

Tuesday, 1st March, 1898.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. W. Trotter*.

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

From *Theo. Madsen* and others, residents of *Kootenay*, *re* amending “Municipal Clauses Act” with reference to licences to transient traders.

From *W. A. Skinner* and others, free miners of *Ainsworth Mining Division of Kootenay*, *re* proposed amendments to the Mining Acts.

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to give effect to the Revised Statutes of British Columbia”—

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved to add the following as a new section:—

“5. For the avoidance and removal of doubt, and also for facility in referring to the Revised Statutes, Be it enacted and declared that the said Acts contained in the said Revised Statutes, chapters 1 to 195, inclusive, shall be and are hereby declared to be the laws of the Province of British Columbia, and that any of them may hereafter be referred to as ‘R. S., B. C., chap. ,’ or as ‘Revised Statutes of British Columbia, chapter ,’ as the case may be.”

Carried.

Clause read a second time and added to the Bill.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act,’” was withdrawn.

The adjourned debate on motion to adopt the Ninth Report from the Private Bills Committee was resumed.

The Report was adopted.

Mr. *McGregor* was named a member of the Printing Committee in the place of Mr. *Irving*.

On the motion of Mr. *Hunter*, Private Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Great Gold Gravels Dredge Mining Corporation,” was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
1st March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That they have examined and find the preamble proved of Bill No. 9, “An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay and North-West Railway Company,” which is submitted with amendments.

The Report was received.

J. P. BOOTH,  
*Chairman.*

Mr. *Kidd* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

Do the Provincial Government Assessors place on the Assessment Roll all shares owned by shareholders in joint stock companies as “personal property”?

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

“All joint stock companies are assessed on their capital. This includes shares owned by shareholders.”

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
1st March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That your Committee have considered Petition No. 20, the Petition of Downie Creek Railway, and find that the Petition has not complied with the Standing Orders, inasmuch as the Petition exceeds the notice dated 17th November, 1897, and first published in the British Columbia Gazette on the 26th day of November, 1897, in so far as the Petition asks for the construction of that part of the line down the Columbia River to Revelstoke, and your Committee recommend that leave be granted to introduce a Bill in conformity with the said notice first published.

Your Committee beg further to report that the prayers of the following Petitions, viz. :—  
No. 24A—Fort Simpson, Glenora and Klondyke Railway ;  
No. 25A—Teslin Lake Electric Lighting Company ;  
No. 26A—Teslin Lake and Victoria Telegraph and Cable Company—  
be not granted.

JOSEPH HUNTER,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented copies of all papers and correspondence between the Attorney-General's Office and any person, regarding the death of *Thomas Thompson* and the inquest on the body of the same.

The House divided on the motion : That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock on Thursday next.

The motion was carried on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>McGregor—17.</i>
<i>Turner,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Vedder,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Rithet—12.</i>

Major *Mutter* presented a Petition from *G. F. Wake* and others, residents of *Cowichan-Alberni District*, in support of "The Cowichan Lumber Company's" Private Bill.

On the motion of Mr. *Williams*, Private Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Skeena River Railway, Colonization and Exploration Company," was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Railway Committee.

And then the House adjourned at 3:30 o'clock, P. M.

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 Thursday, 3rd March, 1898.
 

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. W. Trotter.

The following Petitions were presented and received :—

By Mr. Cotton, from George B. Harris and others, opposing amendments to the Vancouver City charter.

By Mr. Booth, from J. H. Hoare and others, for leave to present a Petition for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Yukon Railway and Navigation Company."

By Mr. Helmcken, from Joseph B. McArthur, for leave to present a Petition for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Red Mountain Tunnel Company, Limited."

By Mr. McGregor, from A. A. Farwell, relative to a new device for a ballot box.

The following Petition was received :—

From G. F. Wake and others, residents of Cowichan-Alberni District, in support of "The Cowichan Lumber Company's" Private Bill.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
3rd March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That they have examined and find the preamble proved of

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Alice Arm Railway," and

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the South-East Kootenay Railway Company,"

both of which are respectfully submitted with amendments.

The Report was received.

J. P. BOOTH,  
Chairman.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
2nd March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

Your Committee have considered Petition No. 5A, *re* Red Mountain Tunnel Company, Limited, and beg to recommend that the Order of the House for the reception of this Petition and its reference to this Committee be rescinded.

JOSEPH HUNTER,  
Chairman.

The Report was received and adopted.

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

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

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the amount of fees collected by John Andrew Forin, Stipendiary Magistrate, under the "Small Debts Act," prior to the 30th June, 1897, and paid to the Minister of Finance; also amount of fees so collected since said 30th June, 1897, and paid to Minister of Finance, with dates of all such payments.

On the motion of Mr. *Kidd*, seconded by Mr. *Macpherson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return showing the names of all (incorporated) joint stock companies whose capital stock is assessed as “personal property,” and the amount of same.

On the motion of Mr. *Senlin*, seconded by Mr. *Cotton*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of copies of the judgments of the Supreme Court and the Full Court in the case of “The Koksilah Quarry Company *versus* The Queen.”

On the motion of Mr. *Braden*, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*, it was *Resolved*—

That an Order of this House be granted for a copy of all correspondence, telegraphic or otherwise, between any Government official and any person or persons, on the subject of *Victor M. Rulhven*.

Mr. *Williams* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

Name of Magistrate or Magistrates from whom the sum of one dollar, mentioned in statement showing details of amount brought to account in the Revenue Return (page 20) as Miscellaneous Receipts, in Public Accounts, 1st July, 1896, to 30th June, 1897, was received?

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

“The sum of one dollar is ‘hearing fees’ received in two payments of fifty cents each, respectively, on the 7th and 29th days of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, by C. A. R. Lambly, Esquire, a duly appointed Stipendiary Magistrate, at Osoyoos, in the District of Yale, in the Province of British Columbia.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act respecting the Legal Meaning of expressions relative to Time,” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Tenth Report from the Private Bills Committee was adopted.

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* presented the following papers:—

Return of all correspondence in regard to the application of *A. F. Heinze* for a record of water on *Beaver Creek*.

Copies of all advertisements calling for tenders for the furnishing of the Provincial Home at *Kamloops*.

For the particulars of the amount of \$2,218 paid to *M. P. Gordon*, and the amount of \$1,195 paid to *Weiler*—*vide* Public Accounts, 1894-95, page 103.

On the motion of Mr. *Kellie*, Private Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Downie Creek Railway Company,” was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Railway Committee.

Major *Mutter* presented a Petition from *H. Keest* and others, supporting Private Bill introduced by “The Cowichan Lumber Company.”

Received.

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

That a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Booth*, *Helmcken*, *McGregor*, *Sword*, *Mutter*, *Vedder*, and *Kidd*, be appointed to consider any amendments suggested to either the “Municipal Clauses Act,” the “Municipalities Incorporation Act,” or the “Municipal Elections Act,” with power to report a Bill to this House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:35 o’clock, P. M.

Friday, 4th March, 1898.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. W. Trotter.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
4th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That Your Committee have considered Petition No. 23B, the Petition of J. Hoare *et al.*, and beg to recommend that the prayer of the said Petition be granted.

JOSEPH HUNTER,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received and adopted.

Mr. Booth presented a Petition from J. H. Hoare and others, for a Private Bill to Incorporate the "Yukon Railway and Navigation Company."

The Petition was received.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all papers, petitions and correspondence during the present year relating to "log scaling."

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing in full Mr. Tytler's reports on "Dyking Scheme for Flooded Lands, Fraser River," and "Protection Works, Surrey."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Turner, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Farmers' Institutes and Co-operation Act,'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time on Monday next.

