

Tuesday, March 6th, 1883.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *D. Gamble*.

Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from from *John Adair, Joseph Hunter*, and others, for a Private Bill.

The Petition was read and received.

Mr. *Wilson* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act granting to James J. May and Charles W. D. Clifford, the sole right to prospect for minerals contained in lodes on Vitalle Creek, Omineca."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Victoria Transfer Company, Limited."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to legalize the appointment of certain Provincial Officers," was read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to Jurors and Juries," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to repeal the 43 Vict., chap. 4, intituled 'An Act to abolish priority of and amongst Execution Creditors,' and for other purposes," was resumed.

Mr. Speaker gave his decision on the points of order raised by Mr. *Beaven* during the debate.

The decision was *Ordered* to be printed and placed upon the Journals of the House, and is as follows:—

"On the motion being made for the second reading of this Bill, the following objections were taken by Mr. *Beaven*:—

"1st. That the Bill dealt with Revenue.

"2nd. That the Bill was of such a nature that, if introducèd at all, it should be brought in by the Government.

"Clause 26 of the Act which it is alleged deals with Revenue, directs certain small fees to be levied on proceedings taken under the Act. The title of the Act (the Creditors' Relief Act, 1880) shows that the Bill is not a tax Act, and I think the clause above referred to cannot be said to deal with Revenue within the meaning of Parliamentary practice, but partakes more of the nature of procedure, otherwise the majority of Acts on the statute book would be open to the same objection.

"As to the second objection—

"By modern constitutional practice, Ministers of the Crown are held responsible for recommending to Parliament what laws are required to advance the national welfare, or to promote the political or social progress of any class or interest in the commonwealth; and they are required to prepare and submit to Parliament whatever measures of this description may be needed for the public good; and also to take the lead in advising Parliament to amend or reject all crude, imperfect, or otherwise objectionable measures which may at any time be introduced by private members.' [*Todd, Vol. 2, pp. 299, 300.*]

"On the other hand, it should be freely conceded to private members that they have an abstract right to submit to the consideration of Parliament, measures upon every question which may suitably engage its attention, subject only to the limitations imposed by the prerogative of the Crown, or by the practice of Parliament.' [*Todd, p. 301.*]

“Numerous precedents can indeed be adduced of the introduction of important Public Bills by private members; but unless with the direct consent and co-operation of Ministers they have never attained the sanction of Parliament.

“A most useful purpose is served by the free investigation and debate in Parliament of every question affecting the community at large, by granting to private members adequate opportunity for introducing to the notice of Parliament projects for effecting desirable reforms in our political or social system, and by facilitating the discussion of such measures, until public opinion is sufficiently agreed upon them to render legislation not only safe but expedient, when it will become the duty of the Ministers of the Crown to assume the responsibility of advising the passing of Bills in Parliament giving effect to the same.

“The Ministers of the Crown have not offered any objection to the Bill in question; it does not affect the prerogatives of the Crown, and the practice of Parliament does not limit the introduction of such measures to the Ministers of the Crown.

“It is not for me, but for the House, to say whether the repeal of the ‘Creditors’ Relief Act, 1880,’ is such a great and important matter as to require it to be taken up by the Government.”

Bill read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

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

The order for the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act relating to the granting of Retail Liquor Licences,” was discharged.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to fix the times for holding Courts of Assize and other Courts,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipality Act, 1881,’” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 o’clock, p. m.

Wednesday, March 7th, 1883.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Gamble*.

Mr. *T. Davie* presented a Petition from *R. D. Chandler* for a Private Bill.
The Petition was read and received.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claims of the Honourable *A. DeCosmos*, stating that differences of opinion had arisen as to the power of the Committee to administer oaths, and asking for instructions on the subject.

The Report was read and received.

Mr. *Orr* moved—That the Report be adopted.

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

To strike out all the words after “That” and insert the following:—“the Report be referred to the Attorney-General, with instructions to provide the information asked for.”

Amendment put and carried.

Original Resolution, as amended, put and carried.

Mr. *Orr* presented the Seventh Report from the Private Bills Committee, asking the directions of the House as to the right of reporters from the public press to be present at and report the proceedings of the Committee.

The Report was read and received.

Moved by Mr. *Helgesen*, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a copy of the agreement asserted by the Premier and Minister of Finance to exist between the late Minister of Finance and the Manager of the Bank of British Columbia to deposit all the bonds of the “Loan Act, 1881,” as security for an overdraft to meet expenditure on the Graving Dock.

Withdrawn with leave of the House.

Rule 30 was suspended to enable the following Resolution to be made:—

It was then moved by Mr. *Duck*, seconded by Mr. *Orr*,—

That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that reporters of the newspapers should be admitted to all meetings of the Private Bills Committee.

Motion withdrawn with leave of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 o'clock, p. m.

Thursday, March 8th, 1883.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Gamble*.

Mr. *Pooley* presented a Petition from *J. C. Ainsworth*, *E. W. Blasdel*, and *G. J. Ainsworth*, for a Private Bill.

