
Wednesday, 24th January, 1900.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. F. Vichert*.

The Hon. Mr. *Hume* laid on the table a Petition from *Walter Smith* and others, miners, labourers and merchants of City and District of *Nelson*, in favour of "Eight-hour Labour Law."

The Petition from *E. G. Tilton* and *D. E. Campbell*, for leave to present a Petition for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Imperial Pacific Railway Company," was received and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. *Green* presented the Second Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 24th, 1900.

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 under-mentioned Petitions have been complied with:—

- No. 2—Petition of East Kootenay Telephone Co.
- " 6—Petition of Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway.
- " 7—Petition of Vancouver and Westminster Railway.
- " 8—Petition of North Kootenay Water Power Co.
- " 12—Petition of Rock Bay and Salmon River Railway.
- " 13—Petition of Chemainus and Alberni Railway.
- " 14—Petition of Kitimaat-Caledonia Co., Ltd.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. GREEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Mr. *Green* presented the Third Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 24th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee recommend that the time limited for the reception of Private Bills be extended for ten days from the 25th day of January, instant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. GREEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

The Hon. the Premier presented the following Returns:—

Statement of Commons established, shewing Revenue collected for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1899.

Statement of the names and places of residence of Collectors of Revenue paid by commission, rate of same, and of date of authority therefor.

Statement of Bonds deposited in the Provincial Secretary's Office by Civil Officers of the Province for the due performance of their duties, under the "Civil Service Act."

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Hume*—Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Department of Mines Act, 1899.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Henderson*—Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Bills of Sale Act.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Henderson*—Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Liquor Licence Act.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Henderson*—Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act, 1897.’”

The following Private Bills were introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Railway Committee :—

By Mr. *Tisdall*—Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Rock Bay and Salmon River Railway Company.”

By Mr. *Helmcken*—Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway Act (1891) Amendment Act, 1897.’”

By Mr. *Helmcken*—Bill (No. 23) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company.”

By Mr. *Helmcken*—Bill (No. 24) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Chemainus and North-Western Railway Company.”

The following Private Bills were introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee :—

By Mr. *Wells*—Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the East Kootenay Telephone Company, Limited.”

By Colonel *Baker*—Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Crow’s Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Company, Limited.”

By Mr. *Clifford*—Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Kitimaat-Caledonia Company, Limited.”

By Mr. *Kellie*—Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the North Kootenay Water, Power and Light Company, Limited.”

Mr. *Helmcken* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions :—

1. At what date was the communication referred to in the Report of the Minister of Justice (contained in the Return relating to the Acts passed by the Legislature during the Session of 1899) on chapter 50, “An Act to amend the ‘Placer Mining Act,’” received?
2. What reply (if any) was made to the recommendation therein contained?
3. When was such despatch forwarded?

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

“1. The 12th of May, 1899.

“2. A copy of the reply will be furnished as soon as it is prepared.

“3. The 7th of June, 1899.”

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Evidence Act.’”

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘County Courts Act.’”

Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Game Protection Act, 1898.’”

Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipalities Incorporation Act.’”

Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Farmers’ Institutes and Co-operation Act.’”

Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Notaries Appointment Act.’”

On the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to amend the Companies Act, 1897,'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Tramway Incorporation Act,'" 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 3:30 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 25th January, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. F. Vichert*.

The Petition from *Walter Smith* and others, miners, labourers and merchants of City and District of *Nelson*, in favour of "Eight-hour Labour Law," was received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. Green presented a Petition from *S. B. Clements* and 115 others, residents of *Slocan City Mining Division*, in favour of "Eight-hour Law."

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

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

"That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that he may be pleased to direct that the accounts of Revenue and Expenditure of the Province from 1st July to 31st December, 1899, be laid before the House"—

was resumed.

The Hon. *Mr. Cotton* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. *Mr. Semlin*,—

To insert between the words "that" and "the," in the second line, the words "an abstract of."

Amendment carried.

Resolution, as amended, carried.

The Order for the first reading of Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors Act'" was discharged.

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

THOS. R. McINNES,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

24th January, 1900.

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act'" was committed, with *Mr Kidd* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act'" was committed, with Mr. *Clifford* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the Law respecting the Liability of Trustees" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1898,'" was committed, with Mr. *Kellie* in the Chair.

Progress reported.
Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act'" was committed, with Mr. *A. W. Smith* in the Chair.

Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Farmers' Institutes and Co-operation Act'" was committed, with Major-General *Kinchant* in the Chair.

Reported complete without amendment.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Appointment Act'" was committed, with Mr. *Ellison* in the Chair.

Reported complete without amendment.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

Mr. *Booth* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Why was the police officer of *South Cedar* (Mr. *J. Cassidy*) discharged?
2. What salary did he receive?

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

"Mr. George Cassidy, of South Cedar or Oyster Harbour, was appointed to the position of Provincial constable, to be paid by fees. That position he voluntarily resigned, as he wished to be paid a salary. He was subsequently appointed at a salary of \$60 per month, of which he is now in receipt."

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The order for the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Liquor Licence Act'" was discharged.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Mines Act, 1899,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Tisdall*, Private Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to revise and consolidate the Vancouver Incorporation Act" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:40 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, 26th January, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. F. Vichert*.

Mr. *J. M. Martin* presented a Petition from *Daniel Chambers* and others, residents of *Rosslund*, in favour of "Eight-hour Law."
Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Green* presented the Fourth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 26th, 1900.

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 under-mentioned Petitions have been complied with:

No. 11—The Petition of the Synod of New Westminster.

With reference to the Petition A16 of the Lake Bennett Railway, presented to this House on the 18th day of January, instant, and to the Petition B16 of the British Columbia Yukon Railway Company, presented to this House on the 22nd day of January, instant, your Committee beg to report that after hearing counsel on the 24th day of January, instant, in support of both the said Petitions, as to the cause which prevented the said Company, the Lake Bennett Railway, complying with the Standing Rules, as regards the presentation of Petitions, your Committee are of the opinion that the Standing Orders should be suspended, so as to admit of the Petition referred to in the said Petition A16 being presented, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

With reference to Petition A3, Imperial Pacific Railway Company, your Committee beg to report that after hearing counsel as to the cause which prevented the said Company from complying with the Standing Rules as regards the presentation of Petitions, your Committee are of the opinion that the Standing Orders should be suspended, so as to admit of the Petition referred to in the said Petition A3 being presented, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. GREEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and then the following Petitions were laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Clifford*, from *Michael King*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Lake Bennett Railway Company."