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

1. Why has notice been given that the reserve placed on lands at *Lake Bennett, Teslin Lake* and *Stickine River* on 11th December, 1897, will be cancelled three months from 3rd March, 1898?

2. Were any applications to purchase lands within the area of the reserve, made prior to date of the reserve, granted?

3. If so, what applications?

4. Who were the applicants?

5. When was application made?

6. For what acreage?

7. At what price?

8. Will those who gave notice of their intention to apply for permission to purchase before the said reserve was made be recognised as having any priority?

The Hon. Mr. Martin replied as follows:—

"1. In the public interest.

"2. No.

"3, 4, 5, 6 & 7. No applications have been granted.

"8. The matter will be considered by the Government."

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act respecting the Legal Meaning of expressions relative to Time," was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kitimat Railway Company, Limited," was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* presented a Return of copies of Orders in Council and all correspondence between His Honour's Government and the Government of the Dominion, or between any member of the Ministry and any other person, in reference to the preservation of the *Town of Revelstoke* from destruction by the waters of the *Columbia River*.

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

Mr. *Fell*, the Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill:—

An Act to give effect to the Revised Statutes of British Columbia.

His Honour was pleased, in Her Majesty's name, to give assent to this Bill.

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

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

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

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

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

1. Number of acres of public lands conveyed to railways and applied for by them, under and in pursuance of the terms of the different Acts of this Province authorising the granting of land subsidies?

2. The names of the respective railways to which such lands were conveyed or applied for, the number of acres to each, and dates of conveyances and applications?

3. Respective length of each said railway?

4. The number of miles of frontage of such lands on each side of such railways, and depth of blocks of such lands?

5. Dates of filing with Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the respective maps or plans showing course or direction of such railways?

6. Respective dates of all and any reservations of lands for conveyance in part to the said railways, giving dates as to each road and number of acres reserved?

7. Were all surveys of lands so conveyed to the different railways made according to the Land Laws of the Province?

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

"1. 2,719,087 acres conveyed; 9,656,040 acres applied for.

"2, 3 and 4—

"Esquimalt and Nanaimo—73 miles long, 73 miles frontage; depth varies; area not specified; grant from Dominion Government.

"Columbia and Kootenay—27 miles long; conveyed 200,000 acres in 1892-3-4 and 5; blocks selected in various parts of Kootenay District.

"Nelson and Fort Sheppard—60 miles long, 60 miles frontage; depth varies; conveyed 614,400 acres in 1895 and 1897.

"Kaslo and Slokan—30.75 miles long, 30.75 miles frontage; depth varies; conveyed 4,647 acres in December, 1895; applied for 184,320 acres 23rd February, 1893, and 92,260 acres 26th March, 1896.

"Columbia and Western—187 miles long; conveyed, *nil*; applied for, *nil*.

"B. C. Southern—150 miles long; conveyed, *nil*; applied for, *nil*.

“5 and 6—

“Esquimalt & Nanaimo,	1884, reservation,	12th June, 1883—	1,900,000
“Columbia & Kootenay,	April, 1891,	”	1891 and 1892— 200,000
“Nelson & Fort Sheppard,	Jan., 1893,	”	12th August, 1892— 750,000
“Kaslo & Slocan,	Feb., 1893,	”	13th April, 1893— 330,000
“Columbia & Western,	May, 1896,	”	7th May and 5th June, 1896—3,803,280
“B. C. Southern,	1890,	”	25th Feb. and 12th May, 1890— 720,000

“7. Yes.”

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

That a Select Committee, consisting of Messieurs *Rithet*, *Helmcken*, *Cotton*, *Sword*, and the mover, be appointed to consider any amendments suggested to chapter 44, Revised Statutes of British Columbia (the “Companies Act”), and report same to this House.

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

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

## Monday, 7th March, 1898.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *J. D. Wilson*.

The Premier announced the death of the Hon. *Theo. Davie*, ex-Premier and Chief Justice of the Province, this morning.

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

And then the House adjourned at 2:15 o’clock, P. M.

## Tuesday, 8th March, 1898.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *J. D. Wilson*.

Mr. *Williams* presented a Petition from the *City of Vancouver*, re exemption of their charter from the “Municipal Clauses Act.”

Received and referred to the Select Committee on Municipalities.

Mr. *Hunter* presented the Thirteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

5th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That your Committee have considered Petition No. 21, the Petition of the Cowichan Lumber Company, and find that the rules as to notice have not been fully complied with; but

as the residents in the district affected have petitioned for the introduction of the Bill, and it appears to your Committee that the work will be in the public interest, your Committee recommend that the rules be suspended and leave be granted to introduce the Bill.

That your Committee have also considered Petition No. 23c, the Petition of the Yukon Railway and Navigation Company, and find that the Petition corresponds with the notices published, and that such notices were published as required by the rules, but that the Petition was not presented within the time specified in the rules; but as the undertaking is presumably in the public interest, your Committee recommend that the rules be suspended (subject to the condition that double fees be paid) and leave be granted to introduce the Bill.

JOSEPH HUNTER,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received and adopted.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and the Bills in the said Report mentioned allowed to proceed.

Mr. *Hunter* presented the Fourteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
5th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That your Committee have considered Bill No. 10—An Act to amend the “Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886,” and amendments thereto—and find the preamble proved, and beg to submit the same herewith with amendments.

And have also considered Bill No. 11—An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Metalliferous Mines, Iron, Steel, Tinplate and Metal Company—and find the preamble proved, and beg to submit the same herewith with amendments.

JOSEPH HUNTER,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

Mr. *Hunter* presented the Fifteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
7th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That your Committee have considered Bill No. 17—An Act respecting the Nanaimo Electric Light, Power and Heating Company, Limited—and find the preamble proved, and submit the same herewith with amendments.

JOSEPH HUNTER,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

Mr. *Hunter* presented the Sixteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
7th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That your Committee have considered Petition No. 5B, the Petition of Red Mountain Tunnel Company, and recommend that the prayer of the Petition be granted.

JOSEPH HUNTER,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.



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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
8th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That, in their opinion, the time for the reception of Reports on Bills should be extended for two weeks, and beg to recommend the suspension of the rules accordingly.

JOSEPH HUNTER,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received and adopted.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and the time for receiving Reports on Bills was extended for two weeks.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
8th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That we have considered and find the preambles proved of

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Arrowhead and Kootenay Railway Company," and

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the East Kootenay Valley Railway Company,"

both of which are submitted with amendments.

J. P. BOOTH,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Stoddart*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return showing the number of applications and the names of the applicants to purchase land or timber rights in the vicinity of *Teslin* or *Bennett Lakes*, on our northern Provincial border, and the names of any of the applicants whose applications have been granted.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* presented additional papers with regard to the enforcement of the clauses of the Indian Act which prohibits the holding of the Indian festival known as the Potlatch.

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

That in the opinion of this House labourers in mines should not, as such, be required to take out free miners' licences.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Friday next.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting Escheats and Forfeitures," was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Colonel *Baker*, Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act respecting applications for Certificates of Improvements under the 'Mineral Act,'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Kidd* moved, seconded by Mr. *Graham*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the advisability of procuring, through legislation, loans for farmers at a low rate of interest, and to report to this House. Committee to be named by the Hon. the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. *Kellie* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Hume*,—

To insert in the third line, after “farmers,” the words “or miners.”

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion and amendment out of order, the Ministers of the Crown not having signified their consent to the motion being moved.

On the motion of Mr. *Booth*, Private Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Yukon Railway and Navigation Company,” was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Railway Committee.