The Petition was read and received.

Mr. *T. Davie* presented the Eighth Report from the Private Bills Committee.

The Report was read and received.

Mr. *Wilson* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act granting to John Adair, Jr., and Joseph Hunter the right to erect a dam at the outlet of the Quesnelle Lake, and to mine the bed of the South Fork River, and other lands.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read first time.

Bill referred to the Select Committee on Private Bills.

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

That the name of Mr. *T. Davie* be substituted for that of Mr. *John* on the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claims of Mr. *Clemiston*.

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

That an Order of this House be granted for copies of all tenders received by the Lands and Works Department and Resident Engineer, for the supply of stone for the *Esquimalt* Dock, since the 1st July, 1882; also copies of all correspondence relating thereto; together with a copy of the specifications; and also copies of all tenders received by the Lands and Works Department and Resident Engineer, for the conveyance of stone from the *Salt Spring Island* and *Newcastle* quarries; also a copy of the specification and all correspondence relating thereto.

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

That an Order of the House be made for the return of all work done in the District of *Esquimalt* during the year 1882; and whether such work was done by contract or day labour; and the amounts paid for such labour and to whom; and the dates when such work was directed to be done and the dates of payment therefor.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Victoria*, for a Private Bill.

The Petition was read and received.

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

How many cubic feet of sandstone (scantling measurements) have been delivered at the *Esquimalt* Dock, from the *Salt Spring Island* quarry, since the 1st day of July, 1882? and what has been the gross cost, and the cost per cubic foot, of the stone so delivered?

How many cubic feet of stone (scantling measurements) have been quarried at the *Newcastle* quarry for dock purposes? How many cubic feet have been landed at the works? What has been the total expenditure on the quarry, to the 28th February, 1883? What is the cost per cubic foot of the stone delivered?

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

“The quantity of sandstone delivered at the *Esquimalt* Dock from the *Salt Spring Island* quarry, amounts to 3,840 cubic feet; the gross cost is, approximately, \$3,595.34; the cost per cubic foot, exclusive of plant, charter of steamer, prospecting for quarry, and inspection of same, is 64½ cents; the cost per cubic foot, inclusive of cost of plant, &c., is 93 cents.

“3,239 cubic feet of stone have been quarried at the *Newcastle* quarry for dock purposes. 2,092 cubic feet have been landed at the dock works.

“The total expenditure on the quarry to the 28th February, 1883, is, approximately, \$6,243.41. The cost per cubic foot of the stone delivered (including cost of 1,147 cubic feet to arrive) is \$1.55, exclusive of cost of plant and moving camp from *Salt Spring Island* to *Newcastle Island*, and inspection of quarry. The cost per cubic foot, inclusive of cost of plant, &c., is \$1.92¾.”

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

Is it the intention of the Government to charge the pupils attending the High School in *Victoria* a tuition fee? And, if so, what amount per month?

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

“The matter is under consideration.”

Upon Mr. Speaker putting the question “That I do now leave the Chair,” for the House to go into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Home-stead Ordinance, 1867;’”—

Mr. *Beaven* moved in amendment, to leave out all the words after “That” to the end of the question, in order to add—“this House will, on this day six months, resolve itself into the said Committee.”

The Amendment was lost on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>McLeese,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>	<i>Helgesen—9.</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Drake,</i>
<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Raybould.—14.</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>McTavish,</i>		

Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, and the House went into Committee on the Bill. The Committee rose without Report.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to repeal the 43 Vict., chap. 4, intituled 'An Act to abolish priority of and amongst Execution Creditors,' and for other purposes," was considered.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to fix the times for holding Courts of Assize and other Courts."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

Mr. Speaker stated that he had received the Certificate of the return of the Honourable *A. E. B. Davie*.

Ordered, That the same be placed upon the Journals of the House.

"SUPREME COURT HOUSE, BRITISH COLUMBIA
" 1st March, 1883.

"Whereas *Alexander Edmund Batson Davie*, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of *Lillooet*, did, on or before the twenty-ninth day of January last, accept office under the Crown, and did thereby vacate his seat in the House of Assembly.

"And whereas on the twenty-ninth day of January last, a Writ for the election of a Member to represent such District was duly issued to *F. Soues*, Esquire, the Returning Officer of the said District.

"Now I do hereby certify that on the 28th day of February last, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his Certificate attached, whereby it appears that *Alexander Edmund Batson Davie*, Esquire, has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, elected a Member to represent the said Electoral District of *Lillooet* in the Legislative Assembly.

"JAMES CHARLES PREVOST,

"Registrar, Supreme Court, B. C."

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 o'clock, p. m.

Friday, March 9th, 1883.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Gamble*.

Mr. *Martin* presented a Petition from *J. W. Burr*, and the other Officers of the *Yale* Fire Brigade, for a Private Bill.

The Petition was read and received.

