Monday, 7th February, 1910.

Two o'clock, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. Jno. Campbell, Ph.D.

The following petitions were presented:-

By Mr. *Thomson*—From the British America Timber Company, opposing Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Campbell River Power Company." (No. 168.)

By Mr. Shatford—From the British Columbia Timber Company, opposing Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Comox Logging and Railway Company." (No. 24A.)

By Mr. Hayward—From the North Pacific Lumber Company, opposing Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Campbell River Power Company." (No. 16c.)

Mr. Ross presented the Ninth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 7th, 1910.

Mr. Speaker:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned Petition have been

complied with :-

Petition No. 21.—An Act to incorporate the B. C. Central Railway Company.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. Ross, Chairman.

The report was received.

Mr. Ross presented the Tenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 7th, 1910.

Mr. Speaker:

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

That the time limited for receiving Private Bills be extended to the 14th instant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. Ross.

The report was received.

Chairman.

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

On the motion of Mr. Macgowan, Private Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Packers' Association" was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to exempt from Seizure and Attachment Annuities issued under Chapter 5 of the Dominion Statutes for the Year 1908" was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

1. Have any, and if so how many, warrants been issued for the arrest of John H. Tonkin?

2. What are the dates of said warrants, if any?

3. Are said warrants still in the hands of the Crown?

- 4. Are said warrants in force?
- 5. If so, why have they not been executed?
- 6. Has $John\ H$. Tonkin been in Canada and in Victoria to the knowledge of the Crown within the last six months?
 - 7. If so, why was he not apprehended?
 - 8. If the warrants are not in force, what are the reasons for their withdrawal?
 - 9. If withdrawn, were the informants asked to consent to their withdrawal?
 - 10. Did the informants consent?

The Hon, Mr. Bowser replied as follows:—

- "1. In June, 1903, the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Limited, laid five informations against John H. Tonkin, who had been the Manager of the Company, for certain alleged offences in connection with his management of the Company's affairs. Warrants were issued on these informations, but were not executed, owing to the absence of Tonkin from Canada. The Company afterwards in 1909 advised the Attorney-General that an injustice had been done by the Company to Mr. Tonkin in laying the above informations, and desired to have informations, including the proceedings and warrants issued thereon, withdrawn and annulled. Inquiry into this matter was then instituted, and it was found that the said informations and warrants had been burned in the fire at Fernie on the 1st of August, 1908. No further proceedings in the matter were therefore subsequently taken.
 - "2. Answered by reply to question 1.
 - "3. Answered by reply to question 1.
 - "4. Answered by reply to question 1.
 - "5. Answered by reply to question 1.
 - "6. Yes, as to Canada. No, as to Victoria.
 - "7. Answered by reply to question 1.
 - "8. Answered by reply to question 1.
 - "9. Answered by reply to question 1.
 - "10. Answered by reply to question 1."

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to provide for the Medical Inspection of Schools" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act, 1905,'" was committed.

Progress reported

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act, 1908," was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

Mr. Ross presented the Eleventh Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 7th, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with Petition (No. 27) "An Act to incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Caledonia" have not been complied with, inasmuch as a printed copy of the Bill, a copy of the Petition and the notices published were not deposited eight days before the opening of the Session, as required by Rule 57.

Your Committee would recommend that, the Bill being of considerable urgency, and the public interests not being prejudicially affected, the double fees incurred by non-compliance with the Rule be remitted, and the Bill allowed to proceed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Wm. R. Ross, Chairman.

Received and adopted on suspension of the Rules.

On the motion of Mr. W. Manson, Private Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Caledonia" was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

On the motion of Mr. W. Manson, Private Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Columbia and Alaska Railway Company" was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Railway Committee.

On the motion of Mr. *Tisdail*, Private Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Central Railway Company" was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Railway Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Behnsen, Private Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act confirming and ratifying the incorporation of the Campbell River Power Company, Limited, under the 'Companies Act, 1897,' and conferring other Powers" was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

And then the House adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Tuesday, February 8th, 1910.

Two o'clock, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. Jno. Campbell, Ph.D.

The following petitions were received:—

From the British America Timber Company, opposing Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Campbell River Power Company." (No. 168.)

From the British Columbia Timber Company, opposing Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Comox Logging and Railway Company." (No. 24a.)

From the North Pacific Lumber Company, opposing Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Campbell River Power Company." (No. 16c.)

Mr. Ross presented the Twelfth Report from the Private Bills Committe, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 8th, 1910.

Mr. Speaker:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned Petitions have been complied with :—

Petition No. 20.—Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley and Northern Railway Company.

Petition No. 22.—Cariboo and Willow River Railway.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. Ross, Chairman.

The report was received.

Mr. Ross presented the Thirteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 8th, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned Petition have not been complied with, inasmuch as the advertising required is not complete in the local newspaper, but as the time required for publication of the advertisement in the Gazette is complete, your Committee would recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

Petition No. 30.—The Grand Trunk Pacific Fire and Stock Insurance Company.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. Ross, Chairman.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. Jardine asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:-

1. Is all the land which has been alienated by the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, and upon which it has reserved the coal, taxed as coal lands?

2. If not, why not?

The Hon. Mr. Bowser replied as follows:-

" 1. No

"2. Where the coal has been reserved by the Company it has not been alienated, and therefore is not taxable until alienated. All land alienated by the Company upon which it has reserved the coal is taxed either as real property, wild land or timber land according to the existing facts."