Mr. *Helmcken* presented a Petition from *C. R. Hosmer* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate “The Red Mountain Tunnel Company.”

The Petition was received.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. Mr. *Turner* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*,—

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

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

Mr. *Rithet* presented the Second Report of the Public Accounts Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
8th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That they now submit:—

1. Statement of revenue collected from the 1st July, 1897, to 31st January, 1898, amounting to \$792,630.81.
2. Statement of payments made on account of the Parliament Buildings to 31st January, 1898, amounting to \$857,455.69.

All of which are respectfully submitted.

R. P. RITHET,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

## No. 1.

## STATEMENT OF REVENUE COLLECTED FROM THE 1ST JULY, 1897, TO 31ST JANUARY, 1898.

Dominion of Canada—Payment of Interest.....	\$ 29,151 05
Subsidy.....	35,000 00
Grant per capita.....	78,538 40
For Lands.....	100,000 00
Land Sales.....	66,049 95
Land Revenue.....	4,959 85
Timber Royalty and Licences.....	20,808 05
Rents (exclusive of Lands).....	19 00
Survey Fees.....	552 75
Timber Leases.....	12,050 54
Free Miners' Certificates.....	49,544 00
Mining Receipts, General.....	87,981 35
Licences.....	28,062 15
Marriage Licences.....	1,955 00
Real Property Tax.....	8,147 54
Personal Property Tax.....	4,445 28
Wild Land Tax.....	3,982 07
Income Tax.....	151 13
Revenue Tax.....	43,128 00
Mineral Tax.....	13,606 09
Registered Taxes (all denominations).....	8 40
Revenue Service Refunds.....	61 70
Fines, Forfeitures and Small Debts Court Fees.....	6,260 85
Law Stamps.....	5,427 95
Probate Fees.....	1,283 56
Registry Fees.....	26,085 44
Bureau of Mines.....	465 50
Asylum for the Insane.....	2,250 27
Provincial Home.....	45 52
Printing Office Receipts.....	11,330 75
Sale of Government Property.....	157 35
Reimbursements in Aid.....	1,082 37
Interest.....	507 45
Interest on Investment of Sinking Funds.....	9,093 36
Chinese Restriction Act, 1884 (Dominion Government Refund).....	29,900 00
Succession Duty.....	837 20
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	2,548 42
Commission on Tax Sales.....	87 79
Tax Sales Deeds.....	10 00
	685,576 08
Withdrawal from Sinking Funds.....	38,800 00
Amount collected by Agents in January, not yet placed under different heads of Revenue..	68,254 73
Receipts at 31st January, 1898.....	\$792,630 81

## No. 2.

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE ON ACCOUNT OF THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS TO  
31ST JANUARY, 1898.

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.	
Cost of competitive plans, including amount paid to experts, and honorariums to successful competitors . . . . .	\$ 6,822 85
Construction of foundation and basement . . . . .	56,342 71
Purchase of 1,000,000 bricks (deducted from mason's contract) . . . . .	7,250 00
Construction of wooden roadway around building . . . . .	275 00
Lithographing illustrations for bills of quantities . . . . .	644 50
Hire of steamer to quarry . . . . .	90 00
Checking measurements of stone work . . . . .	100 00
Steel joists, girders, rods, brackets, &c . . . . .	5,891 78
Lights for ceiling of dome . . . . .	185 00
Rail and balustrade for inside top of dome . . . . .	93 00
Elevator and fittings for Printing Office . . . . .	897 00
Speaking tubes and document elevator, Printing Office . . . . .	103 50
Compensation to Mrs. McDonald . . . . .	200 00
Metal ceiling for Museum . . . . .	755 00
Extra stone work, four turrets on dome . . . . .	1,000 00
Electric wiring throughout the building . . . . .	7,498 82
Tiles, including marble mosaic . . . . .	13,753 40
Stained glass . . . . .	6,033 96
Marble . . . . .	20,220 18
Duty on marble, stained glass and railing . . . . .	6,797 66
Freight and wharfage on marble, lamps, &c . . . . .	2,593 36
Steam heating . . . . .	18,000 00
Drying vaults . . . . .	663 03
Terrace wall . . . . .	6,000 00
Sundry day labour at marble and jobbing . . . . .	7,140 76
Sundry miscellaneous payments . . . . .	1,954 63
Payment on Mason's contract . . . . .	387,978 80
"    Plasterer's contract and extras . . . . .	75,362 10
"    Carpenter's contract . . . . .	68,613 13
"    Coppersmith's contract and extras . . . . .	21,792 53
"    Painter's contract . . . . .	9,200 00
"    Plumber's contract . . . . .	14,667 93
"    Iron Founder's contract . . . . .	20,725 00
"    Kalsomining and decorating . . . . .	4,631 00
"    Clerk of Works, salary . . . . .	10,200 00
"    Architect's commission . . . . .	37,635 16
	822,111 79
FURNITURE ACCOUNT.	
Payments for sundry furniture, including iron and shelf brackets, fitting for library, seats for Legislative gallery, members' desks, Speaker's canopy, iron gates, iron railing, lamps, and all electric chandeliers and lights, oak cabinets, chairs, carpets, linoleum, &c., &c . . . . .	35,343 90
	\$857,455 69

MEMO.—It will be seen by the annexed details that the total amount is \$6,000 less than in the statement already handed in. The difference is merely a clerical error in *adding up* the first statement.

J. McB. S.

*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.

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Wednesday, 9th March, 1898.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Fell*, the Clerk of the House, announced that since the adjournment of the House yesterday he had received the resignation of *D. W. Higgins*, Esq., as Speaker of the House. The same was read, and is as follows:—

“SPEAKER'S ROOM, March 8th, 1898.

“*To the Honourable Members of the  
Legislative Assembly of British Columbia:*

“GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to place in the hands of the Clerk of the House my resignation as Speaker of your honourable body.

“I beg to assure you that I highly appreciate the distinction which on three occasions has been unanimously conferred upon me, of presiding over your deliberations; and while I feel that I have fallen far short of the expectations that were formed of my ability, I think I may fairly claim that I have at least made an earnest effort to discharge the difficult duties that attach to the position.

“I thank you most sincerely for the confidence you have reposed in me, and for the consideration and forbearance you have ever exercised towards my shortcomings. I hope in a less exalted, but equally honourable, position on the floor of the House to continue to work with you for the advancement and progress of the Province.

“With sentiments of respect and esteem, I beg to subscribe myself

“Your obedient servant,

“D. W. HIGGINS.”

The Hon. *J. H. Turner*, Premier, informed the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor had given leave to the House to proceed forthwith to the choice of a new Speaker.

Mr. *Walkem*, member for *South Nanaimo*, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for their Speaker *John Patton Booth*, Esquire, member for *North Victoria*, which motion was seconded by Mr. *Smith*, member for *Lillooet* (West Riding).

The motion was carried, and the Clerk having declared the Hon. *John Patton Booth* duly elected, he was taken out of his place by the mover and seconder and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him, by choosing him to be their Speaker.

The Speaker elect then took the Chair, and the mace was laid on the table.

The Hon. the Premier then announced that it was His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's pleasure that the House should present their Speaker at half-past two this afternoon, for his approval and confirmation of their choice.

The House adjourned at 2:15 P. M. for half an hour.

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QUARTER TO THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Hon. the Premier announced that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor had approved of their choice as Speaker.

Mr. *Colton* presented a Petition from *Oppenheimer Bros.* and others, residents of *Vancouver*, in favour of proposed amendments to the “*Vancouver City Act Amendment Bill.*”

Received.