Mr. *T. Davie* presented the Ninth Report from the Private Bills Committee recommending the suspension of the Standing Orders, to enable the introduction of a Bill respecting the Official Map of the City of *Victoria*.

The Report was received and adopted.

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

That a Special Committee, with power to call for persons and papers, and to report to this House, be appointed to enquire into the correctness of the statement contained in a reply of the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, on the 26th of February, 1883:—

That “the late Government left no information in the Departments as to the relative cost of the work on Dry Dock by day-labour as against contract prices.”

The said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *McLeese*, *Semlin*, *Pooley*, *John*, and the mover.

The Honourable Mr. *Drake* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to facilitate the Attachment of Debts.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Helgesen* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 28) intituled, “An Act to regulate the width of waggon tires.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

Have there been any tenders received by the late Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, or the Engineer in charge of the Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*, for freighting sandstone from quarries; what was the price per ton asked in each tender; and to whom was the contract awarded; and has there been any correspondence relating thereto?

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

TENDERS RECEIVED.

Date.	Name of Person Tendering	Price per Ton.	Remarks.
Sept. 2, 1882....	Thomas Pamphlet	14½ cts. ₤ cubic ft., or \$2 07 ₤ ton-	Quarry not named. Presumably Salt Spring Isl'd. Accepted*
Sept. 7, 1882....	Henry Saunders	\$2 45 ₤ ton	Salt Spring Island Quarry.
August 20, 1882.	J. W. McKay	\$1 25 ₤ ton	Salt Spring Island Quarry. Withdrawn 18th Sept., 1882

CONTRACT ENTERED INTO.

2nd Oct., 1882.. | *Thomas Pamphlet..... | \$2 07 ₤ ton..... | Salt Spring Island Quarry.

AGREEMENT.

..... | Thomas Pamphlet

Date.	From or to whom.	Remarks.
20th August, 1882.....	J. W. McKay.....	Tender above stated.
18th September, 1882....	Do.	Withdrawing tender.
7th September, 1882.....	H. Saunders	Tender, as above.
2nd September, 1882.....	Thomas Pamphlet	Do.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Date.	From or to whom.	Remarks.
20th August, 1882.....	J. W. McKay.....	Tender above stated.
18th September, 1882....	Do.	Withdrawing tender.
7th September, 1882.....	H. Saunders	Tender, as above.
2nd September, 1882.....	Thomas Pamphlet	Do.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to fix the time for holding Courts of Assize and other Courts."

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners' Inquest Act, 1882,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Act, 1881.'"

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

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

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

Monday, March 12th, 1883.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Smith*.

Mr. *McLeese* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the correctness of the statement contained in a reply of the Honourable Mr. *Smithe* on the 26th February, 1883, "That the late Government left no information in the Departments as to the relative cost of the work on Dry Dock by day labour as against contract prices," together with the evidence.

The Report was read and received.

Ordered, That the Report and evidence be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

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

That the Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of introducing an Act respecting the Official Map of the City of *Victoria*.

Mr. *Beaven* then asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act relating to the Official Map of the City of *Victoria*."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act for the better protection of certain animals and birds."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended for the purpose of introducing a Bill intituled "An Act for the better protection of the Yale Fire Brigade."

Mr. *Semlin* then asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act for the protection of the Yale Fire Brigade."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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

Were any Debentures of the Loan Act of 1881, issued and deposited with the Bank of British Columbia previous to the 31st of December, 1882, or between that date and the 29th January, 1883?

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

"No, so far as I am aware."

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to regulate the width of waggon tires," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to regulate the gauge of Sleighs."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Friday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to fix the times for holding Courts of Assize and other Courts," was considered.

Section 1, Sub-section (*h*), was amended by substituting the word "second" for the word "first."

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners' Inquest Act, 1882.'"

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Friday next

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to Jurors and Juries."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, March 13th, 1883.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Smith*.

Mr. *Orr* presented the Tenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, reporting a Bill intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Fraser River Railway Company."

The Report was read and received.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to Jurors and Juries."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from *J. Fraser Torrance*, and others, for a Private Bill.

Ordered, That the Petition from *J. Fraser Torrance*, and others, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills to be reported upon.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented a Return of all work done in the District of *Esquimalt* during 1882; whether done by contract or day labour; the amounts paid therefor, and to whom; the dates when such work was directed to be done, and the dates of the payments therefor.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented a Return of copies of all tenders received by the Lands and Works Department and Resident Engineer, for the supply of stone for the *Esquimalt* Dock, since the 1st July, 1882; also copies of all correspondence relating thereto; together with a copy of the specifications; and also copies of all tenders received by the Lands and Works Department and Resident Engineer, for the conveyance of stone from the *Salt Spring Island* and *Newcastle* quarries; also a copy of the specification and all correspondence relating thereto.

On the motion of Mr. *T. Davie* the Order for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled the "Wages Attachment Abolition Act, 1883," was discharged.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Attachment of Debts," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be taken into consideration on Thursday next.