By Mr. *Clifford*, from *E. G. Tilton* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Imperial Pacific Railway Company."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Henderson*, Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Higgins*, seconded by Mr. *Prentice*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to examine into and report upon the administration of the affairs, the condition and requirements of the Provincial Reformatory, *Victoria*, with power to send for persons and papers, examine witnesses under oath, and report the result of the enquiry to this House. Said Committee to consist of Messrs. *Prentice*, *Macpherson*, *A. W. Smith*, *Helmcken*, and the mover.

On the motion of Mr. *Higgins*, seconded by Mr. *Booth*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Government, or any member or officer thereof, and any party or parties resident in the District of *North Victoria* relative to the reduction of the wages of workmen employed on the roads of that district from \$2.00 to \$1.75 per day, and an increase of the hours of labour from nine to ten hours per day.

Mr. *Higgins* moved, seconded by Mr. *A. W. Smith*,—

That a Committee, consisting of Messrs. *McBride*, *Prentice*, *R. Smith*, *McPherson* and *Higgins*, be appointed to visit the Provincial Lunatic Asylum at *New Westminster*, with power to examine into and report upon the administration of the affairs, the condition and requirements of the Institution, with power to send for persons and papers, examine witnesses under oath, and report the result of their inquiries to this House.

A question of order arose, as to whether the motion involved the expenditure of public money, and was therefore out of order.

Mr. Speaker took the matter into consideration.

The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Higgins*, seconded by Mr. *Bryden*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that His Honour may be pleased to lay before this House copies of all correspondence and other documents relating to the closing of *Craigflower Road* by the Corporation of the *City of Victoria* that may have passed between the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the *City of Victoria*, or any person or persons whatsoever, relative to the same matter.

On the motion of Mr. *Higgins*, seconded by Mr. *Clifford*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence respecting the exclusion of aliens from the placer mines of *Atlin*. Also, that a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking His Honour to send down to this House all correspondence between the Government of British Columbia, the Government of the Dominion of Canada, and the Government of the United States, or any other Government, or any official thereof, relative to the enforcement of the law excluding aliens from the placer mines of *Atlin*.

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

1. What was the total amount of revenue derived from the stumpage tax in the Districts of *East* and *West Kootenay* from the 1st day of August, 1898, to the 31st day of December, 1899?
2. From whom the revenue so paid was derived?
3. What steps, if any, have been taken to ascertain if the Crown lands conveyed to railway companies throughout the Province are in excess of the acreage proposed to be conveyed by Acts of this House?

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

“1. \$30,615.42.

“2.

Canadian Pacific Railway Co.,
Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Co.,
Mann, Foley Bros., and Larson,
Kaslo and Slocan Railway Co.,
International Navigation and Trading Co.,
N. Hansen,
Kootenay River Trading Co.,
Kootenay Ore Co.,
D. Alloff,
Hill Brothers,

West Kootenay Power and Light Co.,
James Cranley,
C. A. Scholefield,
R. Stuckey,
E. C. Arthur,
Jas. P. Clubb,
Henry M. Stevenson,
Nelson Saw-Mill Co.,
Kelly & Stuffer,
G. W. Goodwin,

- Steamships Farrel and North Star,
 A. A. McKinnon,
 Vernon and Nelson Telephone Co.,
 Shook & Arnot,
 P. M. Walker & Co.,
 D. L. Clink,
 Kootenay Lumber Co.,
 Hall Mines, Limited,
 Thorp & Co.,
 D. McArthur,
 G. O. Buchanan,
 M. McAndrews,
 Arrowhead Saw-Mill Co.,
 Angus Campbell,
 M. Hilgard,
 H. J. Evans,
 W. F. Brook,
 W. Parker,
 D. Cameron,
 G. H. McDonnan,
 Upper Columbia Navigation and Trading Co.,
 Braden Bros.,
 Frank Simpson,
 T. W. Gray,
 Proctor & McMillan,
 M. Scully,
 F. Lavine,
 P. Burns,
 C. W. West & Co.,
 Hyde, Titmarsh & Co.,
 Albert Maslonka,
 M. S. Clark,
 Thos. Erickson,
 Jas. Garrier,
 Chas. Etter,
 J. Sturgeon,
 N. Ranger,
 J. A. Sayward & Co.,
 John McCaskill,
 Kaslo Transfer Co.,
 A. McCallum,
 P. Genelle & Co.,
 J. Graff,
 J. Bloomberg,
 Johnston & McDougall,
 Poorman's Lumber Co.,
 Kootenay Lumber Co.,
 A. Carlsen,
 N. Abramson,
 N. P. Roman,
 Elk Park Land Co.,
 Finch & Jones,
 International Lumber Co.,
 Kootenay Railway & Navigation Co.,
 Le Roi Mining Co.,
 John Croft,
 H. Black,
 F. Mulock,
 M. Seuley,
 J. E. Edwards,
 E. H. Barron,
 William Hodge,
 W. A. Hale,
 C. J. Kapps,
 Cameron & Carscadden,
 Oel Nelson,
 Cranbrook Lumber Co.,
 Trail Creek Brewing Co.,
 R. Reisterer,
 Cecil Lockhard,
 W. F. Brooks,
 Park, Mitchell & Co.,
 Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.,
 W. B. McLean,
 Fort Steele Brewery,
 F. D. Andrews,
 J. J. Derwin,
 J. Fox,
 J. McDonald,
 Scoresby & Packard,
 A. J. Cleverley,
 A. Smith,
 Wardner Saw-Mill Co.,
 Chas. Kapps,
 Geo. Bourgeoise,
 Jos. Bagley,
 E. Mallandaine,
 Goat River Lumber Co.,
 McDonan & Forbes,
 White Water Saw-Mill,
 Miller & Ray,
 J. McGarvey,
 J. McMillan,
 Bridges, Fisher & Co.,
 Webb & Quaife,
 W. Anderson & Son,
 Hercules Mining Co.,
 Crow's Nest Land and Development Co.,
 Bridges & Fisher,
 Taylor & Hannington,
 Geo. Lovatt,
 Kootenai Valley Co.,
 Fernie Lumber Co.,
 Kendal & Digby,
 W. Greenway,
 John Shustraff,
 Ainsworth Trading Co.,
 John McGarvey,
 John Goettsche,
 Nelson Electric Tramway Co.,
 Silver King Hotel,
 Jas. Kibbard,
 G. W. Patterson,
 S. Eugene Consolidated Mining Co.,
 North Star Mining Co.,
 Robinson & McKenzie,
 Jas. Park,
 T. R. Muir,

Stanislaus Pidgeon,
 J. T. Roberts,
 Jas. Dearing,
 Martin Andersen,
 Nelson Brick Manufacturing Co.,
 Nelson Saw and Planing Mills Co.,

W. Calder,
 H. W. Barnes,
 E. J. Schaeffel Lumber Co.,
 Jos. Boyce,
 Finch Bros.

"3. None; no facts having come to the knowledge of the Government which would lead to the supposition that any such excess has been granted. Before issuing Crown grants to railway companies the mileage of road constructed is ascertained, and the lands to be granted are surveyed."