Mr. *Smith* presented the Eighteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
9th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That your Committee have considered Petition No. 22, the Petition of Portland and Stikine Railway Company, and your Committee beg to recommend that the Order of the House for the reception of the said Petition and its reference to this Committee be rescinded.

A. W. SMITH,  
*Acting Chairman.*

The Report was received and adopted.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
9th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That they have considered and find the preamble proved of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Revelstoke and Cassiar Railway Company," which is submitted with amendments.

J. P. BOOTH,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Mountain Tramway and Electric Company," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Kidd*, seconded by Mr. *Macpherson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return shewing:—

1. The number of Crown grants issued to "Burnaby Small Holders" up to date, and the price received for land granted.
2. The report or reports of the Government Agent as to the fulfilment of the provisions of lease by those to whom Crown grants have been issued.
3. The names of parties holding or applying for more than one lot under the same lease or different leases, and reports of Government Agent in respect to such.

Upon the Order for the House to consider Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kitimat Railway Company," in Committee of the Whole—

Mr. *Sword* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kennedy*,—

That it be an instruction to the Committee to consider the insertion of a new section as follows:—

"The Company shall, within one month after the passage of this Act, deposit with the Provincial Government the sum of \$5,000, either in cash or approved bonds, as security that the company will expend not less than \$10,000 in actual construction of the railway hereby authorised to be built, before the 31st December, 1898, and in default of such expenditure the aforesaid sum of \$5,000 shall be forfeited to and become the property of the Government, as liquidated and ascertained damages, and not as a penalty; and should such security not be deposited with the Government within the aforesaid time, all the rights and privileges conferred by this Act shall be null and void."

Carried.

House in Committee on the Bill.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* presented a Return shewing:—

(a.) Statement of all timber leases granted to the *Sayward Mill and Timber Company, Limited*, of *Victoria*, and names of parties by whom such leases are now held.

(b.) Statement of all sums now owing to the Government by said company in regard to rent of limits, royalties on timber, or otherwise.

(c.) Statement whether the men employed by said company (whose claim for wages the liquidator was unable to pay out of the funds in his hands, on account of the prior claim of the Government for unpaid dues) have yet been paid their wages.

(d.) Particulars of all unpaid claims for wages on account of the *Sayward Mill and Timber Company*, of which the Government have cognizance.

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

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## Thursday, 10th March, 1898.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *J. D. Wilson*.

Mr. *Hunter* presented the Nineteenth and Twentieth Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
10th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That your Committee have considered Petition No. 5, the Petition of Red Mountain Tunnel Company, and find that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, in so far as the time limited for publishing the notices had not wholly expired before the time limited by the rules for the deposit of copies of the Petition and notices with the Clerk had expired; but your Committee are of the opinion that, as the proposed Bill is presumably in the public interest, the Standing Rules should be suspended, so as to admit of the Bill being introduced (subject to the payment of double fees), and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

That your Committee have also considered the Petition of A. A. Farwell, asking that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of inspecting a new device in the shape of a ballot-box, and reporting as to its utility, and your Committee beg leave to report that the prayer of the petition be granted.

JOSEPH HUNTER,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received and adopted.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
10th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That your Committee have considered Bill No. 19, "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Great Gold Gravels Dredge Mining Corporation," and find the preamble not proved.

JOSEPH HUNTER,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was referred back to the Committee to state the reasons for their action, as required by Rule 73.

On the motion of Mr. *Graham*, Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Traffic Act,'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Graham*, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all papers and correspondence with the Attorney-General's Office *re* the case of *Ruckle Bros.* versus *Miss Davey*.

Mr. *Kidd* moved, seconded by Mr. *Graham*,—

That a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Hunter*, *Stoddart*, *Mutter*, *Graham*, and the mover, be appointed to enquire into the methods pursued in other countries to help farmers to obtain loans on easy terms, and report to this House.

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

To add the words "and others" after the word "farmers," in line 3.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>McGregor</i> —12.

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Vedder,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Rogers</i> —18.
<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>		

Mr. *Forster* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Graham*,—

To insert the words "with power to call for persons, books and papers" between the words "terms" and "and," on the last line.

Carried.

Original motion, as amended, put and carried.

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

That an humble Address be presented by this House to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be laid before the House copies of all Orders in Council in any way relating to the land grant to the *Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Company*; also, copies of all correspondence between any member of the Government and any person or persons, on behalf of or in relation to said Railway Company.

Mr. *Sword* presented a Petition from *H. Hirschel Cohen*, for leave to present a Petition for a Private Bill to Incorporate "The Portland and Stickine Railway Company."

Received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

10th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That they have considered Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the North Star and Arrow Lake Railway Company," and find the preamble proved, and beg leave to report the same with amendments.

Also, your Committee request that the time for reporting Bills from the Railway Committee be extended two weeks, and that another member be added to the Committee in the place of Mr. Booth.

GEO. A. HUFF,

Chairman.

The Report was received and adopted.

The time for reporting Bills to the House was extended two weeks.



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

That the attention of the Government be respectfully directed to the bad acoustic properties of the Legislative Hall, with the request that immediate steps be taken to remedy the same, if possible.

Mr. *Kellie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What amount of timber dues were collected from *West Kootenay District* for the fiscal year 1897?
2. What amount of fees were collected from *West Kootenay District* for the fiscal year 1897, in the *Victoria Registry Office*?

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

"1. Timber dues, \$11,589.28; cordwood, \$10,107.88. Total, \$21,697.16.

"2. No distinction is made in the Registry Office between West and East Kootenay; consequently, the amount of fees for that section of Kootenay designated as 'West Kootenay District' cannot be obtained without entailing considerable expense and time in referring to original documents."

Mr. *Hume* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What amount of real property taxes and personal property taxes were collected from the *Union Colliery* for each of the following years:—1894, 1895, 1896, and 1897?
2. *Wellington Colliery*, ditto?
3. *New Vancouver Coal Company*, ditto?
4. What amount of coal was produced from each colliery in each of the above-mentioned years?

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

	Year.	Real Property Tax.	Wild Land Tax.	Personal Property Tax.
"1.—Union Colliery .....	1894	\$ 500 00	.....	\$ 166 65
" .....	1895	500 00	.....	166 65
" .....	1896	500 00	\$ 433 40	166 65
" .....	1897	721 62	541 75	250 00
"2.—Wellington Colliery .....	1894	661 50	.....	1,150 00
" .....	1895	674 00	.....	1,183 32
" .....	1896	830 00	.....	1,283 33
" .....	1897	996 00	.....	1,925 00
"3.—New Vancouver Coal Company .....	1894	1,735 55	255 75	1,166 67
" .....	1895	1,824 00	260 95	1,233 33
" .....	1896	1,842 10	385 35	1,235 00
" .....	1897	2,242 46	736 95	1,850 00
		Tons.		
"4.—Union Colliery .....	1894	241,372	.....	.....
" .....	1895	264,550	.....	.....
" .....	1896	233,610	.....	.....
" .....	1897	265,642	.....	.....
"Wellington Colliery .....	1894	376,956	.....	.....
" .....	1895	336,906	.....	.....
" .....	1896	339,896	.....	.....
" .....	1897	306,956	.....	.....
"New Vancouver Coal Company .....	1894	394,624	.....	.....
" .....	1895	338,198	.....	.....
" .....	1896	320,575	.....	.....
" .....	1897	319,343	.....	.....

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act respecting applications for Certificates of Improvements under the 'Mineral Act,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Macpherson* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Major *Mutter* presented the Second Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
10th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the following Returns having been submitted were ordered to be printed, viz. :

1. Return *re* Indian potlatch.
2. Return, Revelstoke River embankment.
3. Return, amounts paid to Gordon and Weiler for furniture for Old Men's Home.
4. Return regarding death of Thomas Thomson.
5. Return regarding employment of Chinese and Japanese underground.
6. Return *re* Sayward Mill and Timber Company, Limited.