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

And then the House adjourned, at 5.40 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14th, 1883.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Smith*.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address for copies of all Orders in Council, correspondence, and papers relating to the appointment of Judges under the "Provincial Superior Court Act, 1882," and the reference of the constitutional question in the *Thrasher* case to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Mr. *T. Davie* presented the Eleventh Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, reporting "The Wellington Collieries Railway Act" and "An Act to Incorporate the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Transportation Company." Also recommending the suspension of the Standing Orders to enable the Petition of *J. F. Torrance*, and others, for a Private Bill to be received.

The Report was received.

Moved by Mr. Orr, seconded by Mr. Allen,—

That in view of the increased cost of the work on the Graving Dock at *Esquimalt* by day work, and also the work in the stone quarries for supplying stone for the said work, it is desirable, and in the best interests of the Province, that all work should, at present, be suspended without delay.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Wednesday the 21st instant.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking his Honour to represent to the Dominion Government the desirability of immediately commencing the construction of the canal connecting the waters of the *Shuswap* and *Okanagan* Lakes.

The Honourable Mr. Davie asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act relating to County Courts."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Is it the intention of the Government to increase the tax now imposed on Wild Lands?

The Honourable Mr. Robson replied as follows:—

"No; such is not the intention of the Government."

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act for the better protection of certain animals and birds," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to regulate the width of waggon tires."

The Committee rose without Report.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended in order to enable the following Resolution to be moved without notice:—

The Honourable Mr. Smithe then moved, seconded by Mr. Beaven, the adoption of the following Address to His Excellency the Governor-General:—

To His Excellency SIR JOHN DOUGLAS SUTHERLAND CAMPBELL (commonly called the Marquis of Lorne), Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor-General of Canada and Vice-Admiral of the same:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, desire to express to Your Excellency our deep sense of the honour conferred upon the Province by the visit and prolonged stay, during the past summer, of Your Excellency and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise.

At all times, and under all circumstances, the representative of our beloved Queen, would be welcomed with heart-felt loyalty to our shores, but when, accompanied by Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, Your Excellency came to our Province, the whole community felt that a memorable epoch in the history of the country had been reached.

It is with feelings of pleasure and deep gratitude that we acknowledge the great interest Your Excellency took when here, in all that concerned the welfare of the Province, and we confess our indebtedness to Your Excellency for the ability with which you have, since you left, with pen and pencil alike, portrayed the attractive features of this country.

We realize that through Your Excellency's visit the Province has been brought into prominent notice, the eyes of emigrants have been turned hitherward, and the extensive publicity which Your Excellency has given to the fact that our forests and fisheries, our broad acres of fertile land and mines of coal and precious metals, represent industries awaiting

cultivation and development, will tend greatly to attract population and conduce to the prosperity of the country.

We are proud to think that Your Excellency and Her Royal Highness the Princess found our equable climate to be healthful and enjoyable, and our picturesque scenery to be full of those beauties which highly cultivated artistic tastes so much enable Your Excellency and the Princess to appreciate.

The first visit of a Princess of the Royal House of England to British Columbia will be long remembered by the people; and we venture to hope that Your Excellency and the Princess will be able to recall pleasant recollections of the days spent among Her Majesty's most loyal subjects in this portion of Her Majesty's great empire.

We pray that Your Excellency and Her Royal Highness may long live to exercise together that influence for good which the eminent qualities of mind and heart, so largely possessed by both, have rendered so potent in the past, and promise so much for the future.

We pray also that the Almighty Ruler of nations may alway, in an especial manner, vouchsafe to bestow upon Your Excellency and Her Royal Highness His choicest blessings.

The Address was adopted unanimously.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed, signed by Mr. Speaker, and forwarded through the usual channel.

Mr. *Orr* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Fraser River Railway Company."

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Friday next.

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.

Thursday, March 15th, 1883.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. Wright*.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Minutes of Council and all correspondence relating to the Mission of the Honourable *A. DeCosmos* to *London* and *Ottawa*.

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

Is it the intention of the Government to lift the reserve off the lands on the East Coast of Vancouver Island, with a view of opening more lands to settlement?

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

"In view of the negotiations now pending between the Dominion and Provincial Governments for the construction of the Island Railway by the Dominion, the Government do not feel at liberty, at present, to deal with the lands on the East Coast of the Island. It is hoped, however, that construction of the Railway and settlement of the lands will proceed simultaneously, and the efforts of the Government will be directed to that end."

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

Whether it is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to alter the Constitution Act, and provide for the election of additional Members for the District of *New Westminster*?

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

“While acknowledging the claim of *New Westminster* District to additional representation in this House, the Government do not think that they will be able to introduce an Act during the present Session to provide for a redistribution of seats.”

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to facilitate the Attachment of Debts,” was considered.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Pooley* moved—That Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to authorize Robert Dunsmuir and Wadham Neston Diggle to construct a Railway to connect the South Wellington wharf at Departure Bay, and the South Wellington and Wellington Railways,” be now read a second time.