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 intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors Act.'"

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors Act,'" and recommend the introduction of the Bill.

Mr. *Kellie*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill.
 Report adopted.
 Bill read a first time.
 To be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The reports were adopted on the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act.'"

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Farmers' Institutes and Co-operation Act.'"

To be read a third time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Appointment Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An act to amend the 'Evidence Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the Law respecting the Liability of Trustees" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Mines Act, 1899,'" was committed, with Mr. *Robertson* in the Chair.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustees and Executors Act,'" was discharged.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Tisdall*, Private Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to Incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster'" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

And then the House adjourned at 3:50 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, 29th January, 1900

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Wilson*.

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

By Mr. *J. M. Martin*, from the representatives of a number of companies operating metalliferous mines in the *District of Kootenay*, opposing "Eight-hour Labour Law."

By Mr. *Wells*, from "The Vancouver Gas Company," opposing certain clauses in "Vancouver City Acts Consolidation Bill."

By Mr. *Prentice*, from "The New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Company," opposing certain clauses in the "Vancouver City Acts Consolidation Bill."

By Mr. *Prentice*, from "The British Columbia Electric Railway Company," opposing certain clauses in the "Vancouver City Acts Consolidation Bill."

By Mr. *Prentice*, from *Frank Stillman Barnard*, opposing certain clauses in the "Vancouver City Acts Consolidation Bill."

The following Returns were presented :—

By the Hon. the Minister of Finance—Copies of all correspondence between the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, and the Imperial and Dominion Governments, or any member thereof, relative to the proffered Provincial grant of one million dollars towards the cost of laying a trans-Pacific cable.

By the Hon. the Minister of Mines—Copies of all correspondence between the Government of British Columbia, or any member thereof, and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, or any member thereof; also, all correspondence between the Government of British Columbia and any person or persons, miners' or mine-owners' unions, relating to the enforcement of the provisions of section 4 of an Act intituled "Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Amendment Act, 1899."

By the Hon. the Premier—Copy of a Report in regard to a Petition addressed to the President of the United States by certain residents of *Atlin*, complaining of recent mining legislation of this Province, which Petition is referred to in the Report of the Minister of Justice on chapter 50, "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act.'"

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—Papers in relation to the British Columbia Southern Railway Company land grant.

Mr. *Green* presented the Fifth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 29th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the time for the reception of Reports on Private Bills be extended until the 9th February, 1900, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. GREEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

Mr. *Kidd* presented the First Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 29th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the following papers were ordered to be printed:

1. Return to an humble Address presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this House all correspondence, memorials and documents between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government, relative to the disallowance by the Dominion Government of the "Labour Regulation Act, 1898," or legislation of a similar character, since the Return presented to this House on the 18th January, 1899.

2. Report of the special Commissioner appointed under the provisions of the "Bennett-Atlin Commission Act, 1899."

THOMAS KIDD,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

1. Have Crown grants for all or any portion of the land grant of the British Columbia Southern Railway been issued; and if so, when, for how much, and to whom?

2. If Crown grants have not been issued, are the same in process of being issued?

3. If Crown grants have not been issued, have the Government decided not to issue the same, and if so, why?

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

"1. Yes; 18th August, 1899, for 611,533 acres, more or less, to the British Columbia Southern Railway Company.

"2 & 3 are answered by the above reply to the first question."

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

Out of what appropriation is it intended to pay for the bridge over the *Thompson River* at *Kamloops*, for which tenders are now being asked?

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

"The matter will receive consideration when the Estimates are being prepared."

Mr. *Jos. Martin* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

Is it the intention to bring into force the *Torrens Act* passed last Session, and when; and if not, why not?

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

"This matter is still under consideration."

Mr. *Jos. Martin* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. When did Mr. *C. B. Sword* cease to be Private Secretary to the Premier?
2. How much was paid to Mr. *Sword* altogether as salary, and when was the last payment made?

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

- “1. August 31st, 1899.
- “2. \$423.33. 31st August, 1899.”

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

1. Is it a fact that an Order in Council has been passed remitting a fine, or a portion thereof, imposed upon Mr. *Galbraith*, of *Duncan*, for an infraction of the Game Act?
2. What official position does the said Mr. *Galbraith* occupy?
3. What is the date of—
 - (a.) The imposition of the fine;
 - (b.) The date of remission thereof.
4. What was the amount of the fine, and what was the amount remitted?
5. Why was the fine remitted?

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

- “1. Yes; one-half of the fine remitted.
- “2. Dominion Government Fishery Officer.
- “3. (a) 3rd November, 1899; (b) 2nd January, 1900.
- “4. Amount of fine, \$15; amount remitted, \$7.50.
- “5. The reason for the remission of a portion of the fine was that, under the circumstances of the case, the payment of half the fine and costs was considered a sufficient punishment. As Mr. *Galbraith* pleaded guilty to the charge, no depositions were taken before the Magistrate, but the facts of the case are set out in the correspondence filed in my Department. From this correspondence, it is clear that the bird was mistaken for a grouse.”

Mr. *Turner* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Has anyone been appointed to fill the position, or any of the positions, lately occupied by *William Stephenson*?
2. If so, who has been appointed?

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

“No appointment has been made.”

The adjourned debate on the Resolution moved by Mr. *Higgins* on the 26th instant, as follows:—

“That a Committee, consisting of Messrs. *McBride*, *Prentice*, *R. Smith*, *McPherson* and *Higgins*, be appointed to visit the Provincial Lunatic Asylum at *New Westminster*, with power to examine into and report upon the administration of the affairs, the condition and requirements of the institution, with power to send for persons and papers, examine witnesses under oath, and report the result of their inquiries to this House”—

was resumed.

Resolution agreed to.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking His Honour to send down to this House copies of all correspondence between His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and the Executive Council of British Columbia, or any member or members thereof, with reference to the *Bennett Lake* and *Atlin* Mining Divisions, and the administration thereof.

On the motion of Mr. *Jos. Martin*, Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act respecting Solicitors and Barristers” was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors Act'" was read a second time.
To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act'" was again committed.
Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the Law respecting the Liability of Trustees" was again committed.
Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897,'" was committed, with Mr. *Robertson* in the Chair.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Act'" was read a second time.
To be committed to-morrow.

The following Petitions were received:—

From *Michael King*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Lake Bennett Railway Company."

From *E. G. Tilton* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Imperial Pacific Railway Company,"

The Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works presented a Return of all correspondence and papers, of any kind whatsoever, in relation to the cancellation of the pre-emption claim of *Thomas Tugwell* at *Log Cabin*.