All of which are respectfully submitted.

J. M. MUTTER,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, Private Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Red Mountain Tunnel Company, Limited," was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

*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, 14th March, 1898.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay*.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
11th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

Your Committee have considered Bill No. 19, "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Great Gold Gravels Dredge Mining Corporation," and are of the opinion that the Bill is not in the public interest, and beg to report the preamble of the said Bill not proved.

A. W. SMITH,  
*Acting Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
14th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That your Committee have considered Petition No. 22A, the Petition of H. Hirschel-Cohen for leave to present a Petition to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Portland and Stickine Railway Company," and beg to recommend that the prayer of the Petition be granted.

JOSEPH HUNTER,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
14th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That they have considered Bill No. 18, "An Act respecting the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, Limited," and find the preamble proved, and submit the same herewith with amendments.

JOSEPH HUNTER,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Hume*, seconded by Mr. *Kellie*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return showing the total amount of revenue collected each year in each Electoral District of the Province, from 1st July, 1894, to 31st December, 1897, and the total expenditure in each Electoral District during the same period, under the following heads, viz. :—

1. Salaries of officers.
2. Roads, trails, bridges, ferries, buildings and repairs of all kinds, except school buildings.
3. Education, salaries, buildings, &c.
4. Hospitals and charities.
5. Total amount for which the Government has become responsible for the construction of railroads and dyking works, and amount of the annual payments on such indebtedness.

On the motion of Mr. *Macpherson*, Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Master and Servant Act,'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Kellie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions :—

1. Has the Government, in the last six months, purchased, agreed to purchase, or does it contemplate purchasing, or assisting to publish in any way whatever, any book, periodical, magazine or newspaper edition dealing with *North Kootenay*?

2. If so, what book, periodical, magazine or newspaper edition, to what extent purchased or assisted, and at what price per number or issue?

3. Has any correspondence passed on this subject in the last six months, and between whom?

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

"The Government has not purchased any such publication as is referred to. An offer from Mr. A. Johnson to supply a certain number of copies of a proposed 'Diamond Jubilee Souvenir of North Kootenay' is under consideration."

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

Can a municipality, under the provisions of sec. 41 of the "Water Clauses Act," appropriate water held under records granted prior to 1892.

The question was ruled out of order, as involving a question of a legal opinion.

Mr. *Higgins* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question :—

Is it the intention of the Government to offer a bounty for the destruction of horned owls ?

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

"The matter is receiving the consideration of the Government."

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* presented a Return showing the number of applications and the names of the applicants to purchase land or timber rights in the vicinity of *Teslin* or *Bennett* Lakes, on our northern Provincial border, and the names of any of the applicants whose applications have been granted.

On the motion of Mr. *Williams*, Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Higgins* moved, seconded by Mr. *Helmcken*,—

That the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended, to allow of the introduction and passage of a Bill to amend the "Provincial Elections Act," chap. 67, Revised Statutes, 1897.

The motion was withdrawn.

Mr. *Huff* presented the Seventh Report from the Railway Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

14th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That they have considered (Bill No. 21) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Downie Creek Railway Company." The Committee recommend that the words "thence down the Columbia River to Revelstoke" be inserted in the preamble after the word "River," in the seventh line, and also in section 3 of the Bill, and that the promoters pay double fees on the Bill. Subject to the above, the Committee report the preamble proved, and submit the Bill with amendments.

GEO. A. HUFF,

*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Turner*,—

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

was resumed.

A point of order having arisen as to whether the motion was debatable, Mr. Speaker reserved his decision, and the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* presented a Supplementary Report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for 1897.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Execution Act,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Kennedy* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act respecting the Legal Meaning of expressions relative to Time," was committed, with Mr. *Hume* in the Chair.

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

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting Escheats and Forfeitures," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kitimat Railway Company, Limited," was again committed.

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

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Alice Arm Railway."

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the South-East Kootenay Railway Company."

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Arrowhead and Kootenay Railway Company."

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886,' and amendments thereto."

On the motion of Major *Mutter*, Private Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to authorise the Cowichan Lumber Company, Limited, to construct a Dam and Works on the Cowichan River, in the Quamichan District, and also to construct a Tramway to connect the said Dam and Works with a point at or near the mouth of the Cowichan River," was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

[*This Bill was introduced on the 10th March, but was inadvertently omitted from the Votes and Proceedings of that date.*]

Messrs. *Helmcken*, *Hunter*, *Smith*, *Williams* and *Graham* were nominated to form the Select Committee to consider Mr. *A. A. Farwell's* new inventions applicable to ballot-boxes.

Mr. *Higgins* was appointed as a member of the Railway Committee in place of Mr. *Booth*.

Mr. *Huff* was added as a member of the Printing Committee.

Mr. *Rithet* was added as a member of the Municipal Committee.

*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.

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Tuesday, 15th March, 1898.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay*.

Mr. *Sword* presented a Petition from *H. Hirschel-Cohen*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Portland and Stickine Railway Company."

Received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
15th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That your Committee have considered Petition No. 12, the Petition of Duncan-Lardo Railway Company, and find that the Standing Rules have not been complied with, inasmuch as the time for publishing notices had not wholly expired before the time limited for the deposit of copies of the Petition and notices with the Clerk ; but as the proposed Bill is presumably in the public interest, your Committee is of the opinion that the rules should be suspended, so as to admit of the Bill being introduced, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

JOSEPH HUNTER,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Turner*,—

“That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the motion ‘That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty’”—  
was resumed.

On the point of order as to whether the motion was debatable, Mr. Speaker gave his decision as follows :—

On 8th March, upon the question being proposed “That I do leave the Chair, and that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the motion ‘That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty,’” a debate arose. Objection is taken that the motion is not debatable. Under Rule 95, which follows English Standing Order 54, the Committee of Supply and Ways and Means should be set up as soon as the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor is agreed to. This rule has never been followed. A practice has grown up, ever since Confederation, of combining two separate and distinct matters in one resolution.

When the House passes the Address to the Crown it expresses its willingness to grant supplies. This consent carries with it assent to the creation of the body out of which all questions of supply must originate. Hence the merely formal motion, not debatable, and of which no notice is required, is passed, creating the Committee of Supply. *See May*, 254 ; Rule 95 ; English Standing Order 54. *See also English Hansard*, 1348 (1887).

The latter part of the Resolution refers to something which is to be done in the Committee of the Whole. The Committee are to consider a matter which involves a charge on the public, and under Rule 96 such motions can only be introduced by notice, and must be referred to a Committee of the Whole for consideration.

According, therefore, to Rule 96, if the House cannot take cognizance of any matter of supply until it has been first considered in a Committee of the Whole, it would seem that there could be no debate on any matter coming within the range of the budget, because it is not before the House and cannot be so brought until the Committee reports favourably “That a Supply be granted,” and the matter has been fully disclosed by the budget speech. This would reduce the range of possible discussion to narrow limits.

The only question, it seems to me, the House has to consider at present must be, “Is the present an opportune time to consider the question ‘That a Supply be granted?’” and as all motions are debatable, except where expressly provided by the rules to the contrary, and I can find no authority affecting the application of the general rule to motions under Rule 96, I must decide that discussion covering that point will be in order, limited as before stated.

J. P. BOOTH, *Speaker.*

Mr. *Sword* moved, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*,—

That before considering the question of granting a Supply to Her Majesty, all Bills that it is proposed to introduce bearing on the subjects touched on in His Honour's Speech, or any other important measures, should first be submitted to the House.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order, as dictating to the Ministers of the Crown what Bills should be brought in, and when they should be brought in.

