cutting purposes, over that portion of the land at present held by them which has been granted to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, for periods of two and five years, at an annual rental of ten cents an acre."

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

What quantity of land has been conveyed to *G. B. Wright*, or any other person on his behalf, on account of the construction of a waggon road through *Eagle Pass*?

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

"No land has yet been conveyed to Mr. *Wright*, or any other person, on account of the construction of the *Eagle Pass* Waggon Road."

Mr. *Semlin* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following question:—

Has the Government paid or promised \$37,500 to the Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate; and, if paid or promised, by what authority was such payment or promise made?

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

"The Government have not paid, or promised to pay, \$37,500 to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. But in the agreement, endorsed by this House at its last Session, it was provided that upon the Government of British Columbia undertaking to pay the Company the sum of \$37,500, and upon the Corporation of the City of *New Westminster* securing payment to the Company of the further sum of \$37,500, and providing a right of way and dépôt grounds, the Company shall, during the year 1886, construct a branch line of Railway connecting the City of *New Westminster* with the Canadian Pacific Railway, and shall thereafter operate and maintain the same."

Mr. *Semlin* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following question:—

Will the Provincial Government defend the rights of such people as may settle on lands within the railway belt in the possession of such water rights as the Provincial Government may grant, as against any claim that the Dominion Government may make to such water?

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

"The question will be considered when it arises."

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

What amount of the refund from the Dominion Government on account of Graving Dock has been received at the Treasury; the date on which any sums on said account were credited to the Dominion Government; the amount of said refund expended; where expended, and the dates, and nature of work on which such sum or any portion thereof was expended?

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

"July,	1881.....	\$ 9,891 00
"November,	1881.....	24,581 97
"June,	1882.....	13,187 25
"October,	1883.....	134,512 66
	"Total.....	\$182,172 88
"May,	1884.....	250,000 00
	"Total.....	\$432,172 88

"This amount was paid into the Consolidated Revenue and expended as shown by the Public Accounts."

Mr. *Helgesen* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following question:—

How many Chinese paid Provincial Revenue Tax in *Esquimalt District* during the last fiscal year, and how many paid said tax during the period from 30th June to date?

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

“413 Chinamen paid Provincial Tax in the District of *Esquimalt* during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1885.

“203 Chinamen paid Provincial Tax in the said District of *Esquimalt* during the period from the 30th of June to the 31st of December, 1885.”

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

Have any returns been made to this Government, of fees, forfeitures, or penalties imposed by Messrs. *Todd* and *Johnston*, or either of them, assuming to act as Commissioners of Police in British Columbia; if so, what are the dates and particulars of such returns?

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

“No return has been received from Mr. *Todd*.

“A return has been received from Mr. *Johnston*, covering the period between the 1st April, 1885, and the 31st July, 1885, showing the nature of the cases tried before him as Commissioner of Police; the names of the persons tried; the penalty imposed; and the place where tried.”

Mr. *Allen* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum on the Estimates for the purpose of constructing a waggon road from *Lytton* to *Lillooet* during the present year?

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

“The matter is under the consideration of the Government.”

Mr. *Orr* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following question:—

Under what authority do the present Canadian Pacific Railway Company propose to extend the Canadian Pacific Railway to *Coal Harbour* and *English Bay*, without first obtaining a charter from the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia?

Ruled out of order.

Mr. *McLeese* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

Has any action been taken to carry out the Resolution passed by this House on the 11th May, 1883, praying that a polling place be established in the *Chilcotin* section of the *Cariboo District*?

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

“The Government have placed the *Chilcotin* section on the list of additional polling places, but the exact locality has not yet been determined upon.”

Mr. *Grant* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government, during the present session, to abolish the tolls on the *Cassiar Mule Trail*?

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

“No decision has yet been arrived at regarding the abolition of the tolls on the *Cassiar Mule Trail*.”

Mr. *T. Davie* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

Have the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Transportation Company, pursuant to section 25 of their Act of Incorporation, furnished to any officer of the Government a list of the persons in their employ liable to pay Provincial Revenue Tax, and what amount (if anything) has the company paid for Provincial Revenue Tax in respect of the workmen and others employed by them?

Have the company, under section 13 of the Act, proceeded to survey the line of the Railway; and, if so, what progress has been made with such survey, and what quantity of land has been surveyed?

Have the company equipped the line of steamers mentioned in section 12 of the Act, or have they taken any, and what, steps in that direction?

Have the company, or any persons on their behalf, intimated their intention of abandoning any part of the reserve of 750,000 acres set apart by the Act; if so, how much is it proposed to abandon, and what are the terms and particulars of the abandonment? What is the location of the land proposed to be abandoned, and what of that proposed to be retained?

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

“Returns from *Kootenay*, so far as received, make no particular mention of revenue derived from such a source.

“The company have surveyed the route for the line of railway from *Kootenay Lake* to the *Columbia River*. They have also surveyed two blocks of land fronting on *Kootenay Lake*, the aggregate area of which is 45,515 acres.

“The company are not obliged to equip or maintain a line of steamers before the 31st of December, 1887.