The Report on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to provide for the Medical Inspection of Schools" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act, 1908,'" was considered.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved to insert before the words "The Inspector," in the first line of section 2, subsection (48A), the following words: "Unless the trial Judge otherwise orders."

Negatived on the following division:-

YEAS-4.

Messieurs

Williams, Hawthornthwaite, Brewster, Jardine. Nays—32. Messieurs Shaw, Callanan, Shatford, Taylor,

Watson, Miller. McPhillips, Macgowan, Fraser, Jackson, Thomson, Gifford, Mackenzie, Cawley, Schofield, Hayward, Bowser, Behnsen, McGuire, Braden, Manson, M., McBride, Hunter, Mackay, Manson, W., Cotton, Manson, W. J., Parson, Young, Ross,Tisdall, Davey.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act providing for the Appointment of a Commission to Select a Site for the University of British Columbia" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, 8th February, 1910.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act providing for the Appointment of a Commission to Select a Site for the University of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act, 1905,'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903," was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Tisdall*, Private Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley and Northern Railway Company Act, 1907," was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Railway Committee.

And then the House adjourned at 4:40 o'clock, P.M.

Wednesday, February 9th, 1910.

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. Jno. Campbell, Ph.D.

Mr. Ross presented the Fifteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:-

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 9th, 1910.

Mr. Speaker:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting the Great West Permanent Loan Company" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported without amendment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Wm. R. Ross, Chairman.

The report was received.

Mr. Ross presented the Fourteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:-

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 9th, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendment:—

No. 54.—An Act respecting the Salvation Army.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. Ross, Chairman.

The report was received.

Mr. Macgowan presented the Second Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:-

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 9th, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The preamble proved of—

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Queen Charlotte Railway Company."

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to revive, ratify and confirm the 'Vancouver and Nicola Valley Railway Company Act, 1908."

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Island Valley Railway Company."

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to revive, confirm and ratify the incorporation of the Graham Island Railway Company."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. B. MACGOWAN,

Chairman.

The report was received.

On the motion of Mr. Jardine, seconded by Mr. Hawthornthwaite, it was Resolved,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all reports, certificates and correspondence in connection with the vacancies created in the Assessor's office; and in connection with the appointment of successors to such office.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Menzies Bay Railway Company" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to provide for the Medical Inspection of Schools."

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act, 1908.'"

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Game Protection Act, 1898," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, 9th February, 1910.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1898,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported. Bill introduced and read a first time. Second reading at the next sitting.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Children's Protection Act of British Columbia," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, 9th February, 1910.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the Children's Protection Act of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

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

THOMAS. W. PATERSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House, 9th February, 1910.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the Placer Mining Act," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment of Juvenile Courts" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Extra-Municipal Trade Licences Act, 1907.'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act respecting Crown Costs" was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS-32. Messieurs Shaw. Callanan. McPhillips, Taylor, Watson, Jackson, Thomson, Macgowan, Fraser, Cawley. Schofield, Gifford, Mackenzie, Behnsen, Caven, Hayward, Braden, Bowser. Hunter. McGuire, Manson, W., McBride. Manson, W. J., Mackay, Tisdall, Ross, Young, Parson, Wright, Shatford, Ellison, Daveu. Nays-3.

NAYS—3.
Messieurs

Hawthornthwaite, Brewster,

Jardine,

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to exempt from Seizure and Attachment Annuities issued under Chapter 5 of the Dominion Statutes for the Year 1908" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

On the motion of Mr. Fraser, Private Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Cariboo, Barkerville and Willow River Railway Company" was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Railway Committee.

And then the House adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

Thursday, February 10th, 1910.

Two o'clock, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. T. W. Gladstone.

On the motion of Mr. Shatford, the Standing Rules and Orders were suspended to enable a petition from A. H. McNeill and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Penticton Railway Company to be presented. The House was informed by the Chairman of the Private Bills Committee that the Committee had passed a resolution on 7th inst. extending the time for presenting petitions to the 14th inst., but by an error this was omitted from the Report.

The said petition was then presented and received. (No. 31.)

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Liquor Licences and the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, 10th February, 1910.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act respecting Liquor Licences and the Traffic in Intoxi cating Liquors," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported. Bill introduced and read a first time. Second reading at the next sitting.

Mr. Jardine asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Did several Principals of city schools and other teachers (at a Provincial Teachers' Convention held at Vancouver in April, 1904, with Inspector Wilson as chairman and Dr. Robinson present in the room) express dissatisfaction with the entrance examination questions?

2. Did the Provincial School Trustee Convention, held at New Westminster in 1907, pass this resolution by a large majority?—"That the questions set at examinations for High School entrance be within the scope of the text-books and on the subjects under examinations."

3. Did the acting Minister of Education acknowledge the receipt of a certified copy of that resolution on October 4th, 1997?

4. Does the published report of that convention (printed by the Government) state that Premier McBride said he would be pleased to carry out all their resolutions—if he could?

5. At what High School entrance examination was the practice of giving marks to the

pupils for their drawing-book work discontinued ?

6. For what purpose have the drawing-books (handed in at these examinations since that date) been used?

7. Is it the intention of the Department to change the usual practice of requiring the pupils to hand in their drawing-books at these examinations? If yes, at what date?

8. Did Dr. Robinson state in the Schools Report for 1906-1907 that Miss Merle McKenzie,

of Courtenay, had passed the High School entrance examination?

