

Wednesday, 5th April, 1893.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

On the motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Forster*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Kitchen*, *Watt*, *Stoddart*, *Booth*, and the mover, be appointed to enquire into all matters connected with the pre-empting of certain lands within the *McLaren-Ross* timber limit on *Campbell River* and *Duncan's Bay*, *Vancouver Island*, with power to send for persons and papers and report to this House.

On the motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Forster*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing what amount of the revenue derived from the tax on mortgages is included in the respective amounts shown as the "Personal Property Tax" paid in from the various electoral districts of the Province, as per statement on page 10E of the Public Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1892.

Mr. *Watt* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Voters' Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend section 6 of the 'Public School Act Amendment Act, 1892.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Watt* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to make provision for the sanitary condition of Municipalities."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company," was committed, with Mr. *Sword* in the Chair.

The Committee reported the Bill complete without amendment.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended.

Mr. *Kitchen* then asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the 'Drainage, Dyking and Irrigation Act' and amendment Act, 1892."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

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

E. DEWDNEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly, for reconsideration, Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1891,' and the 'Public School Act Amendment Act, 1892,'" and recommends that the enclosed clause be added to the said Bill as section 14.

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"14. This Act shall not come into force until a day to be fixed by Proclamation to be published in the British Columbia Gazette."

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

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the said Message, with Mr. *Martin* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Honourable Minister of Education, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Turner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Committee rise and report to the House the following additional section to Bill (No. 10):—

"14. This Act shall not come into force until a day to be fixed by Proclamation to be published in the British Columbia Gazette."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Resolution was reported.

Report adopted.

The clause was then read a first and second time and added to Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1891,' and the 'Public School Act Amendment Act, 1892.'"

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Mount Tolmie Park and Cordova Bay Railway Company," was committed, with Mr. *Kellie* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendment.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Nelson and Arrow Lake Railway Company," was committed, with Mr. *Booth* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to remove doubts concerning the validity of certain Conveyances of Land," was committed, with Mr. *Anderson* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kaslo Electric Light, Power, and Water-works Company," was committed, with Mr. *Kirchen* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for this evening.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock, p. m.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented a Return of all correspondence with the Lands and Works Department relating to the pre-empting of certain lands within the *McLaren-Ross* Lumber Company's timber limit on *Campbell River* and *Duncan Bay*, Vancouver Island; also of all affidavits of persons who have filed records of pre-emption within the said limits, and the dates of such records.

The House again went into Committee on Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the *Kaslo Electric Light, Power, and Water-works Company*," with Mr. *Kitchen* in the Chair. The Bill was reported complete, with amendments.
Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Railway Act,'" was considered.

The following amendments were made to the Bill:—

To amend section 2 by striking out the words "bond charge," where they occur together in lines 2, 6, 8, and 17.

To strike out the words "within sixty days after the execution thereof, if executed after the passing of this Act, but if executed before the passing of this Act then within sixty days after the passing hereof," in lines 11, 12, 13, and 14 of section 2.

To insert as a new section between sections 2 and 3 of the Bill:—

"3. the filing, according to the provisions of the preceding section, of any such mortgage, trust deed, or other instrument shall have the same effect as if such mortgage, trust deed, or other instrument had been registered under the provisions of the 'Land Registry Acts.'"

To strike out section 5, and substitute for it the following:—

"6. And whereas doubts have arisen whether transfers or assignments by way of mortgage of the rolling stock and movable property of railway companies require registration under the Bills of Sale Act," when by the instrument or instruments of transfer or assignment a charge is also created upon the right of way of the railway:

"And whereas doubts have also arisen whether a company or corporation (not registered in this Province) named as a mortgagee, or as a trustee in a mortgage or trust deed of railway property, may have and exercise the rights and remedies of mortgagees and trustees: For the avoidance of such doubts it is hereby declared and enacted as follows:—"

To amend the former section 6, which will now be section 7, as follows:—

By striking out the words, in lines 6 and 7, "the real estate of the railway company, or a substantial part thereof, is included," and by substituting for the words so struck out the following: "a charge is created upon the right of way of the railway."

To amend section 7 (now 8):—In line 4 insert between "as" and "trustee" the words "mortgagee or;" in line 7 insert between "such" and "trustee" the words "mortgagee or."

Strike out the present section 8 and substitute—

"9. The reference in this Act to railway companies shall be deemed to include companies incorporated howsoever and whensoever for building or operating railways, tramways, or street railways for the carriage of passengers or goods, and whether the same are operated by steam, electricity, air cable, or other motive power whatsoever, and the expression 'railway company' shall extend to and include any such company, and 'railway property' shall include property of any such company used or enjoyed for its corporate purposes, and may include vessels or means for transport by water when auxilliary to the railway or appertaining thereto."

Amend section 9 (now 10) by changing the figures 6, 7, and 8 to 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Add as a new section—

"11. No purchaser for valuable consideration of any property of a railway company, and no Sheriff or judgment creditor executing process of execution, shall be affected by any assignment, or transfer by way of mortgage of any railway property which has not at the time of purchase or seizure, as the case may be, been filed under the provisions of this Act. But nothing in this section shall affect the validity of any instrument duly registered or filed as required by law previous to the coming into force of this Act."

Mr. *Sword* moved the following as a new clause:—

Sub-section (18) of section 9 of the "British Columbia Railway Act, 1890," is hereby repealed and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—

(18.) Any company may construct a branch or branches not exceeding six miles in length from any terminus or station of the railway of such company, and no such branch shall, as to the quality and construction of the road, be subject to any of the restrictions contained in the special Act of Incorporation of the company, or in this Act, nor shall anything in either of the said Acts authorize any company to take for such branch any lands belonging to any party without the consent of such party first obtained: Provided, however, that when any such branch is situate, in whole or in part, within the limits of a municipality, the powers conferred by this sub-section shall not be exercised until the Municipal Council have passed a by-law sanctioning the construction of such branch.

Carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1891,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act' and amending Acts," was considered.

Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to strike out section 5.

Carried.

Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to strike out the word "ten," in line 7 of section 9, and insert in lieu thereof the words "half-past nine," and in line 12 to strike out the word "thirty," and, in same line, to strike out the word "five" and insert in lieu thereof the words "half-past four."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* moved to strike out section 11 as proposed and substitute therefor the following:—

"11. Section 67 of the said Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—'Whenever the Registrar refuses to effect registration in accordance with the tenor of any application, as to which he shall decide without delay, or to do any other duty or thing required or permitted to be done by this Act, he shall forthwith notify the applicant in writing of such refusal, stating briefly the reasons therefor, and thereupon the applicant may petition the Court or a Judge in a summary way for such relief as the nature of the case may require, and the Court or a Judge shall hear such petition, and thereupon make such order upon such terms as to notices, costs, and otherwise as shall seem proper or just: Provided, always, that if the applicant shall not file any such petition with the proper officer of the Court, and serve, or cause to be served, a copy thereof upon the Registrar within thirty days of the date of such refusal, or shall within the same time fail to fulfil the requirements of the Registrar as the case may be, the application shall be and be deemed to be cancelled and void: Provided, further, that the Registrar in his discretion may, on request at any time before the lapse of the said period of thirty days, extend the time for filing the petition, or for fulfilling his requirements as the case may be, and so from time to time at discretion; and in the event of refusal by the Registrar so to do a motion for such purpose may be made to a Judge of the Supreme Court in Chambers, either *ex parte* or upon such terms as to notice or otherwise as the Judge shall think fit, and during any such extension of time the application shall be of full force and effect."

Carried.

Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to strike out section 18 and substitute the following—

"18. Section 28 of the 'Land Registry Act' is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:—

"28. The Registrar of every district in which a judgment is registered shall, on request, furnish the applicant, upon payment of a fee of fifty cents for each copy, with one or more office copies of the certificate of judgment, and any such office copy shall be accepted by every other Registrar in lieu of a certificate of the judgment, and shall be registered by him without the payment of any fee, in the same manner as a certificate of judgment is required by law to be registered, and such registration shall be and be deemed to be registration of such judgment in such last-mentioned Registrar's district."

Carried.

Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to add the following as a new section :—

“Section 81 of the ‘Land Registry Act’ is hereby repealed, and the following section substituted therefor :—

“81. Whenever an assignment of a judgment is registered, or a judgment is cancelled or renewed in any district, it shall be the duty of the Registrar of such district, without payment of any fee, to give notice in writing of such registration, renewal, or cancellation to such other Registry offices as he may be thereto requested.”

Carried.

Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to strike out sections 5, 10, and 19.

Carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

The Order of the House to resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 57) intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the Law with respect to Mischievous Animals” was discharged.

Bill (No. 77) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Jurors’ Act,’” was committed, with Mr. *Hunter* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 76) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Official Administrators’ Act,’” was committed, with Mr. *Fletcher* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Execution Act,’” was committed, with Mr. *Stoddart* in the Chair.

The Committee reported the Bill complete without amendment.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

With leave of the House, Bill (No. 84) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act,’” was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Keith* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 72) intituled “An Act to amend the “Cattle Ranges Act”” was considered.

Mr. *Smith* moved that the word “both” be inserted between the figures “18” and the word “inclusive,” in line one of section 13.

Carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 73) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Game Protection Act, 1892,’” was committed, with Mr. *Rogers* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 83) intituled “An Act to make provision for the Sanitary Condition of Municipalities,” 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 11:05 o’clock, p. m.

Thursday, 6th April, 1893.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. McF. McLeod*.

The Report on Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1892,'" was considered.

Mr. *Sword* moved to amend section 1 by adding the following:—

"And where such dyking or draining has been done wholly or partially outside of the limits of the land to be benefitted, the improvements so created shall be held to be improvements on the said land."

Negatived.

Mr. *Sword* moved to insert the following as a new section:—

"Sections 6 and 7 of this Act shall be retroactive, and shall have the same effect as if they had been originally incorporated with the 'Municipal Act, 1892.'"

Negatived.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved the following as a new section:—

"Sub-section (107) of section 104 of the 'Municipal Act, 1892,' is hereby amended by striking out the words 'or the jurisdiction of the Council,' on the fourth line.

Negatived.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved the following as a new section:—

"Section 122 of the 'Municipal Act, 1892,' is hereby amended by striking out the words 'the original passage,' on the second line, and inserting the words 'its third reading' in lieu thereof.

Negatived.

Mr. *Brown* moved that section 42 be amended by striking out the words "Council sitting as a," on the 8th line.

Carried.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved to insert the following as section 171a of the "Municipal Act, 1892":—

"171a. Notwithstanding anything contained in any law to the contrary, the Council of a municipality may at any time, by by-law or resolution, assess, levy and collect a special rate on all land, real property, or improvements upon the assessment roll, for the purpose of raising money to create a fund or funds to defray expenses connected with the Board of Health, or for educational purposes."

Carried.

Mr. *Keith* moved the following as a new section:—

Section 170 of the "Municipal Act, 1892," is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following shall be read:—

"170. The Council may in each and every year, at such time as they may deem expedient, or after the revision of the roll by the Court of Revision, pass a by-law or by-laws for levying a rate or rates on the land, real property, or improvements upon the assessment roll, to provide for all the necessary expenses of the municipality, as well as for the payment of every such sum or sums as the municipality shall be liable for during the current year in respect of any debenture, or in connection with the funded debt of the Corporation, or other debt or obligation; and also such other sum or sums of money as may be found expedient: Provided always that the rate to be levied in any year, exclusive of the rate or sums to be raised annually for the payment of interest during the currency of any corporation debentures, or of the rate or sums to be raised annually as a sinking fund for the payment of the debt created by the issuance of corporation debentures, and any other charges connected with the funded debt of the corporation, or any special sum or rate which may be assessed and levied or imposed for works of local improvement, or as a special rate or sum for any other purpose, or under the Corporation of "Victoria Water Works Act, 1873," or any statute amending or as a substitution of the same, shall not exceed the sum of one and one-half cents on the dollar."

Carried on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Watt,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Fletcher—18.</i>
<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Keith,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Turner—4.</i>
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Mr. *Grant* moved to amend the clause which in section 57 is inserted as section 239a of the Municipal Act, by striking out all the words between “be,” on line 8, down to and including the first word “be” in line 10.

Carried.

Mr. *Grant* moved to strike out all the words after “therefore” in line 11.

Negatived.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved to amend section 8 by striking out the words “section 1” on third line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words “sub-section (139) of section 104.”

Carried.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved to insert the following as section 210A:—

“210A. The Board of Licensing Commissioners of a Township or District Municipality shall have power, and is hereby authorized, to examine the officers of any club, upon oath, as to the constitution and rules of such club.”

Carried.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved to insert the following as section 210B:—

“210B. And no association of persons within a township or district municipality shall be held to be a club within the meaning of this Act if spirituous or fermented liquors are furnished or sold at the club house to persons who, being residents of the municipality, are not members of the club, nor unless the members—

“(a) Are, after the first organization of the club, regularly elected to membership in pursuance of rules regularly adopted;

“(b) Pay an entrance fee of not less than ten dollars and a membership fee of not less than twelve dollars per annum.”