“The failure of the company to survey more than two blocks before the 1st December, 1884, the time limited by the Act for that purpose, cancels their right to acquire any more land on *Kootenay Lake*.

“The official reservation of the lands upon *Kootenay Lake* and its tributaries was cancelled on the 10th December, 1884.”

Mr *Grant* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following question—

What amount of revenue (so far as known to the department) has been collected in the *Skeena* division of the *Cassiar* District from the 30th June to the 31st December last, under the head of “Free Miners’ Certificates” and the “Provincial Revenue Tax,” each separate?

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

“Free Miners’ Certificates	\$195 00
Provincial Revenue Tax	147 00”

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘County Court Jurisdiction Act, 1885,’” was read a second time and committed.

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

Report adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved that Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act respecting the reservation of Points of Law in Criminal Cases,” be now read a second time.

Mr. *T. Davie* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Orr*,—

To strike out all the words after the word “be” and insert the following: “referred to a Select Committee.”

The Resolution as amended was then put and carried.

Mr. Speaker appointed the following members to form the said Committee:—Messrs. *A. E. B. Davie, Drake, T. Davie, Pooley, and Wilson*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.30, p.m.

Monday, 15th February, 1886.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Fraser*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, papers relating to Dominion Lands within the Province. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Preliminary Report on field-work in *Cariboo District*, B. C., 1885, by *Amos Bowman*, Mining Engineer. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Minute of Council referring to the *Fraser River Buoys*. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Minute of Council, *re* proposed site of Dominion Immigration Buildings. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented Reports on the recent discoveries of gold in the *Sinulkameen District*. (*See Gold Mining Report, Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all letters, papers, and correspondence between the Dominion and Provincial Governments in connection with the lengthening of the Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*. (*See Sessional Papers*).

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

From *Henry W. Park* and others, residents of *Langley*; from *H. P. P. Crease, J.*, and others, residents of *Victoria*; from *D. Smith* and others, residents of *Nanaimo*; from *R. M. Clemison* and others, residents of *Lytton* and *Cache Creek*; from *Jas. Cunningham* and others, residents of *New Westminster*; from *Wm. McKee* and others, residents of *Lachner's Landing*; from *J. C. Davie* and others, residents of *Victoria*; from *Henry Croft* and others, residents of *Chemainus*. All relating to the introduction of an Act regulating the practice of Dentistry.

From *R. Alexander* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to Incorporate the City of *Vancouver*.

From *H. Abbott* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*re* Street Railway in City of *Vancouver*).

From *H. Abbott* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*re* Electric light in City of *Vancouver*).

From *Nanaimo Water Works Company* for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*re Nanaimo Water Works*).

From *T. B. H. Cochrane* and *James Brady* for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*re* mining of *Findley Creek*).

From *R. P. Rithet* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*re* Coal Harbour Water Works).

From *A. DeCosmos* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*re Saanich Railway*).

Mr. *Martin* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Fire Insurance Company."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. *Semlin* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act, 1884.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Grant* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to regulate the practice of Dentistry in the Province of British Columbia."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. Orr asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Coquitlam Water Works Company."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. *Raybould*, seconded by Mr. *Dunsmuir*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a polling place may be established at a convenient point in the District of *Alberni*, and that the said district be included in the Electoral District of *Nanaimo*.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to send down to this House, in printed form, copies of all correspondence, Orders in Council, maps, and papers, between the Crown Colony Government, or the Provincial Government and the Admiralty, the Dominion Government, or any person in their behalf, in respect to the Government or Naval Reserve at *English Bay*, together with a copy of the lease or license granted to *Jeremiah Rogers* for the purpose of cutting timber on said reserve.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a copy of the final agreement entered into by the Government with *William Baillie-Grohman*, in connection with the *Kootenay* Colonization and Reclamation scheme.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the binding of the Journals, Sessional Papers and Statutes for 1885; said committee to be composed of Messrs. *McTavish*, *Raybould*, *Cunningham*, *Semlin*, and the mover.

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

That the word and figures "for 1885" be struck out, and in lieu thereof the following words and figures be inserted:—"between the years 1880 and 1885, inclusive, with power to call for persons and papers and report to this House."

Amendment put and carried.

Original resolution as amended put and carried.

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

That this House is of opinion that a detailed statement of expenditure from 1st of July to 31st December, 1885, as far as brought to account at the Treasury Department, under the heads of account—

VII. Administration of Justice;

IX. Transport;

XII. Public Works, with names of employés on pay lists, rate per diem, number of days employed, amount paid to each person;

XIII. Miscellaneous;

should be printed and placed before members before the Estimates 1886–1887 are considered.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Allen*,—

To strike out "31st December, 1885," and insert in lieu thereof the word "date"; and that all the words after "Department," on the second line, down to "should" on the last line, and all the words after "members" on the last line, be struck out, and the following substituted at the end of the resolution:—"at the earliest date practicable."

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Wednesday next.

Mr. *Martin* presented the Second Report from the Private Bills and Standing Orders Committee, recommending an extension of the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills.

Report received and adopted.