9. Has he forwarded to her the certificate certifying that she had passed? If not, why not?

10. How were the incorporated cities to which the Governor-General's bronze medals were given the first year (1906) selected from the other incorporated cities for that honour?

11. Did any official of the Education Department explain in 1908 to A. L. Coote, the Chairman of the Chilliwack School Board, that the Governor-General's bronze medals were given to places where there was the most, or the greatest, competition at the High School entrance examination? Who was the official?

12. Do the names of all teachers appear in the School Reports for 1905-1906 who taught

in the schools for that year?

13. How many rural and assisted schools were in operation in 1905-1906?

14. Was a letter sent from the Education Department at some time between the first and tenth of August, 1908, to Dr. E. J. Offerhaus, of Lansdowne, about the manner of distributing the Governor-General's bronze medals?

15. Was E. J. Offerhaus a member of the Spallumcheen School Board?

16. Did the letter contain these words —"With reference to the awarding of the Governor-General's medals, I beg to say that these are offered to pupils of schools where there is a High School established. Armstrong and Golden are the only points outside incorporated cities where those medals are competed for."

17. Whose signature was attached to that letter?

18. Did Ladysmith get a bronze medal in each of the years 1906, 1907 and 1908?

19. Had a High School been established there then ? 20. Did Cumberland get a bronze medal in 1908?

21. Had a High School been established there for several years?

22. Did Kelowna get a bronze medal in 1907 ?

23. Had a High School been established there then?

24. Did Chilliwack get a bronze medal in any of the years 1906, 1907 or 1908?

25. Had a High School been established there for several years?

26. What were the requisites in 1906 in order that a place might have the honour of competing for a bronze medal—

In 1907?

In 1908?

In 1909?

The Hon. Dr. Young replied as follows :-

- "1. The Department has no official knowledge of the matter.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. The Department has not a copy of the published report of the Convention.

"5. The Department cannot give the exact date.

"6. To ascertain if the work assigned had been done.

"7. Answered on January 27th, 1910.

"8. Miss Merle McKenzie's name, through a clerical error, appears in the Report in the list of successful candidates.

"9. No. Miss McKenzie did not pass.

- "10. Bronze medals were awarded to the cities of the first class, to the cities of the second class, and to what were considered the most important cities of the third class.
 - "11. Yes. The Minister of Education, on information supplied by the Superintendent.
 - "12. It is not the practice to place after each school the name of more than one teacher.

- "13. This information was supplied when the Minister laid the School Report before the House.
 - "14. Yes.
 - "15. Yes. "16. Yes.
 - "17. That of the Superintendent of Education.
 - "18. Answered by reply to No. 13.
 - "19. Answered by reply to No. 13.
 - "20. Answered by reply to No. 13.
 - "21. Answered by reply to No. 13.
 - "22. Answered by reply to No. 13.
 - "23. Answered by reply to No. 13.
 - "24. Answered by reply to No. 13.
 - "25. Answered by reply to No. 13.
- "26. As regards the year 1906, the question was answered by reply to No. 10. In 1907, 1908 and 1909, the medals were awarded those school districts that, in the opinion of the Department, were best entitled to them, care being taken not to transfer a medal from any district to which one had been awarded in 1906, except for good reasons."

The Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903," was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment of Juvenile Courts" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Extra-Municipal Trade Licences Act, 1907," was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act respecting Crown Costs" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to exempt from Seizure and Attachment Annuities issued under Chapter 5 of the Dominion Statutes for the Year 1908" was adopted. Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the Placer Mining Act" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the Children's Protection Act of British Columbia" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Menzies Bay Railway Company" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

On the motion of Mr. Miller, Private Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Fire and Stock Insurance Company" was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

And then the House adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Friday, February 11th, 1910.

Two o'clock, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. T. W. Gladstone.

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

By the Hon. Mr. Bowser-Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act for preserving Purchasers of

Stock from Losses by Forged Transfers."

By the Hon. Mr. Ellison—Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the Bush Fire Act."

By the Hon. Mr. Bowser—Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the Woodman's Lien for Wages Act."

By the Hon. Mr. Bowser—Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the Horticultural Board Act."

By the Hon. Mr. Bowser—Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the Noxious Weeds Prevention Act."

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 11th, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time limited for presentation of Private Bills to the House be extended until

the 21st instant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. Ross, Chairman.

The report was received and, on suspension of the Rules, adopted.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 11th, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders beg leave to

report as follows:

In regard to Petitions No. 29 (1) and 29 (2), B. C. Electric Railway Company and City of Victoria, that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, but in view of the urgency of the situation, as set forth in the Petition, No. 29 (2), your Committee would recommend that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the petitioners to proceed with a Private Bill to secure the objects sought.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. Ross, Chairman.

The report was received and, on suspension of the Rules, adopted.

Mr. Ross presented the Eighteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 11th, 1910.

Mr. Speaker:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Western Union Fire Insurance Company" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. Ross, Chairman.

The report was received.