Mr. *Raybould* moved in amendment—That the Bill be not now read a second time, but be referred back to the Private Bills Committee.

Amendment put and lost.

Bill read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report received and *Ordered* to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act for the better protection of certain animals and birds.”

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

Report received and *Ordered* to be considered on the 22nd instant.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Ninth Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the year ending 31st December, 1882. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act relating to Jurors and Juries.”

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

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

Friday, March 16th, 1883.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Smith*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Return to an Order of the House for the names of all Magistrates appointed for the Colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, and the Province; the dates of such appointments, together with the dates of the resignation of such Magistrates as have resigned, and the names of those still in commission.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Robson*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, 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.

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

That the Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of receiving the Petition from *J. Fraser Torrance*, and others, for a Private Bill.

The Petition was then received.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for the printing and publication of the evidence given during the last Session before the Select Committee appointed to enquire into all matters relating to the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock, the exhibits referred to in the evidence, and the reports of the Dry Dock Committee.

Mr. *Pooley* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Reclamation and Land Company."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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

What amount of indemnity and mileage has been paid to Members for *Kootenay*, since the 31st of December, 1877; also what amount has been paid Officials, and others, as salary for services rendered; and the amount of appropriations made for said District during same period; and what is the amount of Revenue collected in said District since 31st of December, 1877?

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

" Indemnity to Members	\$4,400 00
Mileage to Members	4,400 00
Salaries paid Officials	7,903 00
Allowance to Officer for fuel, light, keep of horse, travelling expenses, &c.	940 00
District expenditure on buildings	618 00
District appropriations for trails, from 1st January, 1878, to 30th June, 1883	\$8,340
Less amount unexpended	474
	7,866 00

Total expenditure from 1st January, 1878, to 30th November, 1882 (the latest date of District returns at Treasury) . . . \$26,127 00

Total amount of Revenue received during the same time . . . \$11,392 95

NOTE.—The Indemnity and Mileage of the present Session, amounting to \$800, are not included in the above Statement.

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

Whether the Engineers employed by the Dominion Government, or by the Contractors for the Canadian Pacific Railway, are exempt from taxation?

The Honourable Mr. *A. E. B. Davie* replied as follows:—

"They are not; except that Dominion Officers cannot be taxed in respect of their salaries."

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

What number of Chinese are employed by the Contractors for the Canadian Pacific Railway, and what amount of taxes were paid by them?

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

“No return of the number of Chinese employed by the Contractors on the Railway works between *Port Moody* and *Kamboops*, has at any time been furnished to the Government. The number in their employ has been variously estimated. Mr. *Todd*, Superintendent of Police, from personal inspections on the line of works last fall, and from information obtained from the most reliable sources, has placed the number at 6,500, as the greatest, at any one time, employed during the year ended 31st December, 1882. Of this number, 4,347 have paid Provincial Revenue Tax, amounting to \$13,041.”

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

Whether it is the intention of the Government to appoint some person to scale logs in the District of *New Westminster*, and to fix the amount of fees to be collected for every 1,000 feet of lumber contained in a boom of logs, and also to adopt some rule for measuring the same?

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

“The Government have not yet the information upon the subject requisite to enable them to submit a measure to the Legislature to provide for the collection of fees to pay for the official scaling of logs in the District of *New Westminster*. They are, however, prepared to give the matter due consideration.”

Ordered, That the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to authorize Robert Dunsmuir and Wadham Neston Diggle to construct a Railway to connect the South Wellington wharf at Departure Bay, and the South Wellington and Wellington Railways,” be postponed until the 20th instant.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coroners’ Inquest Act, 1882.’”

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

Report received and *Ordered* to be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Fraser River Railway Company,” was resumed. The debate was further adjourned until Wednesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Public Accounts from 1st July to 31st December, 1882. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

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

Monday, March 19th, 1883.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Steven*.

Mr. *Orr* presented the Twelfth Report from the Private Bills Committee, reporting—

“An Act to Incorporate the New Westminster Southern Railway Company;”

“An Act to amend an Act granting to John Adair, Jr., and Joseph Hunter the right to erect a dam at the outlet of Quesnelle Lake, and to mine the bed of the South Fork River, and other lands;”

“An Act to amend the ‘Sumass Dyking Act, 1878.’”

The Report was read and received.

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

That one member be added to the Public Accounts Committee, and that Mr. *Pooley* be the additional member.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to cancel the Letters Patent establishing a Municipality on Salt Spring Island."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Drake* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to encourage Coal Mining."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

What was the original estimate of the quantity of cement required for the Dry Dock; what was the Dock Engineer's estimate last spring; and what the Chief Engineer's estimate when here last winter; and did the late Government obtain from the Chief Engineer a detailed calculation showing the total quantity of cement for the Dock?