Ordered, That the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be extended to the 25th instant.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended to enable the following Resolution to be moved:—

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

That the Select Committee appointed to enquire into all matters relating to lands be empowered to admit Reporters to its sittings.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50, p. m.

Tuesday, 16th February, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Fraser*.

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

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *R. Alexander* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to Incorporate the City of *Vancouver*.

From *H. Abbott* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*re* Street Railway in City of *Vancouver*).

From *H. Abbott* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*re* Electric light in City of *Vancouver*).

From *Nanaimo Water Works Company* for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*re Nanaimo Water Works*).

From *T. B. H. Cochrane* and *James Brady* for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*re* mining of *Findley Creek*).

From *R. P. Rithet* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*re* Coal Harbour Water Works).

From *A. DeCosmos* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*re Saanich Railway*).

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 17th February, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Fraser*.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Petition from *L. J. D'Herbomez* and others, residents of *Matsqui*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*re* Sumas Dyking Act 41 Vic., chap. 6).

Laid on the table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *Henry W. Park* and others, residents of *Langley*; from *H. P. P. Crease, J.*, and others, residents of *Victoria*; from *D. Smith* and others, residents of *Nanaimo*; from *R. M. Clémentson* and others, residents of *Lytton* and *Cache Creek*; from *Jas. Cunningham* and others, residents of *New Westminster*; from *Wm. McKee* and others, residents of *Ladner's Landing*; from *Jno. C. Davie* and others, residents of *Victoria*; from *Henry Croft* and others, residents of *Chemainus*. All relating to the introduction of an Act regulating the practice of Dentistry.

Mr. *Martin* presented the Third Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Received.

On the motion of Mr. *McTavish*, seconded by Mr. *Helgesen*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a memorial be transmitted to the Federal Government praying that the charge for telegraphic messages shall be made uniform, after the fashion of letter postage, throughout the whole of the Dominion of Canada.

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

That in the opinion of this House great benefit would result if a Museum were established, under the auspices of the Government, for the constant exhibition of natural educts and products—mineral, vegetable, and animal—of the Province, and that the Government be urged to commence the formation of the same; this House being convinced that much benefit would result therefrom.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing all correspondence and public business transactions between the Government of British Columbia or any of its members, or anyone acting in their behalf, and *James Cunningham*, Esq., M.P.P., since he was elected a member of this Assembly, with a list of goods supplied by him, work done, contracts made, prices paid, or to be paid, for the same; also a statement of any contracts with the Government to which said *James Cunningham* became a bondsman.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Duck*,—

Whereas in an Act passed by this House in December, 1883, intituled "An Act relating to the Island Railway, the Graving Dock, and the Railway Lands of the Province," it was enacted (*inter alia*) that "The Government of Canada shall, with all convenient speed, offer "for sale the lands within the Railway Belt upon the Mainland on liberal terms to actual "settlers;" and

Whereas little or nothing has yet been done towards carrying out the above recited obligation, and the lands referred to are still for the most part practically locked up against purchase or settlement; and

Whereas actual settlers who entered upon some of these lands in good faith, are still unable to obtain patents to which they are justly entitled, and are, by reason of long delay and uncertainty as to their holdings, greatly discouraged and hindered in their legitimate operations; be it therefore

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to represent to the Dominion Government the disastrous effects of the delay and uncertainty complained of, and urge upon said Government the duty and importance of carrying out the spirit and letter of their agreement, by throwing the lands referred to open to actual settlers with all possible speed, and also by issuing, without further delay, patents for such of these lands as may be *bona fide* occupied by actual settlers.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

Mr. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act relating to the attachment of debts."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of the Report of the Commissioner appointed to investigate the claims of the Dry Dock creditors, with names of said creditors and the amounts paid to each; also the names of those whose claims were rejected, and the reason assigned for such rejection.

On the motion of Mr. *Allen*, seconded by Mr. *Dingwall*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the management and working of the *Clinton* School, with power to call for persons and papers, and report to this House; the said Committee to consist of Messrs. *Raybould*, *John*, *Dingwall*, *Galbraith*, and *Helgesen*.

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

Whereas it is considered to be necessary, in the interest of the public, that the Postal service from *Clinton* to *Alkali Lake* be extended to *Soda Creek*, by way of *Chimney Creek* and *Williams Lake Valleys*;

Therefore be it resolved, that a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he represent to the Dominion Government that it is the opinion of this House that the mail service at present in operation on the route between *Clinton* and *Alkali Lake* be extended to *Soda Creek*.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a return of all scrip or other authority granted or issued to *G. B. Wright*, or any person on his behalf, to acquire land on account of the construction of the *Eagle Pass* Waggon Road; stating the number of acres, and, if located, where located.

Mr. *Allen* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chinese Regulation Act, 1884.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. *McTavish* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Victoria and Saanich Railway Company, Limited."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a polling place may be established on the west side of the *Fraser River*, in the District of *Lillooet*.

Moved by Mr. *Orr*, seconded by Mr. *T. Davie*,—

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a supplementary list of voters for the District of *New Westminster*, from the 1st of September, 1885, to the 1st of February, 1886, be sent down to the House prior to the adjournment.