Carried.

Mr. *Cotton* moved to strike out all the words after the word “constables” in the fifth line of sub-section (261j) of section 60.

Carried.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to amend the Bill as follows:—

To amend section 2 by beginning it with the following words:—

“The ‘Municipal Act, 1892,’ is hereby amended by inserting the following as section 8a:”

To amend sub-section (a) of section 2 by beginning it with the following words:—

“The ‘Municipal Act, 1892,’ is hereby amended by inserting the following as section 8b:”

To strike out sections 3 and 4 (as per 28th March, 1893).

Carried.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to amend section 7 by striking out all the words beginning with “But,” in the third line, down to the end of the section.

Negatived.

Mr. *Beaven* moved the following amendments:—

To amend sections 20, 21, 22, 23, 37, and 38, by striking out, in each case, all the words and figures in the first line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof:—

“The ‘Municipal Act, 1892,’ is hereby amended by inserting the following as sections 108a, 108b, 108c, 108d, 146b, and 146c” (as the case may be).

To repeal section 35 and insert in lieu thereof:—

“35. Section 118 of the ‘Municipal Act, 1892,’ is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words:—‘unless at least one-fifteenth in number of the electors who are qualified to

vote on the by-law petition the Council, at an interval of not less than sixty days after the defeat of the by-law, and request that it may be again submitted to the ratepayers, binding themselves in such manner as the Council may decide and approve of, to defray the cost of placing the by-law again before the electors, in the event of it not receiving the necessary assent to become law.’”

To number the section on page 8, which is between sections 46 and 47, and to begin it with the following words:—

“The ‘Municipal Act, 1892,’ is hereby amended by inserting the following as section 108F.”

To amend section 69 by beginning it with the following words:—

“The ‘Municipal Act, 1892,’ is hereby amended by inserting the following as section 274B.”

Carried.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to insert the following as a new section:—

“ . The Council, or any standing or special committee thereof, shall have power, under the hand and seal of the Mayor or Reeve of such Council, to summon witnesses for examination on oath in any and all matters connected with or relating to the administration of municipal affairs, and shall have the same power to enforce the attendance of such witnesses and compel them to give evidence as is vested in any Court of Law in civil cases. Any member of such standing or special committee may administer the oath to any witness called before such committee, and such witness may be examined, cross-examined, and re-examined, according to the rules and practice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in civil cases.”

Carried.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to amend section 119, as amended by section :—

Section 119 of the “Municipal Act, 1892,” and section of Bill (No. 34) are hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following shall be read:—

“119. No by-law to which the assent of the electors is necessary before the final passage thereof shall become law or of any effect unless the following number of persons qualified by this Act cast their ballots in favour thereof:—

“(a.) If 80 per cent. or more of the qualified electors cast their ballots for or against the by-law, a majority of such electors voting in favour thereof shall be necessary:

“(b.) If 35 per cent. or more, up to 80 per cent., of the qualified electors cast their ballots for or against the by-law, three-fifths of such electors voting in favour thereof shall be necessary:

“(c.) If only less than 35 per cent. of the qualified electors cast their ballots for or against the by-law, two-thirds of such electors voting in favour thereof shall be necessary.”

Mr. Speaker *Higgins* ruled the motion out of order, as being similar in principle to a motion already passed upon by the House.

The Report as amended was adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented a Return of all papers and correspondence, not already printed, which have passed between Captain *William Moore* and the late Provincial Secretary, and any member of the Executive Council, with reference to trails, roads, &c., in the *Yukon District* and the northern portion of the Province; also, of all communications that have passed between *R. H. Hall*, Esq., M. P. P., and the members of the Government with reference to the extension of the Hudson’s Bay Company’s trail from the head of the *Lava Beds at Taltan to Egnell Creek*.

The Honourable Attorney-General presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

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

E. DEWDNEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns herewith to the Legislative Assembly Bill (No. 59) intitled “An Act to authorize a certain Grant in aid of the construction of a Traffic Bridge across the Fraser River at New Westminster,” and recommends that the said Bill be amended by the addition thereto of the section and schedule appended hereto.

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[ENCLOSURE.]

"7. The by-law referred to in section 2 hereof may be in the words and figures contained in the Schedule to this Act, or to the like effect, and upon the passage thereof in the manner required by the said section shall take effect and become and be a good and valid subsisting by-law of the said Corporation, binding upon the same, and having the like force and effect to all intents and for all purposes according to the terms and conditions of the said by-law as if the same had been expressly hereby enacted, and shall thenceforth receive the same construction as if it formed part of this Act."

"SCHEDULE.

"Whereas by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, therein called the 'Fraser River Bridge Aid Act, 1893,' the Corporation of the City of New Westminster is authorized to make provision for the construction of the railway and traffic bridge hereinafter mentioned :

"Now, therefore, the Mayor and Council of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the said Act, and of all other powers of the said Corporation in that behalf enabling, enact as follows :—

"1. It shall be lawful for the said Corporation to cause to be issued debentures to the amount of \$250,000, in sums of not less than \$100 each, either in currency or sterling money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at the rate of \$4.86 $\frac{2}{3}$ to the pound sterling, and all such debentures shall be sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and shall be signed by the Mayor or such person as may be appointed by the Council by resolution in that behalf.

"2. The said debentures shall be made payable in fifty years from the day hereinafter named for this by-law to take effect, at such place in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or the United States of America, or the Dominion of Canada, as the Council may by resolution direct, before the issue of the said debentures.

"3. The said debentures shall have coupons attached to them for the payment of interest, and shall bear interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum on the amount thereof, payable half-yearly on the first day of January and the first day of July in each and every year during the currency thereof.

"4. In addition to all other sums required to be raised by the Corporation, there shall be raised annually in each and every year during the currency of the debentures, by special rate upon all the ratable property of the Corporation, the sum of \$10,000 for the payment of interest on the said debentures, and there shall be raised annually in each and every year after the taking effect of this by-law, by special rate, the sum of \$5,000, for the purpose of forming a sinking fund for the payment of the said debentures when due, without prejudice, however, but subject, always, to any reduction which the Corporation may at any time, and from time to time, be lawfully entitled to make.

"5. It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to time, to purchase any of the said debentures, at such price or prices as may be mutually agreed upon, and all debentures so re-purchased shall forthwith be cancelled, and no re-issue of any debenture or debentures shall be made in consequence of such re-purchase.