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

"Messrs. *Kinipple* and *Morris* did not, so far as I can discover, submit an estimate of the quantity of cement that would be required for the Dock until last spring, when they placed the total amount required at 5,000 tons. The Resident Engineer's estimate last spring was 6,055 tons. (*See Sessional Papers, 1882, p. 485.*) The Chief Engineer's estimate last autumn, to complete the works, was 3,488 tons (which took into consideration the amount of 1,606 tons already used on the works, ordered, and on hand), making a total of 5,094 tons. The amount destroyed by the fire at *Selleck's* warehouse is not included in the figures given."

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

What was the cost, per ton, of the cement first purchased when Mr. *Walkem* was in England; and what the cost of the last shipment; and if there is any difference, how is that difference accounted for?

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

"The cost of the cement first purchased, was about \$34 per ton laid down at *Esquimalt*. The last shipment was \$20.97 per ton laid down at *Esquimalt*. The difference in cost may, perhaps, be accounted for by no charge being made for the barrels containing the cement, and by reduced rates of freight."

Mr. *Wilson* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Canadian Pacific Mining Company."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act relating to County Courts," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

House adjourned, at 5.15 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20th, 1883.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Steven*.

Mr. *Raybould* presented a Petition from *Mark Bate*.

The Petition was read.

Mr. *Dunsmuir* presented a Report from the Civil Service Committee.

Mr. *T. Davie* moved that the Report be received and printed.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, in amendment, to add the words "and bound with the Sessional Papers."

Mr. Speaker stated that as all papers ordered to be printed would appear in the Journals or Sessional Papers, the amendment was unnecessary, but he would have to put the resolution.

Amendment then put and negatived.

Original motion put and carried. (*See Appendix.*)

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

That, whereas, some years ago the mail service was discontinued between *Barkerville*, *Snowshoe*, *Keithley*, *Harvey*, and *Forks of Quesnelle*, and that all mail matter for those places is at present carried at a cost to the miners, and others, of 50 cents a letter and 25 cents a newspaper:

Therefore, be it resolved, that a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he represent to the Dominion Government the urgent necessity of mail communication being re-established to those places twice a month, in the months of May, June, July, August, September, and October, and once a month for the remainder of the year.

Also, that a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be brought to the notice of the Dominion Government the utility of sending a Geological Survey Party into the *Cariboo* District this ensuing summer, as great good will result to the Province by such a survey being immediately proceeded with.

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

Whereas it is expedient that the waters of our seas, rivers, and lakes should be rendered as productive as possible:

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will represent to the Dominion Government the necessity of introducing new varieties of food fish, such as lobsters, shad, black bass, oysters, &c., to the waters of this Province; and also the necessity of establishing fish hatcheries for propagating both fresh and salt-water varieties in this Province, similar to those of other Provinces.

Mr. *McTavish* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act respecting the practice of Dentistry in British Columbia."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Mr. *John* asked the Honourable the Minister of Mines the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to establish an Assay Office, for the assaying of minerals, in *Victoria* or *New Westminster*?

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

"The Government have had under consideration the subject of establishing, at some accessible central point, an office for making analytical assays of minerals; but it is not probable that it will be undertaken during the present year."

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

Had Mr. *Beaven*, when Finance Minister, any legislative or executive authority to arrange or negotiate any loan or overdraft at the Bank of British Columbia?

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

"No legislative authority exists, and I have been unable to discover any executive authority."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to authorize Robert Dunsmuir and Wadham Neston Diggie to construct a Railway to connect the South Wellington wharf at Departure Bay, and the South Wellington and Wellington Railways," was considered.

Mr. *Raybould* moved the following amendments:—

That clause 2 be amended by inserting therein the words "not exceeding thirty-three feet in width," between the words "advisable" and "commencing" in the third line thereof, and by striking out the words and figures "about 400 yards" in the fifth line thereof, and in lieu of such words and figures, inserting the words "to or near the creek south of the said South Wellington wharf."

That clause 4 be amended by inserting therein the words "not exceeding thirty-three feet in width" between the words "lands" and "as" in the first line thereof, and by striking out all of the words therein after the word "Railway" in the third line thereof.

The amendments were put and lost.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On Mr. *Orr* moving the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the New Westminster Southern Railway Company," a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

Upon the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act granting to John Adair, Jr., and Joseph Hunter the right to erect a dam at the outlet of the Quesnelle Lake, and to mine the bed of the South Fork River, and other lands," the House divided.

The motion was *Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Smithe,
Davie, A. E. B.,
Dingwall,
Wilson,
Grant,

McLeese,
Semlin,
Orr,
Davie, T.,

Duck,
Pooley,
Robson,
Drake,

Martin,
Dunsmuir,
Galbraith,
Raybould.—17.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Allen,
Cowan,

Armstrong,

Beaven,

Helgesen—5.

Mr. *Helgesen*, Chairman of the Committee, reported

Ordered, That leave be granted for Thursday next.

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

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

Wednesday, March 21st, 1883.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Steven*.