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

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

Tuesday, 30th January, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Wilson*.

The following Petitions were received and *Ordered* to be printed:—

From the representatives of a number of companies operating metalliferous mines in the *District of Kootenay*, opposing "Eight-hour Labour Law."

From "The Vancouver Gas Company," opposing certain clauses in "Vancouver City Acts Consolidation Bill."

From "The New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Company," opposing certain clauses in the "Vancouver City Acts Consolidation Bill."

From "The British Columbia Electric Railway Company," opposing certain clauses in the "Vancouver City Acts Consolidation Bill."

From *Frank Stillman Barnard*, opposing certain clauses in the "Vancouver City Acts Consolidation Bill."

Mr. *Prentice* presented a Petition from *William Farrell*, opposing certain clauses in the "Vancouver City Acts Consolidation Bill."
Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Green* presented the Sixth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 30th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

No. 16—Petition of Lake Bennett Railway Company.

That the Standing Orders in connection with the above-mentioned Petition have not been complied with, inasmuch as the publication of the notice required by the Rules had not expired; but owing to the enterprise being presumably in the public interest, and the Petition being otherwise in order, your Committee recommend the suspension of the Rules, so as to admit of the Bill being introduced, subject to the payment of double fees.

R. F. GREEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Rules and Orders were suspended and the Report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Clifford*, Private Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Lake Bennett Railway Company" was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Railway Committee.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that His Honour may be pleased to lay before this House copies of all correspondence that may have passed between the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, or any person or persons whatsoever, relative to requests for refund of moneys paid to renew free miners' certificates which were thought to be affected by the passage of the "Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1899," and the "Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1899."

Mr. *A. W. Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. Why was it necessary to pass an Order in Council prohibiting Mining Recorders from performing the duties conferred on them by section 6, "Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1899," and section 8, "Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1899"?

2. Was the Order in Council passed by authority of section 150, "Placer Mining Act," and section 143, "Mineral Act"?

3. Has the Order in Council been laid before the Legislative Assembly, as required by the Placer Mining and Mineral Acts?

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

"No Order in Council was passed prohibiting Mining Recorders from performing the duties conferred on them by section 6 of the 'Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1899,' and section 8 of the 'Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1899.'"

Mr. *Macpherson* presented the First Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 30th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

We have considered Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Chilkat Pass Railway and Navigation Company," and herewith report the preamble of said Bill proved, and beg leave to submit the said Bill with amendments.

R. MACPHERSON,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *McBride*, seconded by Mr. *Clifford*, it was *Ordered*,—
That Mr. *Jos. Martin* be placed on the Mining Committee of this House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Semlin*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Henderson*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the name of Mr. *W. C. Wells* be added to the Mining Committee.

On the motion of Mr. *McBride*, seconded by Mr. *Clifford*, it was *Ordered*,—
That Mr. *Jos. Martin* be placed upon the Railway Committee of this House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Semlin*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Henderson*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the name of Mr. *Tisdall* be added to the Railway Committee.

On the motion of Mr. *Eberts*, seconded by Mr. *Hall*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the Hon. the Junior Member for *Esquimalt*, Mr. *D. W. Higgins*, be placed on the Railway Committee.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Semlin*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Henderson*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the name of the Member for *Revelstoke*, Mr. *J. M. Kellie*, be added to the Standing Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Jurors Act’” was committed, with Mr. *Hall* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘County Courts Act’” was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Evidence Act’” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Game Protection Act, 1898,’” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the Law respecting the Liability of Trustees” was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act, 1897,’” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Small Debts Act’” was committed, with Mr. *Munro* in the Chair.

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 5:15 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 31st January, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Wilson*.

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

By Mr. *J. M. Martin*, from *John Riordan* and others, miners and residents of *Phoenix*, B. C., in favour of "Eight-hour Law."

By Mr. *J. M. Martin*, from *M. G. Denny* and others, citizens and business men of *Phoenix*, B. C., in favour of "Eight-hour Law."

By Mr. *J. M. Martin*, from *W. H. Hamilton* and others, residents of *Whitewater*, B. C., in favour of "Eight-hour Law."

By Mr. *J. M. Martin*, from *Samuel Feeler* and others, of *Rosland Mining District*, in favour of "Eight-hour Law."

By Mr. *McPhillips*, from the B. C. Mills Trading and Timber Co. and others, opposing certain clauses in Bill to consolidate the *Vancouver City Acts*.

The Hon. the Premier presented a detailed Return of all moneys paid, and to whom paid, on account of stationery for use in the Public Departments of the Province from the 1st of July, 1898, to the 31st December, 1899, together with copies of all agreements or contracts with any person or persons whatsoever for the supply of stationery, and the rates at which that class of goods was supplied to the Government.

Mr. *Macpherson* presented the Second Report from the Railway Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 31st, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

We have considered Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Taku and Atlin Railway and Navigation Company," and herewith report the preamble of said Bill proved, and beg leave to submit the said Bill with amendments.

R. MACPHERSON,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Mr. *Green* presented the Seventh Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 31st, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That they find the preamble of the under-mentioned Bill proved, viz., Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Company, Limited," and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. GREEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Government and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, or the Columbia and Western Railway Company, with regard to a land grant or cash bonus.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this Honourable House copies of all correspondence which have passed between the Attorney-General of this Province and the Hon. *W. Norman Bole*, Judge of the County Court of *New Westminster*, with respect to the administration of justice in the Speedy Trials Court at *New Westminster*.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present Session be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Mr. *Helmcken* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question :—

What course is it proposed to take by the Government, owing to the recent decision of the Full Court at *Vancouver*, relative to the jurisdiction exercised by the Hon. *W. Norman Bole*, Judge of the County Court of *New Westminster*, sitting and acting as County Court Judge in the *City of Vancouver*?

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

“The Government is now considering this matter.”

The Hon. the Premier presented copies of all correspondence, memorials and papers between the County Court Judges of this Province and the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, and between the Dominion Government, or any member thereof, and the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, relative to the discontinuance of the salary as Stipendiary Magistrates heretofore paid by the Province to each of the said County Court Judges.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Cotton*, Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘New Westminster Relief Act, 1899,’” was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Jurors Act’” was again committed.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Game Protection Act, 1898,’” was again committed.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Turner*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Semlin*, it was *Ordered*,—

That during the absence of Mr. *Dunsmuir* from the Province, Mr. *Bryden* be placed on the Mining Committee, and Mr. *Robertson* on the Railway Committee.

Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the Law respecting the Liability of Trustees” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act, 1897,’” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Supreme Court Act’” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *McKechnie* moved—"That Bill (No. 14) intituled 'An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act' be read a second time now."

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.