"6. In case provision shall be made by any other municipality or municipalities within the Province of British Columbia for raising any sum or sums of money to contribute towards the payment of the interest or sinking fund secured by the said debentures in such manner as that the same shall be available by the Corporation for the purpose of being applied in or towards payment of the said interest or sinking fund, or any part thereof, in any year, then the Council may pass a by-law or by-laws reducing the amount required by this by-law to be levied by a sum not greater than the amount which may thus have become available, but no such by-law shall be passed unless and until the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall have been obtained for the passing of the same upon satisfactory proof being furnished by the Corporation that it has become entitled to make such reduction in accordance with this provision.

"7. The provisions contained in the last preceding clause of this by-law shall apply as regards any moneys received by the Corporation by virtue of the 'Fraser River Bridge Aid Act, 1893.'

"8. The said debentures shall be delivered to the Company so soon as the Company shall have constructed a combined railway and traffic bridge across the Fraser River, as provided for by the terms of a proposed agreement between the Company and the Corporation, according to the report of a Committee of the Council, approved of at a meeting of the Council called to consider the same and held on the 30th day of March, 1893, which said report and resolution are on file at the office of the Clerk of the Corporation.

"9. This by-law may be cited as the 'Fraser River Bridge Aid By-law, 1893.'"

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the said Message, with Mr. *Croft* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Honourable Attorney-General, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Turner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Committee rise and report to the House the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to authorize a certain grant in aid of the construction of a Traffic Bridge across the Fraser River at New Westminster."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Resolution was reported.

Report adopted.

The amendments were then read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1892,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Watt* moved—That Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Voters' Act,'" be read a second time now.

The motion was negatived.

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.

Friday, 7th April, 1893.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. McF. McLeod*.

Mr. *Smith* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claims of *John Wilson* and *B. F. English*, in reference to the reward offered by the Government for the apprehension and conviction of the perpetrator or perpetrators of the stage robbery in July, 1889.

The Report was received and adopted and *Ordered* to be printed, together with the evidence.

Pursuant to Order, the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to authorize a certain grant in aid of the construction of a Traffic Bridge across the Fraser River at New Westminster," submitted by Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, were read a second time.

Ordered to be committed, together with the Bill, forthwith.

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

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

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

Whereas the navigation of the *Lillooet River (Maple Ridge)* is at present impeded by sand-bars, and these bars also occasion much damage to land above by causing the river to overflow its banks in freshets;

And whereas the removal of these sand-bars would make this stream available as a navigable stream for a large settlement;

Be it therefore *Resolved*, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying him to urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of taking steps to remove these impediments to navigation and the free flow of the river.

Mr. *Cotton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Keith*,—

That the Government, by neglecting to bring down a Redistribution Bill, as promised at the opening of this Session, has broken faith with this House and forfeited its confidence.

Mr. *Horne* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Smith*,—

To strike out all the words after "Government" on line one and add in lieu of the words so to be struck out, "in postponing the introduction of the Redistribution measure referred to in the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor have acted in the best interest of the Province."

A debate arose.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock, p. m.

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

Debate resumed.

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?" and *Resolved* in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Semlin,
McKenzie,
Sword,

Kitchen,
Cotton,
Milne,

Beaven,
Brown,

Forster,
Keith—10.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Grant,
Punch,
Kellie,
Horne,
Smith,
Watt,

Baker,
Davie,
Vernon,
Eberts,
Stoddart,

Booth,
Nason,
Pooley,
Turner,
Martin,

Croft,
Hunter,
Rogers,
Anderson,
Fletcher—21.

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be inserted stand part of the question?" and *Resolved* in the affirmative.

Original question as amended proposed and *Resolved* in the affirmative.

Mr. *Grant* asked leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend Section 4 of the 'Liquor License Regulation Act, 1891.'"

Leave granted.

The first reading of the Bill was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Watt,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Nason,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Fletcher—12.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Keith,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Anderson—18.</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>		

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all correspondence as to the Proclamation bringing into force Part I. of the “Canadian Western and Northern Extension and Aid Act, 1892,” including copies of the securities given to the Government, as required by section 4 of said Act.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying him to send down to this House copies of all communications between the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Department of Agriculture of the Dominion with regard to the census.

Mr. *Rogers* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 86) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Cattle Act.’”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

What amount of security has been deposited with the Government by the promoters of the Canadian Western Railway ?

What is the nature of such security ?

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

“\$50,000.

“A bond executed by Robert P. Rithet, of Victoria, to the Honourable the Minister of Finance, in the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), dated 17th September, 1892; and further, the collateral bond of Frank Bakeman, C. A. Morrill, Thomas Cratty, William C. Williams, W. S. Burling, and C. W. Higgins to the Honourable the Minister of Finance, has been duly executed and deposited in the First National Bank of Chicago.”

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

Is it the intention of the Government to use any portion of the sum voted for surveys throughout the Province to survey those sections of *Yale*, *Kootenay*, *Lillooet*, and *Lower Cariboo Districts*, or any of them, in which irrigation is required for the successful prosecution of agriculture, in order to show how lands now comparatively valueless may be supplied with sufficient water for purposes of irrigation; and if such surveys are made, whether they will show the source of water supply, its amount, the direction, length, capacity, and cost of the necessary ditches, and the acreage which will in this way be reclaimed ?

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

“The matter has not yet been sufficiently considered by the Government.”

With leave of the House, the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Land Surveyors' Amendment Act, 1892.'" "

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Upon the Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1891,' and the 'Public School Act Amendment Act, 1892,'" being called, Mr. *Beaven* moved to add as a new clause:—

"Section 6 of 'An Act to amend the "Public Act Amendment Act, 1892,"' is hereby amended by striking out all the words after the word 'candidate,' in the fourth line, down to the end of the section."

Carried.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* moved to add as a new clause:—

"This Act shall not come into operation until proclaimed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and notice of such Proclamation published in the British Columbia Gazette. Such Proclamation may extend to the whole Act, or to any portion or portions of the Act, and if extending only to portions of the Act other Proclamations may be issued from time to time bringing the remaining or other parts of the Bill into force."

Carried.

Bill as amended read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Railway Act,'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act,' and amending Acts," was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Execution Act,'" was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1891,'" was committed with Mr. *Croft* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and then the Hon. Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to make further provision respecting the Canadian Western Central Railway Company."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and then the Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consumers (Nelson) Water-works Act, 1892.'" "

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Central Railway Company," was considered.