Mr. *Wilson* presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Report was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Davie*, asked leave to make a motion, without notice, for the purpose of rescinding the resolution for the third reading and passing of Private Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to authorize Robert Dunsmuir and Wadham Neston Diggle to construct a Railway to connect the South Wellington wharf at Departure Bay, and the South Wellington and Wellington Railways."

Mr. *Dunsmuir* moved, seconded by Mr. *Martin*, the suspension of the Standing Rules and Orders, in order to move that the resolution for the third reading and passing of the said Bill (No. 17) be rescinded.

Mr. Speaker stated that, "although rule 31 permitted any motion to be made, by unanimous consent of the House, without notice, where Private Bills were affected, Rules 30 and 67, which require due notice to be given, &c., should be strictly adhered to.

"I am of opinion that motions for the suspension of the Standing Rules and Orders, to enable the House to deal with Private Bills, or resolutions affecting the same, require previous notice."

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the motion—That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Robson*,—

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

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

Report adopted.

Resolved, That a Supply be granted.

Ordered, That this House will, on Thursday, the 29th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Robson*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*,—

Resolved, That this House will, on Thursday, the 29th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Moved by Mr. *Orr*, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*,—

Whereas the Honourable the Leader of the Government stated in his place in the House on the 1st March instant, that it is the intention of the Government to establish a Land Registry Office at *New Westminster* as soon as possible:

Be it resolved that, in the opinion of this House, such legislation should be brought down at this Session, and the office established immediately.

Withdrawn with leave of the House.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to encourage Coal Mining," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Thursday, 29th instant.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to cancel the Letters Patent establishing a Municipality on Salt Spring Island," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Report received and *Ordered* to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Fraser River Railway Company," was resumed. Bill read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Return to an Order of the House for a return of the amount of Revenue collected in the Electoral District of *Yale*, for the year ending the 31st December, 1882.

And then the House adjourned at 6 o'clock, p. m.

Thursday, March 22nd, 1883.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Steven*.

Mr. *Martin* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claims of *R. M. Clementson*, and the *British Columbia Express Company*, and other matters.

The Report was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

Ordered, That the evidence and exhibits submitted with the Report be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

Mr. *T. Davie* presented the Thirteenth Report from the Select Committee on Private Bills, reporting—

“An Act to Incorporate the Victoria Transfer Company, Limited,”

“An Act for the protection and relief of the Yale Fire Brigade.”

The Report was read and received.

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

That the fee of \$60 paid on the Private Bill intituled “An Act for the protection and relief of the Yale Fire Brigade,” be refunded.

Mr. *Semlin* asked leave to introduce a Bill intituled “An Act to regulate the meeting of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.”

Mr. Speaker ruled that the proposed Bill could not be introduced by a Private Member.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Minutes of Council, and all correspondence, relating to the Mission of the Honourable *A. DeCosmos* to *London* and *Ottawa*.

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

Has any person or persons made any application or enquiry concerning the bonus offered, by statute of 1881, for the erection of a Woollen Mill within the Province?

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

“Yes. On the 11th April, 1881, Mr. *James Skim*, of *New Brunswick*, enquired if bonus for Woollen Mill was still available.”

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Fraser River Railway Company.”

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act relating to County Courts.”

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock, p. m., on Thursday, the 29th instant.

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

Thursday, March 29th, 1883.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Wright*.

Mr. *T. Davie* presented the Fourteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, reporting—

“An Act granting to J. J. May and Charles W. D. Clifford the sole right to prospect for minerals contained in lodes on Vitalle Creek, Omineca.”

“An Act relating to the Official Map of the City of Victoria.”

The Report was read, and *Ordered* to be received and printed. (*See Appendix.*)

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Fraser River Railway Company,” was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Transportation Company,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of all Orders in Council, correspondence, and papers, since 5th October, 1882, relating to the withdrawal of Her Majesty's Ships from British Columbia waters.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of all Orders in Council, correspondence, and papers relating to a Petition of Right signed *F. B. McNamee & Co.*

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of all Minutes in Council, and all correspondence, relating to the Mission of the Honourable *A. DeCosmos* to *London* and *Ottawa*.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act granting to John Adair, Jr., and Joseph Hunter the right to erect a dam at the outlet of Quesnelle Lake, and to mine the bed of the South Fork River, and other lands.”

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

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

Mr. *Allen* asked the Honourable the Minister of Mines the following question:—

Who has charge of the Quartz Mill paid for by the Province, which has been lying at *Yale* for 4 or 5 years past? What was the sum expended by the Province in the purchase of the Quartz Mill?

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

“1. The mill is virtually the property of the Cariboo Quartz Mining Company; and although the Government hold a first mortgage upon it, under provisions of the ‘Quartz Act, 1878,’ they are rendered powerless by section 4 of said Act.

“2. The sum expended by the Province in the purchase of the Quartz Mill is \$12,730.”

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

How many causes, civil and criminal, have been tried in the Judicial Districts of *Clinton* and *Cariboo*, by the Judges appointed to those districts?