Mr. Jardine moved, seconded by Mr. Williams,-

Whereas the "Revenue Tax Act, 1901," imposes a tax of \$3 on every male person between the ages of 18 and 60 who is a ratepayer or wage earner in the Province; and

Whereas the Bill introduced by the Honourable Finance Minister for the purpose of reducing taxation does not materially reduce the taxation of the poor or of the stranger; and Whereas the said Bill introduced by the Honourable Finance Minister does materially reduce the taxation of the rich; and

Whereas this Government, and its followers, expressed a keen desire to aid the working-

man, and to be a friend of the workingman; and

Whereas the first \$3 that a workingman earns each year in this Province is withheld from him by his employer and handed over to the tax collector; and

Whereas the Treasury is overflowing with money partly collected in such manner: Be it therefore Resolved, That the matter be referred to a Select Committee of this House to report upon the desirability of repealing the said "Revenue Tax Act, 1901."

Committee: Cotton, Behnsen, Tisdull, W. Manson, Hawthornthwaite and the mover.

Negatived.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to exempt from Seizure and Attachment Annuities issued under Chapter 5 of the Dominion Statutes for the year 1908."

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903.'"

The Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Extra-Municipal Trade Licences Act, 1907," was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act respecting Crown Costs" was adopted. Third reading on Monday next,

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act providing for the Appointment of a Commission to Select a Site for the University of British Columbia" was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act respecting Liquor Licences and the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors" a debate arose, which was adjourned to the next sitting.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act regarding the Inspection of Tramways," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, 11th February, 1910.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

Resolution and Bill reported. Bill introduced and read a first time. Second reading at the next sitting.

 $\,$ Mr. Ross presented the Nineteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 11th, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

By a Resolution, dated February 7th, 1910, your Committee decided to ask the House for an extension of the time limited for presenting Petitions for Private Bills, but by a mistake the Report reads as recommending the extension of time for presenting Private Bills to the House.

Your Committee recommend that the Resolution of the Committee be now carried out by extending the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills until the 14th instant, such extension to take effect as and from the 7th instant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. Ross, Chairman.

The report was received and, on suspension of the Rules, adopted.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Monday, February 14th, 1910.

Two o'clock, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. H. E. Collison.

Mr. Ross presented the Twentieth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:-

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 14th, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 64) intituled the "Northern British Columbia Telephone Company" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. Ross, Chairman.

The report was received.

On the motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Jordine, it was Resolved,-

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing in what newspapers notice of objections to retaining names on the voters lists have been published; the rates charged by such newspapers, and the total amounts paid, or to be paid, such newspapers in each case.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to revise and consolidate the 'Companies Act, 1897,' and amending Acts," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, 14th February, 1910.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to revise and consolidate the 'Companies Act, 1897, and amending Acts," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Extra-Municipal Trade Licences Act, 1907.'"

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act respecting Crown Costs."

 Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the Placer Mining Act" was committed. Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act providing for the Appointment of a Commission to Select a Site for the University of British Columbia" was committed.

Reported with amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act respecting Liquor Licences and the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors." The debate was again adjourned.

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

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1898.'"

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act regarding the Inspection of Tramways."

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the Horticultural Board Act."

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the Noxious Weeds Prevention Act."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:50 P.M

Tuesday, February 15th, 1910.

Two o'clock, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. H. E. Collison.

Mr. Macgowan presented the Third Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:-

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 15th, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways beg leave to report as follows:— The preamble proved of—

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia and Alaska Railway Company."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. B. Macgowan, Chairman.

The report was received.

Mr. Ross presented the Twenty-first Report from the Private Bills Committee as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 14th, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Bill No. 65.—Campbell River Power Company.

After consideration of the preamble to this Bill, against which petitions were presented by the following interested parties: J. Goodfellow, the North Pacific Lumber Company, the British America Timber Company and Counsel representing the International Lumber Company, your Committee are of the opinion that the Company seeking the legislation asked for in the Bill already possesses, under the Water Act of 1909, and under the Joint-Stock Companies Act, all the powers which would seem to be necessary to carry out their undertaking; and as it appeared that the passing of the Bill might possibly prejudice existing rights, your Committee is of the opinion that the legislation asked for is not in the public interest.

Therefore your Committee beg leave to report the preamble of Bill (No. 65), Campbell

River Power Company Confirmation Act, not proved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The report was received.

Wm. R. Ross, Chairman.

Mr. Ross presented the Twenty-second Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 15th, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Petition No. 31. An Act to Incorporate the Penticton Railway Company.

That the Standing Orders have not been complied with inasmuch as the notices required to be published in the newspapers and the Gazette have not appeared for a sufficient time;

But inasmuch as it appears that the promoters are at present actively engaged in surveying the line of railway for which this Act of Incorporation is asked, and that the delay in

applying for this Bill arises out of an erroneous belief that the charter of the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company now held by the same promoters would admit of the construction of the line of railway, and that it is of great importance to the people of the district to be served by this railway that its construction should be proceeded with at once,

Your Committee recommend that the Standing Orders be suspended to allow the Bill to

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. Ross, Chairman.

The report was received.

The Orders were suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. Ross presented the Twenty-third Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :---

> LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 15th, 1910.

Mr. Speaker:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported without amendment:-

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Caledonia.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. Ross, Chairman.

The report was received.

Mr. Ross presented the Twenty-fourth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :---

> LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 15th, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments:

Bill (No. 59) the "British Columbia Packers' Association Act."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. Ross,

Chairman.

The report was received.

Mr. Jardine asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:-

1. Does the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Co. own the land in what is called the Railway Reserve on Vancouver Island which has not been alienated to private parties?