Mr. *Sword* appealed from the decision of the Chair.  
The House divided as follows:—

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>McGregor—19.</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Graham—10.</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Vedder,</i>		

So the Chair was sustained.

Resolution agreed to and House in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Hunter* in the Chair.

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Turner*, seconded by the Hon. Colonel *Baker*,—  
*Resolved*,—That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, and the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

The Resolution was reported to the House.  
Report considered and adopted.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Martin*,—  
That this House will on Monday next resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Sword* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*,—  
To strike out the words “Monday next” and substitute “Friday, 25th inst.”

The amendment was negatived.  
Original question proposed and resolved in the affirmative.

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* presented a Return of all papers, petitions and correspondence during the present year relating to “log scaling.”

Mr. *Rithet* presented the Eighth Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
15th March, 1898.

## MR. SPEAKER :

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

We have considered Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Yukon Railway and Navigation Company.” The Committee recommend that the words—

“or from such point in British Columbia capable of being made an ocean port as may be designated by the Dominion Government, under the provisions of the contract entered into between the said Government and William Mackenzie and Donald D. Mann, and dated the 25th day of January, A. D. 1898”—

be inserted in the preamble after the word “channel,” in the fourth line, and also in section 15 of the Bill, after the word “channel,” in the fourth line of said section 15.

Subject to the above, the Committee report the preamble proved, and submit the Bill with amendments.

R. P. RITHET,  
Chairman.

The Report was received.  
The rules were suspended and the Report adopted.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended and the Twenty-fourth Report from the Private Bills Committee was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, Private Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Lake, Duncan River and Lardeau Railway," was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Railway Committee.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:45 o'clock, p. m.

## Wednesday, 16th March, 1898.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay*.

Mr. *Rithet* presented the Ninth Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
16th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That they have considered Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Skeena River Railway, Colonization and Exploration Company," and report the preamble proved, and submit the Bill with amendments.

They have also considered Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Skeena River and Eastern Railway Company," and report the preamble proved, and submit the Bill with amendments.

R. P. RITHEP,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received and adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Kellie*, Bill (No. 32) intituled "The Truck Act," was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Graham*, Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897,'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

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

That an humble Address be presented by this House to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be laid before the House copies of all correspondence which passed between *J. J. McKenna*, Esq. (the representative of the Dominion Government), and any member of the Provincial Government, relating to the negotiations for the settlement of the question affecting the removal of the Indians from the *Songhees Reserve*.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all instructions given to *L. B. Hamlin*, civil engineer, in regard to his examination of the *Teslin Lake*, *Hootalinqua*, *Lewes* and *Yukon Rivers*.

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

That an Order of this House be granted for copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any other person, leading up to the investigation of certain charges against Constable *Hunter* during the summer of 1897, and the evidence given at such investigation



Mr. *Adams* moved, seconded by Mr. *Smith*,—

Whereas it is a general complaint of those who are endeavouring to obtain money for the development of the placer mines of the Province that it is not possible to obtain Crown grants of such lands :

Therefore, be it Resolved, That this House take into consideration the advisability of disposing of the placer lands of the Province under the Crown grant system.

The Provincial Secretary stated that the Government consented to the moving of the Resolution.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order, the administration of Crown lands being a matter of policy for which the Ministers of the Crown alone are responsible to the House.

Mr. *Higgins* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question :—

Is it the intention of the Government, in the Estimates for 1898-9, to provide for the restoration of official salaries to the scale in force previous to 1896 ?

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

“The Estimates are now being prepared, and will be submitted to this House shortly, when the information asked for by the honourable member will appear.”

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* presented a Return of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any other person, leading up to the investigation of certain charges against Constable *Hunter* during the summer of 1897, and the evidence given at such investigation.

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

Mr. *Fell*, the Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill :—

An Act respecting applications for Certificates of Improvements under the “Mineral Act.”

His Honour was pleased, in Her Majesty’s name, to give assent to this Bill.

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

“In Her Majesty’s name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to this Bill.”

Upon the Order for the House to consider Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Mountain Tramway and Electric Company,” in Committee of the Whole—

Mr. *Sword* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kennedy*,—

That it be an instruction to the Committee to consider the following as an addition to section 15 :—

“(a.) Before the said company shall exercise any of the powers aforesaid in respect of any proposed tramway, it shall give notice as provided by section 4 of the ‘Tramway Company Incorporation Act,’ stating the points between which it is proposed to build such tramway, telegraph or telephone line, and the general route of the same :

“(b.) Any person who would be entitled, under section 5 of the ‘Tramway Company Incorporation Act,’ to object to the incorporation of a company under said Act for the building of such line, may give the same notice of objection as would be required in the case of such company, and none of the powers aforesaid shall, in respect of the line so objected to, be exercised by the company until such objections have been heard and disposed of, as provided in the case of a company applying for incorporation under said Act for the purpose of building such tramway, telegraph or telephone line, and then only to the extent authorised and under the conditions imposed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.”

Carried.

House in Committee on the Bill, with Mr. *Forster* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Kitimat Railway Company, Limited,” was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay and North-West Railway Company," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Alice Arm Railway," was committed, with Mr. *McGregor* in the Chair.

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 5:40 o'clock, P. M.

## Thursday, 17th March, 1898.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay*.

Mr. *Kellie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

1. Did not the Dominion Government co-operate in equal amount with the Provincial Government in 1894-5 in the protection of the river bank at *Revelstoke*, upon representation made by the Provincial Government?

2. In pursuance of the understanding then arrived at, did not the Dominion Government last year put an appropriation in their Estimates of \$10,500 for this protection work, contingent on the Provincial Government contributing a like or equal amount?

3. And, though the Provincial Government had it in its power to meet this sum, and though the importance of taking action in this protection work and of co-operating in the same was represented to it from *Ottawa*, *Revelstoke*, and on the floor of this House, did not the Provincial Government decline to do so; and in consequence of that refusal to assist, was not the \$10,500 appropriation dismissed from the Federal Estimates, of which action the Government has been advised?

4. Upon what ground was the offered co-operation declined?

5. Does the Provincial Government still hold to the ground upon which it declined to assist or co-operate?

6. Is the Provincial Government now doing this work alone?

7. How much, if so, is it to cost, and how has provision been made for it?

Mr. Speaker: This question states facts and matter of argument, also inferences and imputations, and is out of order. *See May*, 10th ed., p. 238.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Graham* moved "That Bill (No. 27) intituled 'An Act to amend the Highway Traffic Act,' be read a second time now."

Mr. *Rogers* moved in amendment, to leave out the word "now" and insert "this day six months."

Amendment negatived.

Original question negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Kennedy*,  
*Hume*,  
*Forster*,

*Macpherson*,  
*Kidd*,  
*Vedder*,

*Semlin*,  
*Cotton*,  
*Graham*,

*Kellie*,  
*Rieth*,  
*McGregor*—12.

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Sword*,  
*Smith*,  
*Mutter*,  
*Baker*,

*Turner*,  
*Martin*,  
*Adams*,  
*Higgins*,

*Stoddart*,  
*Walkem*,  
*Pooley*,  
*Eberts*,

*Bryden*,  
*Rogers*,  
*Hunter*,  
*Braden*—16.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Master and Servant Act,'" was read a second time on the following division:—

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Vedder,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>McGregor—18.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>		

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter—11.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	

To be committed to-morrow.

Mr. *Graham* moved "That Bill (No. 33) intituled 'An Act to amend the Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897,' be read a second time now.