Mr. *Helgesen* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Galbraith*,—

To strike out the words "the District of *New Westminster*," on the second line, and substitute the words—"every Electoral District in the Province.

Amendment put and carried.

Resolution as amended put and carried.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all Orders in Council and correspondence respecting the sale of lots in 1884 at *James Bay, Victoria*, stating the number of lots sold and the price sold at; and, also, respecting the proposed transfer to the Corporation of *Victoria* of the lands and buildings on *Bastion Square, Victoria*, now used as the Gaol, Police Barracks and Sheriff's Office. (*See Sessional Papers*).

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

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

Thursday, 18th February, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Fraser*.

The Petition from *L. J. D'Herbomez* and others, residents of *Matsqui*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*re* Sumas Dyking Act, 41 Vic., chap. 6), was read and received.

The Honourable Mr. *Duck* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to establish liens in favour of Mechanics and others:"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

Have the Government appointed a Commissioner to represent the Provincial Government at the Colonial Exhibition to be held in *London* this year; and, if so, who, and at what salary, if any?

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

"No. The Agent-General in *London*, Mr. *H. C. Beeton*, will represent the Provincial Government at the Colonial Exhibition to be held in *London* this year.

"Captain *Chittenden* has been authorized, by letter from the Provincial Secretary, to act under Mr. *Beeton* in so far only as Indian curiosities, relics, &c., are concerned.

"The appointment is solely honorary."

Mr. *John* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following question:—

What decision (if any) has been arrived at as to the ownership of minerals in the twenty mile belt, in dispute between the Provincial and Dominion Governments?

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

"No decision has been arrived at. Minutes of Council between the two Governments have passed on the subject, the last of which was in July last from this Government. The papers have been laid before the House."

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

What was the total cost of the *Melkakallah* Commission, including surveys?

2. Did the Dominion Government bear any portion of the cost; and, if so, how much?

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

"The total cost, including surveys, was \$2,137.15.

"The Secretary of State for Canada telegraphed on 29th October, 1884, that the question of contribution to expenses incurred by the Province would be considered fairly by the Dominion Government.

"On the 12th August, 1885, a Minute of Council was passed applying to the Dominion for a refund of the expenses, and such Minute was duly forwarded. As yet, no answer has been received, owing, I believe, to the absence in England of the Minister to whose department Indian affairs are attached."

Mr. *John* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

Has *Mount Douglas* Reserve been made over to the Corporation of *Victoria*; and, if so, for what purposes, and on what conditions?

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

"It has not."

Mr. *John* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

Has application been made to the Dominion Government for a refund to the Province of all expenses incurred in the appeal case against the Dominion Liquor License Act; and, if not, is it the intention to do so?

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

“No application has been made. It is not usual for the Courts, in questions of a public nature, to award costs to either party. If the decision in this case had been adverse to the Provinces, I should not have expected the Dominion to have applied for its expenses.”

Mr. *Semlin* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following question:—

How many Notaries Public have been appointed under the “Notaries Act, 1884,” and the amount paid into the public revenue under this Act?

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

“Twenty (20) Notaries Public have been appointed under the ‘Notaries Act, 1884.’

“Amount paid into the public revenue under the Act, \$290.”

Mr. *Orr* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to distinctly define the boundaries of the various Districts of the Province prior to the next general election?

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

“So far as I am aware the boundaries are distinctly defined in the Constitution Act.”

Mr. *Orr* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce an amendment to the Land Act, to insure that the timber cut on timber lands leased or sold shall be manufactured in the Province?

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

“Lands are only leased to Mill-owners in the Province. The Government have no authority in the matter of timber upon lands sold. The Dominion Government might prohibit the export of saw logs, but any action in that direction by the Province would be counted an interference with trade regulations, and so unconstitutional.”

Mr. *Orr* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government the following question:—

Under what Statute, or by what authority, did the Government extend or promise to grant an extension to the lease of the Hastings Saw-Mill Company?

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

“The Government have agreed to renew the Hastings Saw-mill Company’s lease as to that portion of the land now held under lease by them which has been granted to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The Mill Company were duly notified that the provisions of the ‘Land Act, 1884,’ with reference to leases, would have to be complied with. There has been no renewal, nor agreement for renewal, of lease to any portion of the land the fee of which remains vested in Her Majesty.”

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

1. Has the so-called *Newcastle* Townsite Reserve ever been reserved otherwise than as reserved under the *Island Railway Reserve*?

2. If so reserved, what is the date of the reservation, and what is the description of the reserve?

3. Is the so-called *Newcastle* Townsite Reserve included in the grant to the *Esquimalt* and *Nanaimo* Railway Company? Answer yes or no.

4. Under what clause of the *Settlement Act* is the so-called *Newcastle* Reserve withheld from pre-emption for agricultural purposes?

5. Does any other Act in the Statutes of *British Columbia* apply to the *Island Railway Lands*, and to the so-called reserve, besides the *Settlement Act*?