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

THOS. R. McINNES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled the "Liquor Licence Act, 1899, Amendment Act, 1900," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
30th January, 1900.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:05 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 1st February, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Wilson*.

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

By Mr. *Bryden*, from *Thomas Jones* and others, *Wellington Mine* employés.

Ruled out of order on the ground that the Petition contained no prayer, was in a very mutilated condition, and that the signatures were not written upon the Petition itself, but pasted on.—*May*, page 496.

By Mr. *Prentice*, from *Joseph Lygo* and others, *Wellington Extension Coal Mine* employés.

Ruled out of order on same ground as last Petition.

By Mr. *Bryden*, from *William Farrell*, of *Vancouver*, opposing Petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate "The Western Telephone Company."

The following Petitions were received and *Ordered* to be printed:—

From *John Riordan* and others, miners and residents of *Phoenix*, B. C., in favour of "Eight-hour Law."

From *M. G. Denny* and others, citizens and business men of *Phoenix*, B. C., in favour of "Eight-hour Law."

From *W. H. Hamilton* and others, residents of *Whitewater*, B. C., in favour of "Eight-hour Law."

From *Samuel Feeler* and others, of *Rosland Mining District*, in favour of "Eight-hour Law."

From the B. C. Mills Trading and Timber Co., and others, opposing certain clauses in Bill to consolidate the *Vancouver City Acts*.

Mr. *D. W. Higgins* presented a report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the management and affairs of the Lunatic Asylum at *New Westminster*, as follows:—

The Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Select Committee appointed to examine into and report upon the management and affairs of the Lunatic Asylum have the honour to report that it will be necessary, in the discharge of their duties, to visit the Asylum at *New Westminster*, and they, therefore, ask for the authority of the House to incur any expense incidental therewith, by the adoption of this Report.

D. W. HIGGINS,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

On the motion of Mr. *McPhillips*, Bill (No. 36) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Queen’s Counsel Act, 1899,’” was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Green*, Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act to make special provision with regard to the qualifications of the Members of the Council of the City of *Sandon*,” was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

1. If he is aware that the salaries paid each member of the British Columbia judiciary is one thousand dollars per annum less than the salaries paid the Ontario and Quebec judiciary?
2. If he is so aware, whether it is his intention to call the attention of the Dominion Government to the anomaly, and request that the salaries of B. C. Judges be raised to a level with that of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. A Resolution will be introduced touching the question referred to.”

Mr. *A. W. Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

Why was it necessary for the Minister of Mines to issue the notice, as published in the *Gazette*, 20th April, 1899, that the powers conferred upon Mining Recorders by section 6, “Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1899,” and by section 8 of the “Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1899,” should not be exercised by them until so directed by the Minister of Mines?

Was the notice issued by authority of section 150 of the “Placer Mining Act,” and section 143 of the “Mineral Act?” If yes, has the order or regulation been laid before the Legislative Assembly, as required by Placer Mining and Mineral Acts?

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

“This Department considered these sections quite clear as to their intent and meaning as only legalizing the acts of a Mining Recorder should he be called upon—by the exigencies of the service or by this Department—to act in the place or stead of a Gold Commissioner who might be unable to so act owing to sickness, absence, or other cause, viz.: that the powers of a Gold Commissioner “may be performed by Mining Recorder,” and that the section was in no sense mandatory.

“As an example of its application, I might say that the Mining Recorder at *New Denver* has been instructed to act as Gold Commissioner within the *Slocan Mining Division* pending the appointment of a Gold Commissioner for the District, and his acts as such have force under this section.

“The notice in the *Gazette* of April 20th, 1899, was issued by me to the Mining Recorders, as officers of this Department, to assure a uniform practice in the service, and inasmuch as any other interpretation would have caused great confusion and been inexpedient.

“These instructions were not issued under section 150 of Placer Mining Act, or of section 143 of Mineral Act.”

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

1. Has any table of rates chargeable for rents, royalties, tolls and charges in respect of the waters of the Crown, under the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," and "Water Clauses Consolidation Act Amendment Act, 1899," been fixed?

2. What rates (if any) have been collected from individuals or corporations during the calendar year 1899 for the users of waters of the Crown on waters of the Crown that they may have records of, and the names of such individuals and corporations?

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

"1. Yes; a schedule of rates was fixed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on 18th August, 1897, and was published in the British Columbia Gazette.

"2. The rates prescribed by the schedule, except in the case of companies who have recorded large quantities of water with a view to the development of a high horse power, in which cases the rates provided by the schedule would be excessive. In such cases, the payment of fees has been held in abeyance pending a revision of the schedule, which is under consideration by the Government.

"3. The names of those who have recorded water during 1899, as far as returns have been received from the various offices throughout the Province, are as follows:—

F. Neaves,	Vermillion Forks Mining and	Wm. Furniss,
S. Henderson and J. Webb,	Development Co., Ltd.,	R. H. Huston,
G. H. Hutchinson,	" "	George Lyan,
P. Herman,	W. V. Leonard,	James D. Sears,
Mt. Sicker & B.C. Development Co.,	H. R. Bellamy,	G. J. Wallace,
" "	P. E. Page,	B. F. Young,
" "	" "	E. J. Offerhaus,
Anglo-B. C. Packing Co., Ltd., and	W. Jackson,	F. McCleery,
Skeena Packing Co.,	The Scottish Copper Mines Syndi-	W. H. Smith,
Tyee Development Co., Ltd.,	cate of B. C., Ltd.,	H. W. Nash,
" "	N. Beaton,	Nelson J. LaPlant,
Mountain Hill Co.,	W. H. Buse,	Arthur Roberts,
N. W. F. Rant,	M. K. Rogers,	Frank Roberts,
C. Little,	" "	John Miller,
G. L. Fenety,	G. A. Barnes,	John Worth,
J. Martin,	V. D. Curry,	Burt D. Beecher,
J. H. Russell,	Corperation of City of Nelson,	Frank Conkling,
J. L. Busse,	" "	J. M. Robinson,
S. E. Christian,	Kootenay Electric Co., Ltd.,	D. B. Pettijohn,
Carter, Waker & Fergusson,	Ymir Power Co.,	W. M. Roy,
T. Bateman,	" "	J. Peterson,
W. Abbott,	W. H. Aldridge,	J. Thorlarken,
W. L. Weppler,	Wakefield Mines, Ltd.,	C. deB. Green,
C. Christopher and E. C. Hawkins,	North Star Mining Co., Ltd.,	E. Clark,
L. Butler,	The B. C. Southern Ry. Co.,	W. J. Sinclair,
C. Christopher,	S. L. Goldberg,	The Granby Consolidated Mining &
R. B. Needham,	Cronin, White, Finch and Pender,	Smelting Co.,
Willow Creek Mines Co-operative	T. Dow,	" "
Water Association,	Murphy, Farrell, Foley, Day &	Jno. S. McClelland,
T. Bateman,	Rader,	G. E. Mordan,
G. F. Doherty,	G. Theis,	W. S. Fletcher,
C. Christopher,	W. Redmond,	The Boundary Creek Mining &
A. Martin,	J. Levitt,	Milling Co.,
A. F. Griffiths,	W. McKenzie,	R. L. Rice,
W. H. Langley,	C. F. Scherf,	G. M. Robinson,
Cassiar Central Railway Co.,	J. D. Gordon,	Ida Thompson,
A. E. Crickmay,	J. Mott,	" "
Pacific Coast Power Co., Ltd. Ly.,	F. J. Smith,	G. G. McClure,
A. F. Cotton,	Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Ltd.,	Neil Hardy,
E. Evans,	M. Phillips,	C. S. Galloway & R. Wood,
C. McKinnon,	Wm. McKenzie,	Jas. D. Sears,
D. L. Purvis,	Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate, Ltd.	J. Clark,
M. K. Rogers,	J. W. Robinson,	G. M. Robinson,
C. W. Yates,	G. Pickering,	Levi Gillard,
M. K. Rogers,	A. E. Ingram,	The Corporation of the City of
E. F. Voyt,	James Kneller,	Greenwood,
H. H. Norie,	" "	" "
A. G. McDonald,	Arthur J. Lauder,	David E. Galletty,
A. R. Kinnear,	Robert and C. A. R. Lambly,	Robert Clark,
O'Brien & Hull, in trust,	R. S. Rice and Bert McClure,	Clive Pettijohn.
A. Struthers,	Wm. Furniss,	