A point of order was raised: That the Bill affected the rights of the Crown in the waters of the Province, and that the same could not be introduced by a private member.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* presented a Return shewing:—

1. The number of Crown grants issued to "Barnaby Small Holders" up to date, and the price received for land granted.
2. The report or reports of the Government Agent as to the fulfilment of the provisions of lease by those to whom Crown grants have been issued.
3. The names of parties holding or applying for more than one lot under the same lease or different leases, and reports of Government Agent in respect to such.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all timber leases granted in *Alberni District*, the names of the lessees, and the arrears of rent and taxes (if any).

The adjourned debate on Mr. *Cotton's* motion, as follows:—

"That in the opinion of this House labourers in mines should not, as such, be required to take out free miners' licences."

was resumed.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Higgins—11.</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Vedder,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>McGregor—16.</i>

The Report on Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act respecting the Legal Meaning of expressions relative to Time," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kitimat Railway Company, Limited," was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Farmers' Institutes and Co-operation Act,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* presented the Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

Upon the Order for the House to consider Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay and North-West Railway Company," in Committee of the Whole—

Mr. *Sword* moved, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*,—

That it be an instruction to the Committee to consider the insertion of a new section as follows:—

"The Company shall, within six months after the passage of this Act, deposit with the Provincial Government the sum of \$5,000, either in cash or approved bonds, as security that the company will expend not less than \$10,000 in surveys or construction of the railway hereby authorised to be built, before the 30th June, 1899, and in default of such expenditure the aforesaid sum of \$5,000 shall be forfeited to and become the property of the Government, as liquidated and ascertained damages, and not as a penalty; and should such security not be deposited with the Government within the aforesaid time, all the rights and privileges conferred by this Act shall be null and void."

Carried.

House in Committee on the Bill, with Mr. *Graham* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. *Rithet* presented the Third Report from the Public Accounts Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

17th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That they have the honour to submit:—

1. Statements showing particulars *re* debentures issued under the Dyking Act of 1893.
2. Statement of securities held by the Trustees of the Sinking Funds, showing the price paid of stock purchased up to 30th June, 1897.

All of which are respectfully submitted.

R. P. RITHET,

*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

#### STATEMENT

Showing particulars of price at which debentures issued under the Dyking Act of 1893 were taken over; commission and expenses paid and incurred in connection with the taking up of the old debentures, with names of those to whom commissions were paid; terms arranged for additional \$150,000 provided for; rate and terms of interest.

Debentures issued by the various Dyking Commissioners were taken over at par, with the exception of \$50,000 debentures issued by the Matsqui Commissioners, which had not been sold, but were merely held by Messrs. Mahon, McFarland & Mahon for advances made amounting to \$40,000, with the option of purchase. These were taken over, on the payment to the holders of that sum, with accrued interest.

A commission of  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  was paid to C. J. Marani for arranging the taking up of the old debentures and the issuance in exchange of the Government debentures. The travelling and other expenses allowed to Mr. Marani in connection therewith amounted to \$153.40.

The additional bonds, amounting to \$150,000, provided for in the Dyking Debenture Act of 1897, bearing interest at the rate of  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  per annum, payable half-yearly, were sold in Victoria at  $102\frac{3}{8}\%$  net, the bonds to be delivered only as the moneys were required.

## STATEMENT

Of Securities held by the Trustees of the Sinking Funds, showing the price paid of Stock purchased up to June 30th, 1897.

Date.	Amount of B. C. 3 % Inscribed Stock purchased.	Rate.	Price paid, exclusive of brokerage.			
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.			
October, 1891 .....	2,000 0 0	86 $\frac{3}{4}$	2,542 11 6	Loan Act, 1877.		
	948 15 3	86				
	1,000 0 0	86 $\frac{3}{4}$				
	1,052 4 9	86				
	261 15 10	86 $\frac{3}{4}$				
	1,000 0 0	86 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,994 2 11	" 1887.		
	4,500 0 0	86 $\frac{1}{2}$				
June, 1892 .....	3,500 0 0	87 $\frac{1}{2}$				
	2,000 0 0	87 $\frac{1}{2}$				
	2,000 0 0	87 $\frac{1}{2}$				
	1,000 0 0	86 $\frac{3}{4}$	4,742 10 0	" 1877.		
	4,000 0 0	86 $\frac{3}{4}$				
June, 1892 .....	3,500 0 0	87 $\frac{1}{2}$				
	2,000 0 0	87 $\frac{1}{2}$				
	2,000 0 0	87 $\frac{1}{2}$				
	1,000 0 0	86 $\frac{3}{4}$	3,455 0 0	" 1887.		
	4,000 0 0	86 $\frac{3}{4}$				
January, 1893 .....	4,500 0 0	90 $\frac{1}{4}$				
	1,800 0 0	90 $\frac{1}{4}$				
	3,700 0 0	90 $\frac{1}{4}$				
	5,667 14 5	91 $\frac{3}{4}$	5,200 2 7	" 1877.		
May, 1894 .....	2,933 15 2	91 $\frac{3}{4}$				
	5,797 18 10	91 $\frac{3}{4}$				
	2,399 16 9	91 $\frac{3}{4}$				
	1,282 8 9	91 $\frac{3}{4}$				
	3,064 9 4	91 $\frac{3}{4}$	2,815 9 7	" 1891.		
July, 1894 .....	1,000 0 0	91 $\frac{3}{4}$				
	7,002 1 6	91 $\frac{3}{4}$				
	4,596 18 0	91 $\frac{3}{4}$				
	1,962 6 0	91 $\frac{3}{4}$				
	2,511 12 5	98 $\frac{1}{4}$	2,467 13 4	" 1877.		
October, 1894 .....	2,307 15 0	98 $\frac{1}{4}$				
January, 1895 .....	1,385 5 2	98 $\frac{1}{4}$				
	3,014 11 0	98 $\frac{3}{4}$				
	2,393 8 9	94 $\frac{1}{4}$				
	1,443 4 6	94 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,369 5 2	" 1887.		
July, 1895 .....	2,110 16 4	94 $\frac{3}{4}$				
	1,067 15 0	94 $\frac{3}{4}$				
	2,396 15 9	96 $\frac{1}{4}$				
	1,445 4 2	96 $\frac{1}{4}$				
	5,356 11 10	96 $\frac{1}{4}$	5,155 14 5	" 1891-3-5.		
January, 1896 .....	10,835 7 0	98 $\frac{1}{2}$				
	2,681 9 7	98 $\frac{1}{2}$				
	5,668 4 0	98 $\frac{1}{2}$				
	2,031 14 4	102 $\frac{1}{2}$				
	5,127 2 1	102 $\frac{1}{2}$	5,255 5 7	" 1877.		
February, 1896 .....	10,835 7 0	98 $\frac{1}{2}$				
	2,681 9 7	98 $\frac{1}{2}$				
	5,668 4 0	98 $\frac{1}{2}$				
	2,031 14 4	102 $\frac{1}{2}$				
	1,213 4 0	102 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,243 10 7	" 1887.		
July, 1896 .....	1,843 3 9	101 $\frac{3}{4}$				
	1,206 17 5	101 $\frac{3}{4}$				
	5,288 9 4	101 $\frac{3}{4}$				
	1,884 3 9	101				
	1,222 11 6	101	1,902 19 9	" 1877.		
January, 1897 .....	1,843 3 9	101 $\frac{3}{4}$				
	1,206 17 5	101 $\frac{3}{4}$				
	5,288 9 4	101 $\frac{3}{4}$				
	1,884 3 9	101				
	1,222 11 6	101	1,234 16 0	" 1887.		
June, 1897 .....	5,411 13 9	101				
	£138,817 5 0					
					5,465 16 1	" 1891-3-5.
					£131,086 5 8	

NOTE.—Of the above securities, stock to the amount of £13,096 9s. was sold at 103 $\frac{5}{8}$ , and the proceeds, £13,571 3s. 11d., paid into Revenue Account.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:40 o'clock, P. M.