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

“The required information can only be obtained from the Government Officers at *Cariboo*, *Clinton*, and *Kamloops*.”

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

Has Mr. *William Boyd*, Road Superintendent of the *Yale-Cariboo* Trunk Road, from *CACHE CREEK* to *SODA CREEK*, been discharged, and if so, what was the cause of his discharge?

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

“Mr. *Boyd* has been discharged in the interest of the public service.”

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

Whereas by reference to page 428, Sessional Papers 1876, the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works states—“it was deemed advisable to ship a portion of the cement in iron-bound oak casks that could be subsequently disposed of for oil casks.” What was the cost of the said barrels; what were they sold for; and was any duty, and if any, how much, paid on the said barrels?

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

“Cost of barrels £528 8s. 6d. @ \$4.85=\$2,562.76. Tenders were invited for purchase of cement barrels in March, 1882. One was received offering \$10 for the whole lot. No sales have been made. Duties paid on barrels, 17½ per cent., \$448.49.

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

Was any, and if so, what the answer given by the late Government to the enquiry of *James Skim*, of *New Brunswick*, asking if the vote of \$5,000 passed in this House for the erection and development of a Woollen Mill is still available?

In reply the Honourable Mr. *Robson* read the following letter:—

“VICTORIA, B. C., 11th April, 1881.

“SIR,—I am instructed by the Provincial Secretary to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 9th instant, and in reply to forward a copy of ‘An Act to encourage the manufacture of Woollen Goods in British Columbia.’

“No person having as yet commenced the construction of a Woollen Mill, the bonus is still available.

“I have, &c.,

(Signed)

“T. ELWYN,

“Deputy Provincial Secretary.”

“*James Skim*, Esq.

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 o'clock, p. m.

Friday, March 30th, 1883.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Wright*.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Petition from *A. C. Fraser*, and others, engaged in logging. Laid on the table.

Mr. *T. Davie* presented the Fifteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, reporting—
 “An Act to Incorporate the Canadian Pacific Mining Company, Limited.”
 The Report was read and received.

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 38) intituled “An Act to amend the Act to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Gold and other Minerals, excepting Coal.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Transportation Company.”

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

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

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

Monday, April 2nd, 1883.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Victoria* for a Private Bill.

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills to be reported upon.

The Petition from *A. C. Fraser*, and others, was read and received.

Mr. *T. Davie* moved—

That the Report of the Private Bills Committee upon the “City of *Victoria* Official Map Act, 1883,” be adopted by this House.

Motion withdrawn.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 39) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act, 1875,’ and the ‘Land Amendment Act, 1882.’”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all correspondence and Orders in Council relating to or in any way connected with the loan or overdraft at the Bank of British Columbia.

Mr. *Raybould* moved the following Resolution:—

That the Standing Rules be suspended in order that a motion, to rescind the third reading of the Wellington Collieries Railway Bill (No. 17), may be made.

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

Moved by Mr. *Martin*, seconded by Mr. *Dunsmuir*,—

That the Report of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claims of *R. M. Clemitson*, ex-Deputy Superintendent of Education, be adopted.

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

Moved by Mr. *Armstrong*, seconded by Mr. *Orr*,—

Whereas by the "Better Administration of Justice Act, 1878," it is provided by section 2, that not less than three of the Judges of the Supreme Court shall reside on the Mainland of British Columbia:

And whereas, by 44 Vic., chap. 1, sec. 7, His Excellency the Governor-General is authorized, by Order in Council, to direct the Judges of the Supreme Court as to the Judicial District within which they shall reside:

And whereas, His Excellency the Governor-General, by Order in Council, directed Mr Justice *Gray* to reside in the *Westminster* District, which instructions, however, he has not complied with:

And whereas, the important District of *Westminster*, with its railroad construction, fisheries and canneries, lumber, shipping, and agricultural interests, with its thousands of men employed in the above industries, is still without a resident Judge of the Supreme Court:

Be it resolved that, in the opinion of this House, it is highly desirable that one of the Judges of the Supreme Court should reside at *New Westminster*, and that the Dominion Government be urged to send one of the five Supreme Court Judges now resident in *Victoria* to reside at *New Westminster*, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dominion Government at once.

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

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

Whether during the year 1882 any application was made by any, and, if so, what members of the Dominion Geological Survey, for office room in the Government buildings? If any application was made, what was the result of the application?

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

"Yes. Verbal application was made on the 21st December, 1882, by Mr. *A. Beaumont* of the Geological Survey of Canada, for the use of an office in the Government Buildings. On the same day the then Provincial Secretary informed Mr. *Beaumont*, by letter, that the Government were unable to comply with his request."

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act relating to County Courts."

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

Report received and *Ordered* to be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

Mr. *T. Davie* presented the Sixteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, recommending the extension of the time for reporting Private Bills to the House.

The Report was received and adopted.

Ordered, That Rule 48 be suspended, and the time for the Private Bills Committee to report upon Private Bills extended to the 12th April.

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

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