Mr. *Croft* moved the following amendments:—

1. That the preamble is hereby amended by inserting between the words "Kaslo" and "in," in the fifth line of the preamble, the following words: "thence running up the main fork of Kaslo Creek to Bear Lake; thence to a point at or near the Forks of Carpenter Creek."

And by inserting between the words "Kaslo" and "in," in line 12 of the preamble, the words "thence running up the main fork of Kaslo Creek to Bear Lake; thence to a point at or near the Forks of Carpenter Creek."

Negatived.

The Bill was withdrawn.

The Report on Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Naksup and Slocan Railway Company," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kaslo and Slocan Tramway Company," was again committed with Mr. *Grant* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

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

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and then the Honourable Mr. *Davis* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Dyking and Drainage Act, 1892.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Mount Tolmie Park and Cordova Bay Railway Company," was considered.

Mr. *Croft* moved the following amendment:—

To amend section 19 by inserting after the word "Act," in line 1, "excepting so much of sub-section 6 of section 9 thereof as empowers the Company to operate the railway otherwise than by steam."

Negatived.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned.

The Report on Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Nelson and Arrow Lake Railway Company," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kaslo Electric Light, Power, and Water-works Company," was considered.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* moved to insert the following as a new section:—

"Nothing in this Act shall interfere with the rights of free miners for the use of the waters of Kaslo River or its tributaries."

Carried.

The Report as amended adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to remove doubts concerning the validity of certain Conveyances of Land," was read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:55 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 10th April, 1893.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to authorize a certain grant in aid of the construction of a Traffic Bridge across the Fraser River at New Westminster," was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Acts,'" was again committed, with Mr. *Anderson* in the Chair.

The Committee reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1891,'" was considered, and adjourned for further consideration this afternoon.

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Land Surveyors' Amendment Act, 1892,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Booth* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* presented an Abstract Statement of the Public Accounts for the half-year ended 31st December, 1892, period from 1st July to 31st December, 1892.

The House took a recess from 1 p. m. until 2:30 o'clock, p. m.

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

Mr. *Martin* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

April 10th, 1893.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Public Accounts beg leave to report as follows:—

That in accordance with a suggestion of the Public Accounts Committee in their Report of 1890, a complete audit was made in March, 1891, of the books of the Lands and Works Department, from the 1st of January, 1882, to 1st January, 1891, embodying a period of nine years.

The Auditor submitted an exhaustive Report, showing that the work had been thoroughly done. During the period referred to, some \$837,000 passed through the hands of the Surveyor-General, Mr. Gore, and from the multiplicity of entries under the various sources of revenue coming through the Lands and Works Department to be accounted for to the Treasury, your Committee cannot but commend the department; as the result of the closest scrutiny of the Auditor has shown that, during the whole of the period of nine years, there are only six trifling errors of omission on account of land sales, amounting to \$176.60, and after correcting some clerical errors, ranging from one cent up to two dollars, the actual difference short accounted for was \$157.90, which sum was at once paid into the Treasury. Your Committee would state that, considering the various duties of the Surveyor-General—who was then unaided by a book-keeper—it is not a matter of surprise that a few errors and omissions should have occurred. (*See detailed statement appended hereto.*)

That the subsidy of \$3,200 per mile for the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway, amounting to \$163,200, has been received from the Dominion Government.

That the amount of bonds issued to the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway Company, under the "Shuswap Railway Guarantee Act, 1890," is £256,800—equivalent, at \$4.86 $\frac{2}{3}$, to \$1,249,763—and that the interest paid thereon by the Government to date is \$50,098.

That a return from the Canadian Pacific Railway, under section 9 of the agreement of lease between that Company and the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway Company, for the five months ending the 30th November, 1892, shows that 40 per cent. of the gross earnings of the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway amounted to \$7,080.92, which sum was paid into the Treasury.

Your Committee are of opinion that the conditions of the "Shuswap Railway Guarantee Act" will eventually prove of greater advantage to the Province than the original proposition of granting a subsidy of \$200,000 by the Province,

That the amount of bonds issued under the "Victoria and Sidney Railway Act" is \$300,000.

That in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of the "Nelson and Fort Shepherd Railway Subsidy Act, 1892," a deposit of \$25,000 in bonds has been made—equivalent to cash of that amount at their par value.

That in compliance with section 2 of the "Kaslo and Slocan Railway Subsidy Act, 1893," a bond for \$25,000 was submitted on the 28th February last. The names to the bond are reported as satisfactory, but the bond has not yet been finally accepted.

G. B. MARTIN,
Chairman.

STATEMENT of Errors discovered in the Audit of the Books in the Lands and Works Office between January 1st, 1882, and 31st December, 1890, as referred to in the Auditor's Report, dated 11th March, 1891.

Dr.			Cr.		
Oct. 30th, 1883	To mistake in addition.....	\$ 20 00	Aug. 22nd, 1882	By mistake in amount in Cash Book..	\$ 5 00
Dec. 15th, 1884	To omission in Cash Book.....	40 00	Aug. 22nd, 1887	" " " "	20 00
Oct. 3rd, 1885	To discrepancy between Cash Book and receipt.....	2 00	March 26th, 1889	" " " "	02
Sept. 7th, 1886	" " " "	50	April 13th, 1890	" " " "	01
Jan. 5th, 1887	To omission in Cash Book.....	20 60	Nov. 15th, 1890	" " " "	01
June 7th, " "	" " " "	20 00	Dec. 27th, "	" " " "	01
Aug. 7th, " "	To discrepancy between Cash Book and receipt.....	60	Dec. 27th, "	" " " "	25
Oct. 11th, " "	" " " "	06		By balance to be accounted for.....	177 90
Feb. 3rd, 1888	" " " "	50			
Feb. 7th, " "	" " " "	50			
Feb. 22nd, " "	To omission in Cash Book.....	16 00			
April 27th, " "	" " " "	64 00			
Sept. 10th, " "	To discrepancy between Cash Book and receipt.....	50			
Jan. 18th, 1889	" " " "	26			
March 7th, " "	" " " "	01			
May 17th, " "	To omission in Cash Book.....	16 00			
July 5th, " "	To discrepancy between Cash Book and receipt.....	86			
July 12th, " "	" " " "	01			
Aug. 19th, " "	" " " "	02			
Aug. 19th, " "	" " " "	02			
Oct. 23rd, " "	" " " "	40			
Nov. 16th, " "	" " " "	09			
Dec. 10th, " "	" " " "	20			
April 16th, 1890	" " " "	02			
Dec. 1st, " "	" " " "	05			
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* In reference to the first item of \$20, it is clearly a clerical error, being a short payment in a cheque, and should not in justice be a cash charge against the Department, therefore reducing the above balance to a net shortage of \$157.90 instead of \$177.90.
(Signed) J. McE. SMITH.