6. Under what authority, or by what Act, does the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works make the distinction between the so-called reserve and the other agricultural lands in the *Railway Reserve*?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. The date of reservation is not on record. The reserve is shown in the record book of *Nanaimo District* to have existed prior to the 5th of May, 1865.

“3. I have already answered that question.

" 4. Clause 26, and sub-section *f*.

" 5. Yes.

" 6. The lands are administered according to the provisions of the 'Land Act, 1884,' so far as its provisions are applicable, and that Act distinguishes between the sites of towns, or the suburbs thereof, and other unappropriated land."

Mr. *Semlin* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following question:—

Was British Columbia represented before the Privy Council of England on the Licence question; if so, by whom, and what was the cost connected therewith?

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

"The Province was represented by Mr. *Drake*. The cost was \$690, being simply transit expenses and actual disbursements in *London* to Solicitors and for telegrams."

Mr. *Martin* presented the Fourth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Read and received.

Mr. *Dunsmuir* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nanaimo Water Works Act, 1885.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. *Martin* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Vancouver Water Works Company, 1886."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the City of Vancouver."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Pursuant to Order Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Court Jurisdiction Act, 1885,'" was read a third time and passed.

The Order for resuming the adjourned debate on Mr. *T. Davie's* motion relative to the assessment of lands in *Victoria* and *Esquimalt* Districts, was discharged.

The Order for resuming the adjourned debate on Mr. *Beaven's* motion relative to the printing of the Public Accounts to 31st December, 1885, was discharged.

The adjourned debate on Mr. *Pooley's* motion relative to the presence of Reporters before the Select Committee on Lands, was resumed.

Mr. *T. Davie* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Dingwall*,—

To strike out all the words after "empowered" and add—"to allow reporters of the press "to copy the evidence and minutes of their proceedings from time to time."

Question proposed "Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," and it passed in the negative, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Semlin,
Beaven,
Pooley,

Grant,
Orr,

Cowan,
McLeese,

Galbraith,
Helgesen—9.

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>McTavish,</i>	<i>Davie, Theo.,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>
<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Dingwall,</i>	<i>Cunningham,</i>
<i>Drake,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Raybould—14.</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>		

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be substituted be added to the question," and it passed in the affirmative.

Resolution as amended proposed, and it passed in the affirmative.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 o'clock, p. m.

Friday, 19th February, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Fraser*.

Mr. *Martin* presented a Petition from *T. E. Little* and others, residents of *Kamloops* (*re* Dentistry Bill).

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Martin* presented the Fifth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Read and received.

Mr. *Galbraith* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act granting to *T. B. H. Cochrane* and *James Brady* a lease of a portion of the bed of *Findlay Creek*, and lands contiguous, for mining purposes."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The Honourable Mr. *Duck* presented a Return of Revenue collected and brought to account at the Treasury to 31st December, 1885, under authority of the "Chinese Regulation Act, 1884," showing the districts; names of collectors; amounts and convictions; also the security given by each collector.

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

And then the House adjourned at 2.15, p. m.

Monday, 22nd February, 1886

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Beanlands*.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments relating to Crown grants to Settlers on the Island Railway Lands. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Annual Report on the Asylum for the Insane, *New Westminster*, for the year 1885. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Mr. *Wilson* presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts. (*See Appendix*).

Read and received.

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

That a Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Martin*, *Orr*, *Helgesen*, and the mover, be appointed to enquire into the claim of *Thomas Pamphlet* for carrying stone for the Graving Dock.

The Honourable Mr. *Duck* presented a Return to an Order of the House showing all correspondence and public business transactions between the Government of British Columbia, or any of its members, or any one acting in their behalf, and *James Cunningham*, Esq., M.P.P., since he was elected a member of this Assembly, with a list of goods supplied by him, work done, contracts made, prices paid, or to be paid, for the same; also a statement of any contracts with the Government to which said *James Cunningham* became a bondsman.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a return of the names of all persons who applied to purchase lands at *Port Simpson* in 1879 or 1883; the dates and particulars of the respective applications; the dates of instructions for surveys; to whom issued; the dates of surveys; copies of publication (if any) of same; the dates of acceptance of surveys; and the dates of the issue of Crown grants, and to whom issued; together with copies of all correspondence in relation to the matter.

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

Whereas animals affected with contagious diseases are from time to time brought into the Province from adjacent American territory, in consequence of which such diseases have been communicated to animals within the Province, and much valuable stock thereby destroyed on the mainland, and more especially in the *Chilliwack* settlement; and

Whereas, there appears to be no authorized person or organized arrangement to prevent such diseased animals being indiscriminately moved about, thereby spreading said diseases through the country; be it therefore

Resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Honour will be pleased to move the Dominion Government to make immediate arrangements for the effective enforcement of the Animal Contagious Diseases Act in this Province.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all correspondence, tenders, accounts, and vouchers, in connection with supplying vitrified drain pipe for the new gaol at *New Westminster*, stating size of pipe for which tenders were asked, size and quantity supplied, price per foot, name of contractor, quantity of pipe used, disposition of pipe not required, the name of the superintendent of the work of constructing the gaol, and by whom recommended to the Government.