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Liquor Licence Act, 1899.'"

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Liquor Licence Act, 1899,'" and recommend the introduction of the Bill.

Mr. *Kellie*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors Act'" was adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1898,'" was adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act'" was committed, with Mr. *Robertson* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897,'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act'" was resumed.

Mr. *McPhillips* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

To strike out all the words after "That," and to insert in lieu thereof:—

"Whereas it is provided in Bill No. 14, being 'An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act,' in section 3 thereof: 'No owner, agent or manager of a mine shall employ underground, or allow to be underground for the purpose of employment in any mine to which the Coal Mines Regulation Act applies, any person who is unable to read the special rules for said mine, as printed in English, and to understand the same to the satisfaction of the Inspector';

"And whereas in so providing there is an attempt made to establish a statutory prohibition which affects aliens or naturalized subjects, and therefore trenches upon the exclusive authority of the Parliament of Canada;

"And whereas it has been held by Her Majesty in Her Privy Council, that legislation of this character is *ultra vires* of the Provincial Legislature and illegal;

"And whereas the effect of any such legislation will not be of any beneficial effect in inhibiting the employment of Oriental labour, which is so much deprecated in this Province, in that it has been held by Her Majesty in Her Privy Council that the Legislature of the Dominion is invested with exclusive authority in all matters which directly concern the rights, privileges and disabilities of the class of Chinamen who are resident in the Provinces of Canada;

"And whereas any such enactment will be valueless and without the powers of this Legislature, as respects the employment of Oriental labour, or the employment of aliens or naturalized aliens;

"And whereas the proposed legislation is an attempt to do indirectly that which cannot be done directly, contrary to a well-known principle of law, and further against the decision of the Highest Tribunal of Appeal in the Empire;

"And whereas even if such proposed legislation became law, the test called for—'read in English and understand the rules,'—would be as easy of compliance with by many of the Asiatic miners as by many of the miners of other nationality, and not result in eliminating Oriental labour from the mines ;

"And whereas also, even if any such enactment could have the force of law and be held to be within the power of this Legislature, it would be most baneful in its effects, in that it would result in the dismissal of and the loss of the employment to hundreds of miners in this Province, thoroughly capable as miners, but who are not able to read English, although in the great majority of such cases it is their mother tongue ;

"And whereas there are many miners who are French Canadians who, whilst they may be able to read French, cannot read English ;

"And whereas there are many other miners, British subjects by naturalization, the countries of their birth being Norway, Sweden, Germany, France, Denmark, Belgium, Spain, Portugal and Italy, who may be able to read in their mother tongue although not able to read English ;

"And whereas no such legislation as is contemplated to be enacted obtains in Great Britain to-day, the Act in force there being the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1887' ;

"And whereas in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, thousands of miners employed in the coal mines are not able to read English, it cannot be contended that the legislation is warranted upon any grounds of public policy, but on the other hand will be legislation hurtful to the best interests of British subjects and white labour, and inimical to the development of industries in this Province :

"Therefore be it Resolved, That the provision that persons unable to read in English shall not be employed underground in any mine to which the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act' applies, and all other provisions in the said Bill having relation thereto, should not be contained in any Bill."

Mr. *Higgins* moved the adjournment of the debate.

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Helmcken—17.</i>
<i>Clifford,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>McKechmie,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>	<i>Neill—18.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>		

Debate resumed.

The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Henderson* presented copies of all correspondence which have passed between the Attorney-General of this Province and the Hon. *W. Norman Bole*, Judge of the County Court of *New Westminster*, with respect to the administration of justice in the Speedy Trials Court at *New Westminster*.

And then the House adjourned at 5:55 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, 2nd February, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Wilson*.

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

By Mr. *J. M. Martin*, from *P. P. Sharpe* and others, residents of *Greenwood* and *Yale District*, in favour of "Eight-hour Law."

By the Hon. the Premier, from *Wm. Allen* and others, residents of *Fernie*, in favour of "Eight-hour Law."

Ruled out of order, as the Petition was not addressed to the House and contained no prayer.

The Petition from *William Farrell*, of *Vancouver*, opposing Petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate "The Western Telephone Company," was received.

Mr. *Green* presented the Eighth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 2nd, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee recommend that the time limited for the reception of Private Bills be extended for five days from the 2nd day of February, instant, and that the Standing Rules be suspended accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. GREEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Rules and Orders were suspended and the Report adopted.

Mr. *Macpherson* presented the Third Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 2nd, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

We have considered Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Rock Bay and Salmon River Railway Company," and herewith report the preamble of said Bill proved, and beg leave to submit the said Bill with amendments.

ROBT. MACPHERSON,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Mr. *Kidd* presented the Second Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 2nd, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the following papers were ordered to be printed:—

1. Return of all correspondence relating to the enforcement of the provisions of section 4 of the "Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Amendment Act, 1899."

2. Copy of a Report in regard to a Petition referred to in the Report of the Minister of Justice on chapter 50, "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act.'"

3. Return of all correspondence relative to the proffered Provincial grant of \$1,000,000 towards the cost of laying a trans-Pacific cable.