MEMO.—The above amount (\$157.90) will appear in Lands and Works Office Cash Book. Entered 11th March, 1891.
(Signed) J. McE. SMITH.

The Report was received.

The Honourable Mr. *Davis* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to make further provision respecting the Canadian Western Central Railway Company," was read a second time upon the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Keith,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Watt,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Nason,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Fletcher—23.</i>
<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Martin</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Forster—6.</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>		

Ordered to be committed this evening.

The Honourable Attorney-General presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

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

E. DEWDNEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act in aid of certain Railways," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

10th April, 1893.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock, p. m.

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor enclosing Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act in aid of certain Railways," with Mr. *Martin* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Honourable Attorney-General, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Turner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act in aid of certain Railways."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Resolution was reported.
Report adopted.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* then asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act in aid of certain Railways."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to make further provision respecting the Canadian Western Central Railway Company," was committed with Mr. *Martin* in the Chair.

The Committee reported the Bill complete without amendment.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consumers' (Nelson) Water-works Act, 1892," was read a second time.

Mr. *Beaven* raised the point of order that it was not competent to amend a Private Bill by a Public Bill unless a question of Government aid or assistance was involved.

Mr. Speaker *Higgins* overruled the objection, and allowed the mover to proceed with the Bill.

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

Report considered.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved to amend section one by adding "and by striking out the word 'fifty' in the tenth line and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'twenty-five.'"

The motion was ruled out of order.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Dyking and Drainage Act, 1892," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Milne* in the Chair.

The Committee reported the Bill complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kaslo and Slocan Tramway Company," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Mount Tolmie Park and Cordova Bay Railway Company" was considered.

Mr. *Croft* moved the following amendment:—

To strike out the word "steam" in the second line of the Preamble and to strike out the words "by steam motor power" in the second line of section 17, and by adding between the word "Act" and "and," in the first line of section 19, "excepting so much of sub-section (6) of section 9 thereof as empowers the company to operate the railway by electricity."

Carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The order for third reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1892,'" was called.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to amend section 7 by inserting after the word "any," in the third line, the word "such."

Carried.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to amend section 59 by striking out the words "police and," in line two, and inserting after the word "force" the words "and shall."

Carried.

Mr. *Brown* moved the following amendment:—

That section 19a be amended by striking out the words "the preceding," in the third line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "this section (104) and its," and by inserting between the words "said" and "sub-sections," in the fifth line, the words "section and its."

Carried.

Mr. *Grant* moved the following new section:—

"Sub-section (10a) of section 104 of the 'Municipal Act, 1892,' is hereby amended by inserting between 'electors' and 'shall,' on line 1, the words 'in manner provided by section 119 of this Act, as amended by the 'Municipal Act Amendment Act, 1893.'"

Carried.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to amend section 69 by striking out the words "section 283 of the said Act" in line one, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the Municipal Act, 1892."

Carried.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to add the following as section 71 :—

“71. This Act may be cited as the ‘Municipal Act Amendment Act, 1893.’”

Carried.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved, that the third reading be discharged and the Bill be re-committed, for the purpose of considering section 41 and striking out section 48 thereof.

Carried.

Bill re-committed, with Mr. *Kellie* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:55 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 11th April, 1893.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Report on Bill (No. 79) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mineral Act, 1891,’” was considered.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* moved to amend section 3, line 1, by striking out the words “and recorded,” after the word “located.”

Carried.

Moved by Mr. *Kellie* to add to sub-section (c) of section 3 :—

“No mineral claim shall be recorded without the application being accompanied by an affidavit or solemn declaration made by the applicant, or some person on his behalf cognizant of the facts, that mineral has been found in place on the claim proposed to be recorded.”

Carried.

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

“Section 10 of the ‘Mineral Act (1891) Amendment Act, 1892,’ is hereby amended by striking out all the words after the word ‘following,’ in the third line, and substituting therefor the following :—‘No free miner shall be entitled to hold at the same time, except by purchase, more than two mineral claims in each mining division, and not more than one mineral claim on each separate lode or vein.’”

Withdrawn.

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

“10. Section 14 of the ‘Mineral Act (1891) Amendment Act, 1892,’ is hereby amended by inserting between the words ‘particularity’ and ‘the,’ on the eleventh line, the following words: ‘having regard to all the circumstances of the case’; and to add at the end of the section the words: ‘Provided, however, that if an adverse claim has, in the opinion of the presiding Judge, been bonâ fide made, notwithstanding that the same may have been imperfectly made, the same shall nevertheless have legal recognition, and effect shall be given thereto according to the intent thereof.’”

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned until this evening.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* presented a Return of copies of correspondence between the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Department of Agriculture of the Dominion, with regard to the Census.

The Report on Bill (No. 88) intituled “An Act to make further provision respecting the Canadian Western Central Railway Company,” was considered.

Mr. *McKenzie* moved the following amendment:—

To insert in line 6, section 3, after the word "favour," the following words:—"Provided, however, that section 11 of the 'Railway Aid Act, 1890,' shall apply to the enterprise hereby authorized, section 15 of the said Act, or any other Act, to the contrary notwithstanding."

Negatived.

Mr. *Keith* moved to add the following as a new section:—

"4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in 52 Vict., chap. 20, intituled 'An Act to authorize the granting of a certain Land Subsidy for and in aid of the Canadian Western Central Railway,' the 'Railway Aid Act, 1890,' or the 'Canadian Western and Northern Extension and Aid Act, 1892,' the lands to be conveyed to the Canadian Western Central Railway Company or the Canadian Northern Railway Company shall be open for ten years from the passing of this Act to actual settlers for agricultural purposes at the rate of from one to three dollars per acre, according to classification, to the extent of one hundred and sixty acres to each such actual settler, and the said lands shall not be exempt from taxation for a longer period than ten years after completion of the railways to be constructed by the said Companies."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Keith—11.</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Watt,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Nason,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>	<i>Anderson—14.</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>		

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Croft* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Honourable Attorney-General presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

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

E. DEWDNEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns herewith to the Legislative Assembly Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1892,'" and recommends that the said Bill be amended by striking out section 48.