On the motion of Mr. *Drake*, seconded by Mr. *Raybould*, it was *Resolved*,—
That the standing rules and orders be suspended to enable a Private Bill to incorporate the *Vancouver Electric Light Company* to be introduced.

Mr. *Drake* then asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the *Vancouver Electric light Company, Limited*.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. *T. Davie*, seconded by Mr. *Orr*, it was *Resolved*,—
That the time limited for presenting Private Bills to the House be extended to 3rd March proximo.

On the motion of Mr. *Drake*, seconded by Mr. *Raybould*, it was *Resolved*,—
That the standing rules and orders be suspended to enable a Private Bill to incorporate the *Vancouver Street Railway Company, Limited*, to be introduced.

Mr. *Drake* then asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the *Vancouver Street Railway Company*.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. *Drake* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876.’”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Orr*, seconded by Mr. *Wilson*, it was *Resolved*,—
That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare a Bill to amend “An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Gold and other Minerals excepting Coal.”

The Committee to be composed of the following members:—Messrs. *A. E. B. Davie*, *Cowan*, *Orr*, *Grant*, *Helgesen*, *Wilson*, and *Galbraith*.

Mr. *Allen* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following question:—
Has *J. F. Smith*, now holding the position of teacher of the *Clinton* school, ever been examined since his appointment in August, 1880?

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

“No.”

Mr. *Helgesen* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

How much money has been expended during the last fiscal year on roads, streets, bridges, and wharves, under contracts, and how much by day labour, in each district?

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

“Details of the expenditure will be found in the published statements.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35, p. m.

Tuesday, 23rd February, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Beanlands*.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of all correspondence, tenders, accounts, and vouchers, in connection with supplying vitrified drain pipe for the new gaol at *New Westminster*, stating size of pipe for which tenders were asked, size and quantity supplied, price per foot, name of contractor, quantity of pipe used, disposition of pipe not required, the name of the superintendent of the work of constructing the gaol, and by whom recommended to the Government.

Mr. *Raybould* presented a Petition from *T. J. Lewis* and others, settlers of *Alberni*.
Laid on the table.

On the motion of Mr. *Cunningham*, seconded by Mr. *Galbraith*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the several Provinces of the Dominion of Canada are united together not only by a band of iron, but by the stronger ties of a common British brotherhood, and whatever affects or disturbs the tranquility of one inevitably affects the whole Confederation;

And whereas, during the early part of last year, certain Half-breeds and Indians of the *North West Territory*, led by *Louis Reil*, did raise the standard of rebellion, and plunder and murder peaceful inhabitants

Resolved, that this House takes the earliest opportunity of marking its admiration of, and tendering the thanks of British Columbia to, the Officers and brave Soldiers of the militia force who so promptly responded to their country's call, and amid so much hardship and difficulty marched to the front and gallantly stamped out the rebellion; and this House also desires to extend its heartfelt sympathy to the wounded and the relatives of the brave ones who fell while fighting so nobly for their Queen and Country.

According to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act respecting the profession of Medicine and Surgery."

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Thursday next.

According to Order, Mr. *Semlin* moved the second Reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act, 1884,'"

And the question being proposed—"That the Bill be now read a second time."

Mr. *McTavish* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *T. Davie*,—

To leave out the word "now" and to add at the end of the motion the words "this day six months."

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>McTavish,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>
<i>Davie, T.</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Cunningham,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>John,</i>	<i>Dingwall,</i>	<i>Drake,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir—13.</i>
<i>Pooley,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Raybould—11.</i>
<i>Helgesen,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>	<i>McLeese,</i>	

So it passed in the affirmative.

Resolution as amended put and carried on the same division.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor a Return to an Address of the House for copies of all Orders in Council and correspondence respecting the land at *English Bay* and vicinity, recently offered for sale at auction by the Government: also a return showing the total acreage sold, the acreage dedicated to highways or streets in order to give access to the lots sold; the size of each lot disposed of; the price of each; the amount paid thereon by the purchaser; the expense connected with the sale; the estimated cost of surveying the land into blocks and lots; the distance from the water front of the rear lots sold; the amount per acre the land disposed of netted to the Government.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 24th February, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Beanlands*.

The Honourable Mr. *Duck* presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of the Report of the Commissioner appointed to investigate the claims of the Dry Dock creditors, with names of said creditors, and the amounts paid to each; also the names of those whose claims were rejected, and the reason assigned for such rejection.

The Petition of *T. J. Lewis* and others, settlers of *Alberni*, was read and received.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence respecting the granting to *Quong Sing*, or any other Chinaman, the right to cut hemlock timber for the bark upon the Crown lands within the Province of British Columbia.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Return to an Order of the House for a copy of the final agreement entered into by the Government with *William Baillie-Grohman*, in connection with the *Kootenay* Colonization and Reclamation scheme. (*See Sessional Papers*).

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all applications and correspondence in connection with granting ferry charters at *Farwell* and *Upper Kootenay Crossing*.

Mr. *McLeese* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

What was the cost of the Honourable *Wm. Smithe's* mission to *Ottawa*?