2. If not, who owns it?

3. Does the E. & N. Ry. Co. own the coal or coal rights under the lands mentioned in question 1?

4. If not, who owns it?

5. Does the E. & N. Ry. Co. own the coal or coal rights under the land in the Reserve which has been alienated to private parties (except those who have obtained grants under the Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act)?

6 If not, who owns it?

7. Are there two E. & N. Ry. Co.'s in British Columbia?

- 8. If yes, which has the right of freedom from taxation under the Statutes?
- 9. If no, why is neither the coal nor the land in that Reserve taxed?

The Hon. Mr. Bowser replied as follows:

"1. Yes, as far as we know.

"2. The persons to whom the land is alienated.

- "3. Yes, where such coal or coal rights have been reserved by the Company. No, where no reservation has been made by the Company.
- "4. Where reservation has been made by the Company, the Company; where no reservation has been made, the persons to whom alienated.

"5. Depends upon the nature of the grants made by the Company.

"6. The persons to whom alienated.

"7. No.

"8. Answered by No. 7.

"9. All the lands within the Railway Reserve legally liable for taxation have been taxed."

Mr. Jardine asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question :-

In view of the reported appointment of Mr. L. Tait, a resident and voter in Esquimalt District, as Police Commissioner for Victoria City, will it be in order for me to recommend a citizen of Esquimalt as Police Commissioner for Vancouver City in the year 1910?

The Hon. Mr. Bowser replied as follows:-

"I can see no legal objection to a voter of Esquimalt being appointed as Police Commissioner for Vancouver City, but doubt very much the practical result, as a Police Commissioner is supposed not only to have an interest in, but to be well acquainted with, the local conditions surrounding police affairs in the city to which he is appointed. Further, it would cause a great deal of inconvenience if an Esquimalt voter had to travel back and forward to Vancouver to every meeting of the Police Board and pay his own expenses."

Mr. Jardine asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. How many acres within the E. & N. Railway reserve have been granted by the E. & N. Railway to persons who claimed the land by squatters' right?

2. How many acres were granted to persons claiming by pre-emption?

- 3. How many acres in the said reserve have been granted by the Dominion Government to persons claiming under squatters' right?
- 4. How many acres by the Dominion Government to persons claiming by pre-emption?
 5. How many acres have already been granted outside the reserve to the E. & N. Railway to compensate it for the lands that had been granted as above?

6. Do the lands already so granted to the E. & N. Railway as compensation contain iron

7. Have those already granted compensation lands been valued by a Government officer?

8. Have they been valued by an expert on behalf of the Government?

9. What was the value placed upon them?

10. Does the Government intend to have those already granted compensation lands valued

by an expert now?

11. Is it the intention of the Government to allow all persons claiming the coal rights under the land granted to them within the E. & N. Railway reserve to appear on the 11th February to present and make good their claim, who now make such claim by virtue of their squatters' rights or pre-emption right, notwithstanding that the time limited by the Act has passed for making such application under the Island Settlers' Rights Act?

12. If not, why not?

13. What is the date of the notice that appears in the Colonist of the 6th of February warning persons to appear before the Government on the 11th of February to make good their claims under the Island Settlers' Rights Act?

14. Does the Government intend to give the E. & N. Railway a further grant of land by

way of compensation?

15. How many acres does the Government propose to grant as compensation?

- 16. Has this proposed compensation land been examined and valued by an expert on behalf of the Government?
 - 17. What is its value?

The Hon. Mr. Ellison replied as follows:-

- "1. Have no record of Company's dealings with squatters.
- "2. Have no record of Company's dealings with pre-emptors.
- "3. No information in the Land Department.
- "4. 9,469.
- "5. None.
- "6. Unable to say.
- "7. No.
- "8. No.
- "9. No valuation made.
- "10. No.
- "11. No.
- "12. It is not intended to extend the time for entering claims under the 'Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act.'
 - "13. No date.
 - "14, 15, 16 and 17. The matter is under consideration."

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment of Juvenile Courts" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1898,'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act providing for the Appointment of a Commission to Select a Site for the University of British Columbia" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" for reconsideration of the following proposed amendment, namely:—

That section 8 of the said Bill be amended by striking out the letter "a" before "Crowngranted" in the third line of the said section, and by substituting therefor the words "an unworked."

Government House,

15th February, 1910.

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

(In the Committee.)

The Bill was amended in terms of the Message.

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report the Bill as amended to the House.

Report adopted and the Bill amended accordingly.

The Bill was then ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

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

Thomas W. Paterson,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House, 15th February, 1910.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

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

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the Horticultural Board Act" was committed Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the Noxious Weeds Prevention Act" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act respecting Liquor Licences and the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors."

The debate was again adjourned.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to revise and consolidate the 'Companies Act, 1897,' and amending Acts" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. Shatford, Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Penticton Railway Company" was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Railway Committee.

Mr. McPhillips presented a petition from D. S. Tait and others, asking for certain amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act re exemption of athletic grounds from taxation.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Thomson*, Private Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act respecting an Agreement between the City of Victoria and the British Columbia Electric Railway Company" was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

And then the House adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Wednesday, February 16th, 1910.

Two o'clock, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. H. E. Collison.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House resolved to place upon the Journals of the House an expression of its deep sympathy with the relatives of the late ex-Governor C. F. Cornwall, on the loss sustained by them on his demise.

Mr. Macgowan presented the Fourth Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:-

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 16th, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The preamble proved of—

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Pacific and Alaska Railway Company."