Government House,
11th April, 1893.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the said Message, with Mr. *Martin* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Honourable Attorney-General, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Turner, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Committee rise and report to the House the following amendment to the “Municipal Act Amendment Act, 1893” :—

Section 48 of the said Act, as reported to the House and which is in the words following, be struck out :—

“48. Sub-section (6) of section 204 of the ‘Municipal Act, 1892,’ is hereby amended by adding thereto the following : ‘Provided always, that any person to whom a license is granted and issued under this sub-section, shall not be entitled to keep a bar on the licensed premises for the sale of liquor as in a saloon.’”

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Resolution was reported.

Report adopted.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved that section 51 of the “Municipal Act Amendment Act,” as reported correct on third reading, be struck out.

Carried.

Resolution read a second time.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to repeal section 43, as printed 6th April, 1893, and insert in lieu thereof :—

“Section 170 of the ‘Municipal Act, 1892,’ is hereby amended by inserting in line 3, after the word ‘by-law,’ the words ‘or by-laws,’ and in line 10, after the word ‘special,’ the words ‘sum or,’ and in line 11, after the word ‘improvements,’ the words ‘or as a special sum or rate for any other purpose authorized by this Act,’ and by adding in line 12, after the word ‘Act,’ the following figures and words : ‘1873, or any Statute amending or as a substitution of the same.’”

Carried.

Clause read a second time and added to the Bill.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Honourable Attorney-General presented a Return of copies of all correspondence as to the Proclamation bringing into force Part I. of the “Canadian Western and Northern Extension and Aid Act, 1892,” including copies of the securities given to the Government, as required by section 4 of the said Act.

The House took a recess from 1 p. m. until 2:30 o'clock p. m.

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

Bill (No. 91) intituled “An Act in aid of certain Railways,” was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Martin* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 82) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public School Act Amendment Act, 1892,’” was discharged.

The Report on Bill (No. 79) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mineral Act, 1891,’” was further considered.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to add the following section to the Bill :—

There shall be levied and collected from the owner or occupier of every mineral or placer claim of which a Crown grant has issued, including Crown grants issued under authority of an Act made and passed in the 36th year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,’ and the ‘Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1872,’” an annual tax of twenty-five cents for every acre, and fractional part of an acre, of land conveyed by the grant, payable on the thirtieth day of June in each year. Such tax shall form a charge upon the claim. The Assessor appointed under or by virtue of any existing Assess-

ment Act, or any Collector appointed under the "Provincial Revenue Tax Act," is hereby authorized, as to the mineral or placer claims situate within the district for which he is appointed, to collect and receive the tax. In the event of the tax not being paid to the Assessor or Collector, the Gold Commissioner may, in his discretion, cause the claim upon which the tax is charged to be offered for sale by public auction, of which sixty days' notice shall be posted upon the principal Court House of the District in which the claim is situate, and in one newspaper, if any, published in such district, and may sell such claim, receive the purchase money, and execute a conveyance thereof to the purchaser. The purchase money shall be applied in payment of the expenses of advertising and the payment of the tax, and any surplus shall be paid into the Treasury in trust for the owner of the claim. In the event of there being no purchaser, or if the price offered shall not be sufficient to pay the tax and expenses of advertising, the land shall absolutely revert to the Province, and the Crown grant thereof shall be deemed void. The Assessor or Collector may, before offering the claim for sale, sue the owner or occupier for the tax, in a summary manner, before any Justice of the Peace who may adjudge the same to be paid; and in default of payment the amount due, together with costs, may be recovered by distress of the goods and chattels of the person against whom the tax may be recovered: Provided that if the owner of any such mineral or placer claim shall establish, to the satisfaction of the Gold Commissioner, Mining Recorder, or Assessor and Collector of the District in which the claim lies, that the sum of two hundred dollars has been expended thereon in labour or improvements in any one year, then the tax shall not be levied in respect of such claim for such year.

Carried.

Moved by Honourable Mr. *Davie* as a new clause:—

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any Act, every Crown grant hereafter issued of a mineral claim shall convey and be deemed to convey only the right to the use and possession of the surface of such claim for the purpose of winning and getting from and out of the claim the minerals contained therein, including all operations connected therewith, or with the business of mining, and the lawful holder by record of a claim shall, during the continuance of his record, be entitled to the same surface rights, and no others; and all remaining surface rights shall be deemed to be vested in the Crown, and may be granted and disposed of as is provided by the land laws for the time being in force, but subject, always, to the rights of free miners, as aforesaid."

Carried.

Mr. *Kellie* moved to add the following as a new section:—

"This Act, except the preceding section thereof, shall not come into force until 15th day of May, 1893."

Carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Grant* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend Section 4 of the 'Liquor License Regulation Act, 1891.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Urgency was moved and negatived.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock, p. m.

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to make provision for the sanitary condition of Municipalities," was committed, with Mr. *Stoddart* in the Chair.

The Committee rose without report.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved that Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the 'Drainage, Dyking and Irrigation Act,' and amendment Act, 1892," be read a second time now.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order, as dealing with Crown lands.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cattle Act,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Booth* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the reply of Mr. *J. P. McLeod* to the findings of the Council of Public Instruction, and to the demand for a retraction of charges, and also a copy of the evidence furnished to the Council by the School Trustees of *Victoria*.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Milne*, the following Resolution:—

That, in the opinion of this House, a clause should be inserted in all contracts awarded by the Government for the construction of public works, binding the contractor to pay all workmen employed by him, or by a sub-contractor under him, on or in connection with the work, the regular rate of wages connected with the trade for the number of hours work for each day, as recognized by the trade; and, further, that the whole of the labourers, skilled workmen, foremen, and others engaged upon the work, should receive their full wages at least once a week, and in cash.

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

That all the words after "all" in the first line down to and including the word "of" in the fourth line be struck out, and that the words "should receive" in the sixth line be struck out; also all the words after "wages" on the sixth line.

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?" and *Resolved* in the negative upon the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Keith—7.</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>
<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Eberts.</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Fletcher—19.</i>
<i>Watt,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>	

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be inserted stand part of the question?" and *Resolved* in the affirmative upon the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Keith,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Watt,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Fletcher—24.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Forster—2.</i>
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Mr. *Hunter* moved, in amendment, to add after word "cash," in last line, the following: "and that the wages of all labourers and unskilled workmen shall be not less than 20 cents per hour."

Carried.

Original question, as amended, put and carried

On the motion of Mr. *Kitchen*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of the number of voters on the respective voters' lists of each of the electoral districts throughout the Province, up to the latest date—31st day of March—the Return to be printed in the Sessional Papers.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2:30 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11:59 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 12th April, 1893.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. McF. McLeod*.