What was the cost of the Honourable *A. E. B. Davie's* mission to the same place?

What was the Honourable *Wm. Smithe's* expenses per diem, or otherwise, travelling within the Province since 1st January, 1883?

What was the Honourable *Jno. Robson's* expenses per diem, or otherwise, travelling within the Province since 1st February, 1883?

What was the Honourable *A. E. B. Davie's* expenses per diem, or otherwise, travelling within the Province since 1st February, 1883?

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

“1. The cost of Mr. *Smithe's* mission was \$1,055; and that of Mr. *Davie's* two visits \$800 and \$900 respectively. (*See Public Accounts for 1884, page 86, and Public Accounts for 1885, page 167*).

" 2. The travelling expenses of Mr. <i>Robson</i> within the Province, were as follows:—	
" 1883.—Carriage hire and steamer fares and meals	\$ 39 00
Per diem allowance <i>Nil.</i> (page 48, Public Accounts, 1883).	
" 1884.—Carriage and stage hire	51 00
Per diem allowance, 26 days @ \$4. (pp. 84 to 86, Pub. Accts, 1884)	104 00
" 1885.—Carriage and stage hire	32 50
Per diem allowance 31 days @ \$4. (pp. 166 to 168, Pub. Accts., 1885)	124 00
" Total	\$350 50
" 3. Mr. <i>A. E. B. Davie</i> :—	
" 1883.—Carriage hire	\$10 00
Per diem allowance, <i>Nil.</i> (p. 48, Public Accounts, 1883).	
" 1884.—Carriage hire and steamer fare	22 00
Per diem allowance, 4 days @ \$4. (pp. 84 to 86, Pub. Accts., 1884)	16 00
" 1885.—Steamer and Railway fares	67 00
Per diem allowance, 2 days @ \$4 west of <i>Yale</i> , and 7 days @ \$5 east of <i>Yale.</i> (p. 167, Public Accounts, 1885).	43 00
" Total	\$158 00
" 4. Mr. <i>Smithe</i> :—	
" 1883.—Carriage hire	\$18 00
Per diem allowance, <i>Nil.</i> (p. 48, Public Accounts, 1883).	
" 1884.—Carriage hire and steamer fares, and use of horse	77 00
Per diem allowance, 29 days @ \$4. (pp. 84 to 86, and p. 99, Pub. Accounts, 1884).	116 00
" 1885.—Carriage hire, steamer and railway fares, &c.	122 00
Per diem allowance, 34 days @ \$4, and 28 days @ \$5. (pp. 166 to 168, and p. 181, Public Accounts, 1885).	276 00
" Total	\$609 00

"NOTE.—The expenses of 1885 include inspection of *Eagle Pass* Waggon Road, \$195.50."

According to Order, Mr. *Grant* moved—That Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to regulate the practice of Dentistry in the Province of British Columbia," be now read a second time,

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Galbraith,</i>	<i>Cunningham,</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>McLeese,</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>
<i>Helgesen,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Dingwall,</i>	<i>Drake,</i>
<i>McTavish,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir—18.</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Raybould—4.</i>
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So it passed in the affirmative.

Bill *Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 o'clock, p. m.

Thursday, 25th February, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Beanlands*.

Mr. *Martin* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, reporting the preambles of the following Bills proved, viz:—

An Act to incorporate the Vancouver Gas Company.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the New Westminster and Port Moody Telephone Company, Limited.

An Act to incorporate the Coquitlam Water Works Company.

Received.

According to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act respecting the profession of Medicine and Surgery," was resumed.

Mr. *Beaven* objected to the Bill being proceeded with, as being a Private Bill.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill was in the interests of the public, and could be proceeded with as such.

Upon the question being proposed—"That the Bill be now read a second time," the House divided, and the names being called for they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Galbraith,</i>	<i>Cunningham,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Drake,</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>
<i>McTavish,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir—16.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>McLeese,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>	<i>Dingwall,</i>	<i>Raybould—8.</i>

So it passed in the affirmative.

Bill *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

According to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to regulate the practice of Dentistry in the Province of British Columbia."

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Upon the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chinese Regulation Act, 1884,'"

Mr. *Beaven* raised the point of order—That a Bill to repeal a tax could not be introduced by a Private Member.

Mr. Speaker held that the objection was well taken.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of Mechanics and others," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

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

Friday, 26th February, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Beanlands*.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a copy of the report of Mr. *Lee* in reference to a proposed road to connect the *Spallumcheen* waggon road at *Salmon Arm* with the Canadian Pacific Railway; the report of Mr. *Neil Black* in reference to construction of a waggon road from the present *Nicola* road to *Granite Creek*; also Mr. *A. Stevenson's* report in reference to construction of a waggon road from *Lytton* to *Poster's Bar*.

Mr. *Pooley* presented the First Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into all matters relating to lands.

Received and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix*).

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Return to an Order of the House for the names of the Trustees of the *Clinton School*; the date of their election; the name of the returning officer; and number of votes cast at such election, and subsequent elections, if any.