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Central Railway Company."

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Northern Vancouver Island Railway Company."

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley and Northern Railway Company Act, 1907."

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Cariboo, Barkerville and Willow River Railway Company."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. B. Macgowan,

Chairman.

The report was received.

The Report on Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Menzies Bay Railway Company" was considered.

Mr. Hayward moved to amend section 2, lines one and two, by striking out the words "in the City of Vancouver," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "at Barnet, British Columbia."

Carried.

Mr. Hayward moved to amend section 2, line 2, by striking out the word "Canada" and inserting in its place the following words: "British Columbia."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow:—Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Port Moody, Indian River and Northern Railway Company."

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting the Great West Permanent Loan Company." Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to revive, ratify and confirm the 'Vancouver and Nicola Valley Railway Company Act, 1908.'"

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Queen Charlotte Railway Company.' Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Island Valley Railway Company."

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to revive, ratify and confirm the incorporation of the Graham Island Railway Company."

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting the Salvation Army."

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act" was read a third time and passed.

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted and the Bills Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the Placer Mining Act."

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the Horticultural Board Act."

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the Noxious Weeds Prevention Act."

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to revise and consolidate the 'Companies Act, 1897,' and amending Acts" was committed.

Progress reported

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

Mr. Ross presented the Twenty-fifth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 16th, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

(No. 74).—Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900, Amendment Act, 1910.

(No. 75).—False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904, Amendment Act, 1910.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. Ross,

Chairman.

The report was received.

And then the House adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Thursday, February 17th, 1910.

Two o'clock, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. N. Miller.

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

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the Placer Mining Act."

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the Noxious Weeds Prevention Act."

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the Game Protection Act, 1898," was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Mr. Ross presented the Twenty-sixth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 17th, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time limited for the presentation of reports on Private Bills be extended until the 25th instant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. Ross, Chairman.

The report was received, the Standing Rules suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. Brewster asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

- 1. Was Charles Tupper Harvey appointed fire warden, or deputy fire warden, in Alberni District during the season of 1909?
 - 2. If so, at what salary? And what was the amount paid him?

3. If appointed, when will his services terminate?

- 4. Did Charles Tupper Harvey hold any other appointment in Alberni District during 1909?
 - 5. If so, what remuneration did he receive?

The Hon. Dr. Young replied as follows:-

- "1. Appointed assistant fire warden.
- "2. Received no remuneratiou.
- "3. Services terminated end of September, 1909.

"4. Yes; appointment of road foreman.

"5. Three dollars (\$3) per day when employed."

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to revise and consolidate the 'Companies Act, 1897," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act respecting Liquor Licences and the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

Friday, February 18th, 1910.

Two o'clock, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. N. Miller.

The following Bills were introduced by the Hon. Mr. Bowser and read a first time:—

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Clauses Act."

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Elections Act."

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the Land Registry Act."

Second reading on Monday next.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act, 1905,'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act respecting Liquor Licences and the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Monday, February 21st, 1910.

Two o'clock, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. S. Ard.

The Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the Horticultural Board Act" was discharged, and the Bill ordered to be recommitted at the next sitting of the House for the purpose of considering amendments to sections 2 and 3.

The Report on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the Game Protection Act 1898," was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Mr. Brewster asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands the following questions:—

- 1. Were any persons employed by the Government as fire rangers or wardens, or deputy fire rangers or wardens, in Delta Electoral District during the year 1909?
 - 2. If so, who were the persons so employed?3. How long was each person so employed?
- 4. What was the rate per day and the total amount paid to each such person, both as wages and expenses?

5. What were the duties assigned to each of such persons?

- 6. Is not the timber in the Railway Belt in Delta Electoral District owned either by the Dominion Government or by private persons?
 - 7. Is not the timber in the Delta Electoral District protected by the Federal Government?
 - 8. If so, what necessity was there for employing Provincial fire wardens or rangers?
 9. Does the Province own any timber in Delta or Chilliwhack Electoral Districts?

10. If so, what quality?

The Hon. Mr. Price Ellison replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. George McCauley, fire warden; Thomas Sullivan, John Nash, John Gordon, William Best, R. D. McKenzie, Robert Gray, Jr., James Storey and Jos. Sherlock, assistant fire wardens.

"3. Fire warden from 21st June, 1909, to 30th September, 1909. Assistant fire wardens,

from 1st June to 30th September.

"4. Fire warden paid \$4 per day. Wages, \$408. Expenses, \$143.44. No allowance to

assistant fire wardens.

" 5. Fire warden to carry on active patrol, issue clearing permits to settlers; also to report infractions of Game Act. Assistant fire wardens to co-operate with fire wardens as far as possible.

"6. Yes, except as in answer to question 9.

- "7. The Dominion Government has officials for the purpose of giving protection against fire.
- "8. To issue permits to settlers for clearing, to patrol the territory from Point Roberts eastward included in Delta Fire District, and carry out instructions, generally, from chief fire warden in the interests of the districts.

"9. No other than that situated on any old homesteads that have since been abandoned.

"10. The Department has no information."

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to revise and consolidate the 'Companies Act, 1897,'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act respecting Liquor Licences and the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:45 o'clock, P.M.

Tuesday, February 22nd, 1910.

Two o'clock, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. S. Ard.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Coal-Mines Regulation Act and amending Acts" was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Jardine asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following question:-

How many acres (approximately) of what is known as the Vancouver Island Railway Reserve are still vested in the Crown?