4. Return of all correspondence relative to the discontinuance of the salary as Stipendiary Magistrates heretofore paid to County Court Judges.

THOMAS KIDD,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Kellie*, Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to regulate the Length of Hair that may be worn by Employees in Metalliferous and other Mines" was introduced.

Read a first time on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>
<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Irving,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Neill—20.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>McPhillips—8.</i>

Second reading on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *McBride*, Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act' was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Irving*, seconded by Mr. *Ellison*, it was *Resolved*,—

That British Columbia is British, and we desire the Home Government and the Government of Canada to know that we, as an integral part of the British Empire, can be depended upon to assist, both by men and means, to uphold our Empire. That the present just war must be fought to a finish at whatever cost.

On the motion of Mr. *Turner*, seconded by Colonel *Baker*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and the *Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Co.*, or any member thereof, or any other party, in relation to the repeal of the land grant by Chap. 61, 1899, either before or subsequent to the passage of that repeal Act.

On the motion of Mr. *Booth*, seconded by Mr. *Higgins*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all papers connected with the action of the Licensing Court for *North Victoria* in refusing to continue the licence to the *Mayne Island Hotel*, in particular the petition against the house, the report of the Inspector, and the reason given by the Commissioners for its refusal.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Liquor Licence Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors Act.'"

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1898.'"

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act'" was committed, with Mr. *Prentice* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897,'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Relief Act, 1899,'" was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

Mr. *Tisdall* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the *City of Vancouver*, re opposition to their Private Bill now before the House.

Laid on the table.

The Hon. Mr. *Henderson* presented a Return of all papers connected with the action of the Licensing Court for *North Victoria* in refusing to continue the licence to the *Mayne Island Hotel*, in particular the petition against the house, the report of the Inspector, and the reason given by the Commissioners for its refusal.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:25 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, 5th February, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

The following Petitions were laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Macpherson*, from the "Vancouver Trades and Labour Council," in favour of "Vancouver City Consolidation Bill."

By Mr. *Macpherson*, from the "Vancouver Trades and Labour Council," re "Vancouver City Consolidation Bill."

By Mr. *Green*, from the "Kaslo Board of Trade," re "Eight-hour Law."

The Petition from *P. P. Sharpe* and others, residents of *Greenwood* and *Yale District*, in favour of "Eight-hour Law," was received and *Ordered* to be printed.

The Petition from the Corporation of the *City of Vancouver*, re refund of Private Bill fees, was ruled out of order.

Mr. *Macpherson* presented the Fourth Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 5th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

We have considered Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway Act (1891) Amendment Act, 1897,'" and herewith report the preamble of said Bill proved, and beg leave to submit the said Bill with amendments.

ROBT. MACPHERSON,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 5th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

No. 3—Petition of Imperial Pacific Railway Company.

That the Standing Orders in connection with the above-mentioned Petition have not been complied with.

Your Committee beg to further report as follows:—

That they have considered Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the North Kootenay Water, Power and Light Company, Limited," and find the preamble proved, and beg to submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. GREEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Cotton*—Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Tax Act.'" "

Second reading to-morrow.

By the Hon. Mr. *Henderson*—Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Assessment Act.'" "

Second reading to-morrow.

The following Returns were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Cotton*—Copies of all correspondence and other documents relating to the closing of *Craigflower Road* by the Corporation of the *City of Victoria* that may have passed between the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the *City of Victoria*, or any person or persons whatsoever, relative to the same matter.

By the Hon. Mr. *Cotton*—Return of all correspondence between the Government, or any member or officer thereof, and any party or parties resident in the District of *North Victoria* relative to the reduction of the wages of workmen employed on the roads of that district from \$2.00 to \$1.75 per day, and an increase of the hours of labour from nine to ten hours per day.

By the Hon. the Premier—Return of all correspondence in connection with the dismissal of Mr. *William Stephenson* from the position of Government Agent at *Quesnelle Forks*.

On motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, and that this House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on Thursday next to consider the Resolution.

On the motion of Mr. *Turner*, seconded by Mr. *Eberts*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Return made to the House on 29th January, of correspondence in relation to the pre-emption claim of *Thomas Tugwell* at *Log Cabin*, be printed.

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

THOS. R. McINNES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act,'" and in accordance with the provisions contained in section 54 of "The British North America Act, 1867," he recommends the Bill to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
3rd February, 1900.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act.'"

Mr. *Kellie*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Liquor Licence Act'" was committed, with Mr. *McBride* in the Chair.

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 5:15 o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, 6th February, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

The following Petitions were received and *Ordered* to be printed:—

From the "Vancouver Trades and Labour Council," in favour of "Vancouver City Consolidation Bill."

From the "Vancouver Trades and Labour Council," *re* "Vancouver City Consolidation Bill."

From the "Kaslo Board of Trade," *re* "Eight-hour Law."

The Hon. the Premier presented a Return of copies of all correspondence between His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and the Executive Council of British Columbia, or any member or members thereof, with reference to the *Bennett Lake* and *Atlin Mining Divisions*, and the administration thereof.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 6th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the East Kootenay Telephone Company, Limited," and beg to submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. GREEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Mr. *Macpherson* presented the fifth Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 6th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

We have considered Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company," and herewith report the preamble of said Bill proved, and beg leave to submit the said Bill with amendments.

ROBT. MACPHERSON,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Liquor Licence Act, 1899,'" 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 5:50 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 7th February, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

Mr. *Jos. Martin* presented a Petition from the "Vancouver Club," opposing certain clauses in "Vancouver City Consolidation Bill."

Laid on the table.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 7th, 1900.

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. 10, of the Western Telephone and Telegraph Company, have not been complied with.

Your Committee also beg leave to report that they find the preamble proved of Bill No. 31, "An Act to amend 'An Act to Incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster,'" and submit the same herewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. GREEN,
Chairman.

Ordered, That so much of the Report of the Private Bills Committee as relates to the Petition of the Western Telephone and Telegraph Company be not received, but be referred back to the Committee, with an instruction to reconsider the same and report as to the expediency of suspending the Rules, so as to enable the said Bill to be introduced.

Ordered, That so much of the said Report as referred to Bill No. 31 be received.

Mr. Green presented the Twelfth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 7th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

The Committee recommend that the time for the reception of Reports on Petitions for Private Bills be extended until the 13th day of February, instant.

R. F. GREEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:—

By Mr. Jos. Martin—Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to repeal Chapter 50 of the Statutes of 1899, being the 'Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1899.'"

Second reading to-morrow.

By the Hon. Mr. Hume—Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act.'"

Second reading to-morrow.

By the Hon. Mr. Henderson—Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act.'"

Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Irving moved, seconded by Mr. Ellison—

That in the opinion of this House, it is a menace to parliamentary institutions for the Speaker of the House to attend party caucuses.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Pooley,	Martin, Jos.,	Eberts,	Ellison,
Booth,	McBride,	Higgins,	Irving,
Hall,	Baker,	Smith, A. W.,	McPhillips,
Robertson,	Turner,	Bryden,	Helmcken—17.
Clifford,			

NAYS :

Messieurs

Henderson,	Macpherson,	Hume,	Helgesen,
Semlin,	Smith, R.,	McKechnie,	Green,
Cotton,	Martin, J. M.,	Kellie,	Munro,
Wells,	Tisdall,	Kidd,	Neill—19.
Prentice,	Deane,	Kinchant,	

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Chilkat Pass Railway and Navigation Company" was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>
<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>
<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Neill—32</i>

NAYS :

Mr. Booth.

To be committed to-morrow.

Colonel *Baker* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Company, Limited."

A debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Taku and Atlin Railway and Navigation Company."

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Rock Bay and Salmon River Railway Company."

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway Act (1891) Amendment Act, 1897.'"

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock

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

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897,'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. *Macpherson* presented a Petition from the "Vancouver Trades and Labour Council," in favour of "Eight-hour Law."

Laid on the table.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Relief Act, 1899,'" was committed, with Mr. *Macpherson* in the Chair.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Mr. *Cotton* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Tax Act.'"

A point of order arose, upon which Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Assessment Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10:20 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 8th February, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

The following Petitions were received and *Ordered* to be printed :—

From the "Vancouver Club." opposing certain clauses in "Vancouver City Consolidation Bill."

From the "Vancouver Trades and Labour Council," in favour of "Eight-hour Law."

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 8th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

We have considered Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Chemainus and North-Western Railway Company," and herewith report the preamble of said Bill proved, and beg leave to submit the said Bill with amendments.

We beg leave to recommend that Rule 65 of Rules and Orders (amended in 1897) be amended so as to increase the number of copies of the Bill to be deposited with the Clerk from 100 to 200.

R. MACPHERSON,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, it was *Resolved*,—

That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the motion "That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty."

House in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Kellie* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary,—

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

The Resolution was reported to the House and adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary,—

Resolved, That this House will on Tuesday next resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Henderson*, Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act'" was introduced and read a first time and *Ordered* to be referred to a Select Committee of the House, composed of Messrs. *Kidd*, *Helmcken*, *Munro*, *Green*, and *McBride*, with power to consider the same and report to this House.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Henderson*—Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Rossland Water and Light Company Incorporation Act, 1896.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Henderson*—Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Magistrates Act.'"

By Mr. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act.'"

Mr. *Jos. Martin* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions :—

1. When was Mr. *C. B. Sword* appointed Private Secretary to the Premier?
2. When did he resign, and why?
3. Was he re-appointed, and if so, when?
4. Why was he paid for services during the months of July and August, 1899, and not for the months of January, February, March, April, May and June, 1899?
5. Who paid him for the last-mentioned months, and why?

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

"1. September, 1898.

"2. December, 1898. No reason given.

"3. Yes; at beginning of present fiscal year.

"4. Because he was Private Secretary during the former months, and had resigned that position in December, 1898.

"5. For answer, I must refer the Hon. gentleman to Mr. *Sword* himself."

The Hon. the Premier presented a Return of all correspondence between the Government or any member or officer thereof, in relation to the schools in *South-East Kootenay*, especially the schools at *Fernie*, *Cranbrook* and *Fort Steele*; and returns of the number of children of school age at each of those three places.

Mr. *Jos. Martin* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act respecting Solicitors and Barristers."

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Hall,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Neill—13.</i>
<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Munro—23.</i>
<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	

Mr. *McPhillips* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Queen's Counsel Act, 1899.'"

Mr. Speaker *Forster* ruled that the Bill was one that could not be introduced by a Private Member, without the consent of the Government.

The Hon. the Attorney-General stated that the Government would require time to consider whether the consent would be given or not.

The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker *Forster* gave the following decision on the point of order raised on the second reading of Bill No. 38 on the 7th inst. :—

I find the point of order raised by the Junior Member for Esquimalt (Mr. Higgins) against Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Tax Act,'" to be well founded.

May, page 527, lays down the rule that all Bills or motions creating a charge on the public revenue must receive the recommendation of the Crown and be introduced in preliminary Committee. On pages 531 and 532 the same procedure is declared to apply to the taxation levied to provide that revenue.

THOS. FORSTER,
Speaker.

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

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

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

THOS. R. McINNES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
8th February, 1900.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Tax Act,'" and recommend the introduction of the Bill.

Mr. *Kellie*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to repeal Chapter 50 of the Statutes of 1899, being the 'Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1899,'" was discharged.

The Order for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897,'" was discharged, and the Bill re-committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the Liquor Licence Act, 1899," was again 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.

And then the House adjourned at 11:05 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, 9th February, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

Mr. *Tisdall* presented a Petition from "The New British Columbia Development Company" and others owning and operating metalliferous mines in the Province, *re* Eight-hour Law.

Mr. *Helgesen* moved, seconded by Major-General *Kinchant*,—

That whereas, under the provisions of the Naturalization Act, many Chinese and Japanese have become British subjects :

And whereas it is highly detrimental to the best interests of the country that the franchise and other rights and privileges attached to British citizenship should be conferred upon Mongolians or any native race of Asia :

Be it therefore Resolved, That this House views with alarm the admission of Mongolians to the rights of citizenship, and that the Dominion Government be requested so to change the naturalization laws that it will be impossible for any Mongolian, or person belonging to any other of the native races of Asia, to become a British subject.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Irving*,—

To add to the Resolution the following :—

"Be it further Resolved, That the Dominion Government be requested to introduce, at its present Session, a Bill similar to the *Natal Act*, as suggested by the Right Honourable *Joseph Chamberlain* in his despatch relative to the disallowance of the 'Labour Regulation Act, 1898.'"

The amendment was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Helmcken—14.</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Neill—21.</i>
<i>Wells,</i>			

Mr. *Clifford* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Robertson*,—

To add the following words at the end of the Resolution :—

“And that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Dominion authorities.”

Amendment withdrawn, with leave.

Mr. *McPhillips* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Ellison*,—

That all the words after “That,” in the first line, be struck out, and the following be inserted in lieu thereof :—“it is unwise and inopportune, considering Imperial interests at this time, to recommend any legislation that would be considered an unfriendly act to a friendly power—that is to say, Japan.”

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>McPhillips—7.</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>
<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Neill—26.</i>
<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>		

Original question proposed, and resolved in the affirmative on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>
<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Neill—28.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>McPhillips—2.</i>
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Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5:59 o'clock, P. M.