Mr *Orr* moved, seconded by Mr. *T. Davie*,—

That the following clauses shall be inserted in and form part of all Private Bills passed by this House, viz:—

No Chinese shall be employed, directly or indirectly, on or in connection with any of the grants, works or privileges contained in this Bill.

In case it shall be made to appear to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council at any time that the provisions of the above section have been contravened, it shall be lawful for him, by proclamation published in the *British Columbia Gazette*, to wholly repeal this Act, and thereupon all grants, rights and privileges hereby granted shall, *ipso facto*, cease and determine.

The term "Chinese" means any person of the Chinese race.

Motion withdrawn with leave.

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

Whereas the waters of the fiord or inlet from *English Bay* to the bridge known as "*False Creek Bridge*," in the *District of New Westminster*, are navigable waters, and are constantly used by vessels of light draught; and whereas it would be greatly detrimental to the public interest to permit any structure to be constructed that would in any way interfere with free navigation of said waters:

Be it therefore Resolved, That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will, without delay, urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of at once preventing the erection of any structure across the said waters that will in any way impede navigation.

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

Have the portions of the *Granville* townsite which were provincial property on the 1st of January, 1885, been transferred by Crown grant to any person or persons since that date; if so, on what date and to whom?

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

"Yes, with the exception of Lot 2, in Block 2, and the streets of the townsite, on the 13th day of February, 1886, to *Donald A. Smith* and *Richard B. Angus*."

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all correspondence, Orders in Council, maps, and papers, between the Crown Colony Government, or the Provincial Government and the Admiralty, the Dominion Government, or any person in their behalf, in respect to the Government or Naval Reserve at *English Bay*, together with a copy of the lease or license granted to *Jeremiah Rogers* for the purpose of cutting timber on said reserve. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act respecting the profession of Medicine and Surgery."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.05, p.m.

Monday, 1st March, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *Scriven*.

Mr. *Martin* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, reporting the preambles proved of the following Bills:—

An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Fire Insurance Company.

An Act to amend the "Nanaimo Water-works Act, 1885."

An Act granting to Messrs. Cochrane and Brady a lease of a portion of the bed of Findlay Creek, and lands contiguous thereto, for mining purposes.

An Act to incorporate the Vancouver Water Works Company, 1886.

Received.

Mr. *Galbraith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1885.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the amount expended to 31st December, 1885, in each district of the mainland on public works, out of the money received from Canada for the Graving Dock, *Esquimalt*.

Moved by Mr. *Helyesen*, seconded by Mr. *McTavish*,—

That whereas it is detrimental to the best interest of white labour within the Province that Chinese should be allowed to cut hemlock timber for making tan bark on Crown lands without having license to do so from the Government, or by paying for the timber cut:

Be it therefore Resolved, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the Government take immediate steps to prevent any and all Chinese from cutting hemlock timber on any of the Crown lands within the Province of British Columbia.

Mr. *Allen* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Martin*,—

To strike out all the words down to the word "That," in the fourth line.

Amendment put and carried.

Original resolution as amended put and carried.

Moved by Mr. *Allen*, seconded by Mr. *Dingwall*,—

That in the opinion of this House the imposition of a mining license of \$15 upon Chinese results in a loss to the revenue, and it is expedient for the purpose of obtaining from the Chinese payment of mining licenses that the amount should be fixed at five dollars.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented a Return to an Order of the House for the names of all persons who applied to purchase lands at *Port Simpson* in 1879 or 1883; the dates and particulars of the respective applications; the dates of instructions for surveys; to whom issued; the dates of surveys; copies of publication (if any) of same; the dates of acceptance of surveys; and the dates of the issue of Crown grants, and to whom issued; together with copies of all correspondence in relation to the matter. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and the *Kootenay* Transportation Company, with reference to the abandonment of any portion of the 750,000 acres of land. (*No Correspondence*).

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented a Return to an Order of the House for all scrip or other authority granted or issued to *G. B. Wright*, or any person on his behalf, to acquire land on account of the construction of the *Eagle Pass* Waggon Road; stating the number of acres, and, if located, where located. (*See Sessional Papers*).

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

1. Is the published report of work done near *Kelly's Lake*, as shown on page 264 in the Sessional Papers of 1885, correct; if not, who is responsible for the mistake?

2. Is the published report of work done on the trail from *J. Wood's* to *China Gulch*, as shown on page 276, in the Sessional Papers of 1884, correct; if not, who is responsible for the mistake?

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

"1. There is a clerical or typographical error in the number of yards of crib work—1,124 yards should read 124. The draft of the report not having been kept, it is impossible to say how the error occurred.

"2. In the draft of the report the road is stated to have been graded 12 inches wide; the printed report substitutes *feet* for *inches*. Upon the attention of the Surveyor-General being called to it by the Government Printer, it was very naturally supposed to be a mistake in the Road Superintendent's return, as a graded road 12 inches wide seemed absurd."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 2nd March, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *Scriven*.

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

That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of devising some scheme whereby the public roads in *Victoria* and *Esquimalt Districts* may be repaired and kept in a better condition than at present.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for this day week.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30, p. m.