The Hon. Mr. Price Ellison replied as follows:-

"27,200 acres, and 4,500 acres, approximately, reverted for taxes."

Mr. Macgowan presented the Fifth Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 22nd, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways beg leave to report as follows:— The preamble proved of—

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Penticton Railway Company."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. B. Macgowan, Chairman.

The report was received.

Mr. Speaker *Eberts* gave the following decision on the question raised by Mr. *Jardine* as to why the notice of questions given by him did not appear in the notice list as handed in:—

The Hon. Member for Esquimalt rose to a question of privilege to the effect that he had placed certain questions on the Clerk's desk, and some of them had not appeared in the Votes and Proceedings to be answered by the Minister to whom addressed, and it is alleged that question 12 is altogether different from the one propounded by the Hon. Member, and

that one or two questions had been suppressed.

I have inquired from the Clerk of the House as to the omissions complained of, and have been informed by him that certain questions were handed to him by the Hon. Member about six o'clock in the evening. As it has been the custom for the past 20 years, he examines all questions before they are handed to the King's Printer to be included in the Votes and Proceedings, and in this case made certain changes in them, as they appeared to be to him not in accordance with the practice and procedure of the House, and particularly drew my attention to a very long question relating to the names of 110 teachers and the amounts alleged to have been received by them for teaching in the schools, the names of whom were also set out in the question.

As to the question referring to the names of 110 teachers, etc., I am of opinion that it is, to a certain extent, an abuse of the right of questioning, partly from its unreasonable length, but particularly from the fact that a full return of the names and amounts paid all teachers for the year 1905-6 appears in the Public Accounts of the Province and are published in the

Sessional Papers.

The question "Do the names of any of those 110 teachers appear in the School Report for 1905-6 as having taught the schools for which they were paid those amounts?" was changed by the Clerk to read: "Do the names of all teachers appear in the School Report for 1905-6 who taught in the schools for that year?" As the question above it had been struck out, the only course for the Clerk to do was to amend the following question which referred to it in the way he did.

The next question disallowed: "Do these facts not prove that the chances are only about one in three that the Inspectors' detailed reports of Rural Schools stand to the credit or dis-

credit of the right teacher?" is a matter of opinion and not a matter of fact.

The next question stricken out was: "Do these facts not prove that the Inspectors'

Reports are unreliable?" is also irregular, as suggesting an imputation.

As I have said, the practice has grown up of submitting all questions to the Clerk. By the true construction of parliamentary procedure the Speaker should rule upon the allowance or refusal of questions.

If it be the wish of the House, I shall direct the Clerk to discontinue the discretion that

has been accorded to him for so many years.

D. M. Eberts, Speaker,

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the Horticultural Board Act" was recommitted. Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to revise and consolidate the 'Companies Act, 1897," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act respecting Liquor Licences and the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Coal-Mines Regulation Act and amending Acts" was discharged.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Coal-Mines Regulation Act and amending Acts" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, 22nd February, 1910.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Coal-Mines Regula tion Act and amending Acts," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

Wednesday, February 23rd, 1910.

Two o'clock, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. S. Ard.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time and Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow:—

By the Hon. the Minister of Public Works:-

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Steam Boilers Inspection Act, 1901.'"

By the Hon. the Attorney-General:-

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the City of Prince Rupert."

Mr. Ross presented the Twenty-seventh Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 23rd, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act respecting an Agreement between the City of Victoria and the British Columbia Electric Railway Company."

Bill (No. 79) intituled "The British Empire Insurance Company Act, 1910."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. Ross, Chairman.

The report was received.

On the motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance, it was Resolved,—

That on and from to-day, and until the close of the Session, there shall be two distinct sittings in each day, one from two P.M. to six P.M., and the other from eight P.M. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered by the House.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House, 14th February, 1910.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Port Moody, Indian River and Northern Railway Company" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting the Great West Permanent Loan Company" was committed.

Progress reported

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to revive, ratify and confirm the 'Vancouver and Nicola Valley Railway Company Act, 1908," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Queen Charlotte Railway Company" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Island Valley Railway Company" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to revive, ratify and confirm the incorporation of the Graham Island Railway Company" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting the Salvation Army" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow:—Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Western Union Fire Insurance Company."

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Packers' Associa-

tion."

 $Bill~({\rm No.~50})$ intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia and Alaska Railway Company."

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Caledonia."

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific and Alaska Railway Company."

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Central Railway Company."

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Northern Vancouver Island Railway Company."

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley and Northern Railway Company Act, 1907.'"

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Cariboo, Barkerville and Willow River Railway Company."

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900."

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Northern British Columbia Telephone Company" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:59 P.M.

Thursday, February 24th, 1910.

Two o'clock, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. Henderson.

Mr. W. Manson presented a petition from H. Douglas and others, of Prince Rupert, for leave to be heard by the Private Bills Committee on the consideration of Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to authorise the B. C. Mainland and Coast Industrial Company, Limited, to construct Railways and Tramways for the purposes of its undertaking, lay Gas Pipes and transmit Electricity, and conferring other powers."

Read and received.

 $\operatorname{Mr.}\ \mathit{Ross}$ presented the Twenty-eighth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 24th, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time limited for presentation of Reports on Private Bills be extended until the 3rd of March, proximo.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Wm. R. Ross, Chairman.