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

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

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the "Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act."
- (No. 2) An Act to confirm the Title to certain Mineral Claims.
- (No. 3) An Act to provide for the establishment of a Bureau of Labour Statistics and also of Councils of Conciliation and of Arbitration for the settlement of Industrial Disputes.
- (No. 4) An Act respecting Arbitration.
- (No. 6) An Act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a Provincial Home for the Aged and Infirm.
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the "Insane Asylums Act."
- (No. 9) An Act respecting the Public Health.
- (No. 10) An Act to amend the "Public School Act, 1891," and the "Public School Act Amendment Act, 1892."
- (No. 11) An Act to amend the "Breeding Stock Act."
- (No. 12) An Act to amend the "Homestead Act."
- (No. 13) An Act respecting Agisters of Cattle and Keepers of Livery Stables.
- (No. 14) An Act to amend the "Married Women's Property Act."
- (No. 17) An Act to secure uniform conditions in Policies of Fire Insurance.
- (No. 21) An Act respecting Settled Estates.
- (No. 24) An Act to amend the "Medical Act."
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the Acts relating to the British Columbia Southern Railway.
- (No. 26) An Act to incorporate the Red Mountain Railway Company.
- (No. 29) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886," and amendments thereto.
- (No. 30) An Act to incorporate the Lardeau and Kootenay Railway Company.
- (No. 31) An Act to incorporate the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company.
- (No. 32) An Act to create the Roman Catholic Bishop of New Westminster and his successors in office a Corporation Sole.
- (No. 33) An Act to incorporate the Osoyoos and Okanagan Railway Company.
- (No. 34) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act, 1892."
- (No. 35) An Act for the preservation of the Public Roads.
- (No. 36) An Act to incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster.

- (No. 37) An Act to incorporate Whetham College.
- (No. 38) An Act to incorporate the Young Men's Christian Association of Vancouver, British Columbia.
- (No. 39) An Act to incorporate the Masonic Temple Association of Victoria, British Columbia.
- (No. 40) An Act to incorporate the Mount Tolmie Park and Cordova Bay Railway Company.
- (No. 41) An Act respecting the Official Map of the City of Victoria and subdivisions of lands within the boundaries of the said city.
- (No. 42) An Act to amend the "Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company Act, 1891."
- (No. 43) An Act to incorporate the Pacific Telephone and Cable Company.
- (No. 44) An Act to incorporate the Kaslo and Slocan Tramway Company.
- (No. 45) An Act to incorporate the Columbian Methodist College.
- (No. 46) An Act to incorporate the Kootenay Lake Shore and Lardo Railway Company.
- (No. 47) An Act to incorporate the Bedlington and West Kootenay Railway Company.
- (No. 48) An Act to amend the "Nelson Electric Light Company's Incorporation Act, 1892."
- (No. 49) An Act to remove doubts concerning the validity of certain conveyances of land.
- (No. 50) An Act to further amend the "Railway Act."
- (No. 52) An Act to further amend the "County Courts Act."
- (No. 54) An Act to incorporate the Nelson and Arrow Lake Railway Company.
- (No. 55) An Act to provide for the erection of New Buildings for the accommodation of the Provincial Legislature and the Public Departments.
- (No. 56) An Act to amend the "Supreme Court Act."
- (No. 59) An Act to authorize a certain grant in aid of the construction of a Traffic Bridge across the Fraser River at New Westminster.
- (No. 60) An Act to incorporate the Kaslo Electric Light, Power, and Water Works Company.
- (No. 61) An Act to amend the "Interpretation Act."
- (No. 62) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act" and amending Acts.
- (No. 64) An Act to further amend the Companies' Acts.
- (No. 65) An Act to amend the "Notaries' Appointment Act."
- (No. 69) An Act to make further provision for a Land Subsidy for and in aid of the British Columbia Southern Railway.
- (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Benevolent Societies Act, 1891."
- (No. 71) An Act to amend the "Legal Professions Act" and amending Acts.
- (No. 72) An Act to amend the "Cattle Ranges Act."
- (No. 73) An Act to amend the "Game Protection Act, 1892."
- (No. 74) An Act to amend the "Horticultural Board Act, 1892."
- (No. 76) An Act to amend the "Official Administrators' Act."
- (No. 77) An Act to amend the "Jurors' Act."
- (No. 79) An Act to amend the "Mineral Act, 1891."
- (No. 84) An Act to amend the "Land Act."
- (No. 86) An Act to amend the "Cattle Act."
- (No. 87) An Act to amend the "Provincial Land Surveyors' Amendment Act, 1892."
- (No. 88) An Act to make further provision respecting the Canadian Western Central Railway Company.
- (No. 89) An Act to amend the "Consumers' (Nelson) Water Works Act, 1892."
- (No. 90) An Act to amend the "Sumas Dyking and Drainage Act, 1892."
- (No. 91) An Act in aid of certain Railways.
- (No. 92) An Act to amend the "Bills of Sale Act."

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

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

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance a Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In relieving you from further legislative duties at the present time I desire to express my appreciation of the care and attention which you have bestowed upon the several matters of public importance which have come before you for consideration, the scope and nature of which are partially indicated in the number of Bills to which, in Her Majesty's name, I have just assented.

The provision which you have made for the establishment of a Bureau of Labour Statistics, and also of Councils of Conciliation and of Arbitration for the settlement of Industrial Disputes, should tend largely to promote the welfare of both employers and employed in this Province, by affording a means not only of restoring confidence between such classes, but of preventing the disturbance of the same by disseminating a knowledge of their mutual needs.

The importance of the measure which you have passed dealing with the public health can scarcely be over-estimated, and I trust that, through the administration of that Act, the Province may enjoy immunity from the ravages of contagious or infectious disease.

The provision which you have made for the erection of new buildings for the accommodation of the various branches of the public service will materially facilitate the conduct of public business, whilst the aid you have granted towards the speedy construction of a railway and traffic bridge across the Fraser River, at New Westminster, will give an impetus to trade and agriculture in that important part of the Province.

I feel sure that the settlement and progress of the country will be also greatly advanced by the wise assistance which you have extended to enterprises having for their objects the construction of railways to connect the less settled tracts with centres of population.

Thanking you for the liberal provision you have made for the Public Service, and assuring you that the several sums will be economically expended in the public interest, I now take leave of you with the earnest hope that your labours may greatly conduce to the public good, and that I may meet you at a future Session, when the same zeal and ability may be as unselfishly exerted for the benefit of this Province.

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

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

D. W. HIGGINS, *Speaker*.