The report was received, the Standing Orders suspended and the report adopted.

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

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the Fire Inquiry Act."

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to provide for the Inspection of Premises, Works, Wires and Appliances Generating, Transmitting or Supplying Electrical Energy."

The Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the Horticultural Board Act" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1898,'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act, 1905,' was considered.

Hon. Dr. Young moved the following amendments:—

To strike out in the first line of section 8 the words "43 of said Act as re-enacted," and substitute therefor "34 of chapter 39 of the Statutes of 1906."

To strike out the words "The said Act" in first line of section 9, and substitute "Section 29 of chapter 39 of the Statutes of 1906."

Carried.

To strike out in the first line of section 10 the words "The said Act," and substitute "Section 53 of chapter 39 of the Statutes of 1906."

Carried.

Mr. Williams moved to strike out section "6," and renumber the following sections. Negatived on the following division:—

	Y	EAS-4.	
	M	lessieurs ———	
Williams,	Haw thorn thwaite,	Brewster,	Jardine,
	N	AYS-30.	
	M	lessieurs –	
Shaw,	Tisdall,	Ross,	Ellison,
Watson,	Wright,	MePhillips,	Macgowan,
Fraser,	Miller,	Schofield,	Gifford,
McDonald,	Jackson,	Behnsen,	Hayward,
Mackenzie,	Caven,	Hunter,	McGuire,
Braden,	Bowser,	Manson, W. J.,	Parson,
Manson, M.,	McBride,	Young,	Davey.
Manson, W.,	Cotton,		

Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved to add the following as a new section to the Bill:

- "11. Section 39 of chapter 44 of the Statutes of 1905 is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:—
 - "(2.) The Board of Trustees shall have the power to exclude any child or children from the school or schools on the ground that owing to racial differences it is deemed to be inadvisable in the best interests of the majority of the children to admit them.

Negatived on the following division:—

7.	EAS-4.	
7	Iessieurs	
Haw thorn thwaite,	Brewster,	Jardine.
N	AYS-35.	
D.	Iessieurs	
Wright,	Ross,	Ellison,
Callanan,	Shat for d,	Taylor,
Miller,	McPhillips,	Macgowan,
Jackson,	Thomson,	Gifford,
Cawley,	Schofield,	Hayward,
Caven,	Behnsen,	MeGuire,
Bowser,	Hunter,	Parson,
McBride,	Manson, W. J.,	Davey,
Cotton,	Young,	
	M Hawthornthwaite, N Wright, Callanan, Miller, Jackson, Cawley, Caven, Bowser, McBride,	Nays—35. Messieurs Wright, Ross, Callanan, Shatford, Miller, McPhillips, Jackson, Thomson, Cawley, Schofield, Caven, Behnsen, Bowser, Hunter, McBride, Manson, W. J.,

Mr. Jardine moved to amend section 5, line three, by adding the following words to subsection (39s): "To the Board of School Trustees in rural districts and."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. McBride presented the Eighth Annual Report of the Agent-General for British Columbia in London, England.

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

THOMAS. W. PATERSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith-

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the financial year ending 31st March, 1911;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year ending 31st March, 1910;

Schedule A, Unprovided Items of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1909, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, 22nd February, 1910.

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

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act respecting Liquor Licences and the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the Land Act" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the Land Registry Act" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the City of Prince Rupert" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

Friday, February 25th, 1910.

Two o'clock, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. Henderson.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time and Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next:—

By Mr. Hawthornthwaite—

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act, 1899.'"

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Labour Regulation Act, 1900.'"

By Hon. Mr. Bowser-

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act."

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the County Courts Act."

Mr. Macgowan presented the Sixth Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 25th, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways beg leave to report as follows:— The preamble proved of—

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Comox Logging and Railway Company."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. B. MACGOWAN,

The report was received.

Chairman.

 ${
m Mr.}\ {\it Ross}$ presented the Twenty-ninth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 25th, 1910.

Mr. Speaker:

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

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

Bill (No. 62) "An Act to Incorporate the City of South Vancouver."

Bill (No. 61) "British Columbia Fruit Lands and Kamloops Company Amalgamation Act."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The report was received.

Wm. R. Ross, Chairman.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act, 1905," was read a third time and passed.

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

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

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the Public Inquiries Act.
- (No. 2) An Act to amend the Notaries Appointment Act.
- (No. 3) An Act to amend the Coroners Act.
- (No. 4) An Act to provide for the Medical Inspection of Schools.
- (No. 5) An Act to provide for the Establishment of Juvenile Courts.
- (No. 6) An Act to amend the "Assessment Act, 1903."
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the "Extra-Municipal Trade Licences Act, 1907."
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act, 1905."
- (No. 9) An Act respecting Crown Costs.
- (No. 10) An Act to amend the "Factories Act, 1908."
- (No. 11) An Act to amend the "Game Protection Act, 1898."
- (No. 12) An Act to exempt from Seizure and Attachment Annuities issued under Chapter 5 of the Dominion Statutes for the Year 1908.
- (No. 15) An Act to authorise the Appointment of a Commission to Select a Site for the University of British Columbia.
- (No. 17) An Act to amend the Placer Mining Act.
- (No. 24) An Act to amend the Horticultural Board Act.
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the Noxious Weeds Prevention Act.

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

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

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

The House then proceeded to the Order of the Day for Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. Bowser moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. McBride,—"That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:15 P.M.