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## Friday, 18th March, 1898.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay*.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Kennedy*, Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Liquor Traffic Regulation Act,'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
18th March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That your Committee have considered Petition No. 22B, Portland and Stickine Railway, and find that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, inasmuch as the time limited for publishing the notices had not expired before the time limited for the deposit of copies of the Petition and notices with the Clerk; but your Committee is of the opinion that, as the proposed Bill is presumably in the public interest, the Standing Orders should be suspended, so as to admit of the Bill being introduced, and your Committee beg to recommend the same accordingly.

JOSEPH HUNTER,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved, seconded by Major *Mutter*,—

That the present condition of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum demands the immediate attention of the Government.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order, as leading up to an expenditure of public money.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all correspondence between the Government and the *Vancouver, Victoria, and Eastern Railway Company*, and between the Government and any other company or persons, in connection with construction of the *Vancouver, Victoria, and Eastern Railway*.

Withdrawn, with leave.

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

Whereas by section 91 of the “British North America Act” it is provided that \* \* the exclusive legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada extends to all subjects next hereafter enumerated, that is to say :—

Sub-section (11)—Quarantine and establishment of marine hospitals.

Sub-section (25)— \* \* Aliens.

Sub-section (29)—Such classes of subjects as are expressly excepted in the enumeration of the classes of subjects by this Act assigned exclusively to the Legislatures of the Provinces.

And by section 95— \* \* It is hereby declared that the Parliament of Canada may from time to time make laws in relation to \* \* immigration into all or any of the Provinces ; and

Whereas thousands and tens of thousands of people from numerous parts of the world are flocking to the *Yukon* territory in search of gold ; and

Whereas a large portion of these people are inexperienced and ignorant of the nature and difficulties connected with their undertaking, are many of them not British subjects, and are possessed of very limited means ; and

Whereas numerous disappointments and failures must be the natural outcome of such a state of affairs, thus throwing upon society a large number of sick and indigent persons, criminals, and people of unsound mind ; and

Whereas, from its geographical position in relation to the *Yukon* territory, the Province of British Columbia becomes the easiest refuge for such an undesirable class of people ; and

Whereas the large revenue derived from the immigration to the *Yukon District* is almost wholly absorbed by the Dominion Government :

Therefore, be it Resolved, That a humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to move the Dominion Government—

1. To take effective steps at the ports of embarkation and debarkation to prevent sick and indigent persons, criminals and lunatics who are not British subjects from emigrating to British Columbia :

2. To take effective steps for the reception and maintenance of sick and indigent persons, criminal and lunatics who may be British subjects, and who may be landed in British Columbia.

Mr. *Sword* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kennedy*,—

Whereas the Province of British Columbia received from the Dominion of Canada in 1874 and 1875 two sums amounting in the aggregate to \$339,150, and such sums were treated as an increase of the Provincial debt, and the annual payment of interest (due from the Dominion to the Province on the amount by which the debt of the Province of British Columbia fell short of the debts of the other Provinces) proportionately reduced :

Resolved, That it would be in the interest of the Province that the above sums so advanced should now be repaid to the Dominion.

Mr. Speaker : This motion, if passed, would be tantamount to a direction to the Government to make a payment out of the Consolidated Revenue of the Province for the purpose stated in the motion, and the same has not received the recommendation of the Crown. (*See* Speakers' Decisions, 125, 136 and 137.) I therefore rule the motion out of order.

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

Has the Government any official information relative to the present position of the question touching the delimitation of the boundary line between the Territory of Alaska and that of the Dominion of Canada ? If yea, what is the nature of such information ?

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

“The Government has no information on the subject.”

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

What was the total amount expended on *Matsqui* dyke, under the supervision of the Inspector of Dykes, Mr. *Tytler*, up to 28th February, 1898 ?

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

“\$7,790.24.”

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

1. Why was \$20 per month in aid of a nightwatchman at *Revelstoke* cancelled?
2. Why was *John Shaw's* authority as constable taken away?
3. Do the Government pay any portion for the services of a nightwatchman in unincorporated villages?
4. If so, what places?

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

- "1 & 2. It was not deemed advisable to retain his services.  
"3. No."

Mr. *Kellie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions :—

1. What offer was made to the Executive Council to supply copies of "Diamond Jubilee Souvenir" of *North Kootenay* by *A. Johnson*?
2. Do the Government intend to accept the offer made?

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

- "1. One thousand copies at \$500.  
"2. The Executive is not aware that the proposed publication has been issued, and has arrived at no decision regarding it."

Mr. *Cotton* presented a Petition from *J. A. Fairbairn* and others, property owners of *Vancouver*, opposing proposed amendments to the *Vancouver City Charter*.  
Received.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented the First Report of the Farmers' Institutes of the Province for the year 1897.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented the following papers :—

Return of copies of the judgments of the Supreme Court and the Full Court in the case of "The *Koksilah Quarry Company versus The Queen*."

Return of all papers and correspondence with the Attorney-General's Office *re* the case of *Ruckle Bros. versus Miss Davey*.

Pursuant to notice given Mr. Speaker of intention to move the adjournment of the House, for the purpose of discussing a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the granting by the Dominion House of Commons of a railway charter through the *Kettle River* country, in this Province, without the authority of this House, Mr. *Higgins* moved the adjournment of the House.

After some debate, the motion was withdrawn, with leave.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and then the Hon. Mr. *Turner* moved, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*, and it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the manufacture of lumber and shingles in this Province forms one of the most important industries and furnishes employment to a large number of mechanics and labourers, who constitute an important portion of the population of the Province :

And whereas a large proportion of the supplies used in connection with the business is subject to customs duty, which largely increases the cost of production :

And whereas lumber and shingles under the customs tariff of the Dominion are admitted free of duty :

And whereas competition from the United States in the markets of the Dominion, since the removal of the customs duty, has deprived this Province of a large part of the business formerly done in these products :

And whereas the mining developments in the *Yukon* and northern part of British Columbia make it probable that important settlements and seaports will be established on the northern coast during the present year, in which there will be an immediate and large demand for lumber and shingles, for the supply of which, under the present Canadian tariff, our lumbermen have no protection against the competition of the United States saw-mills :



And whereas, under the customs laws of the United States, a heavy duty is imposed upon lumber and shingles from this Province, which prevents shipments from this Province into the United States markets, the duty in the United States being on undressed lumber \$2.00 per M., on flooring \$3.50 per M., and on shingles 30 cents per 1,000 :

And whereas it seems to be unjust to this important industry that while a large proportion of the supplies used by those engaged in it are required to pay duty, the products are not protected by any duty, and while the neighbouring markets in the United States are closed against this Province because of the heavy duty imposed, the markets of Canada are free to the products from the United States ;

Be it therefore Resolved, That an humble Address be presented by this House to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to move the Dominion Government to take such steps as are necessary with the view of protecting those engaged in the manufacture of lumber and shingles in this Province, by imposing a duty on lumber and shingles imported into the Dominion of Canada equal to the duty charged by the United States on imports of these articles from Canada, in order that this important industry may be placed upon such a footing in competing with the neighbouring mills in the United States as will compensate them for the disadvantages set out in the preamble to this resolution.

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* presented a Return of copies of all instructions given to *L. B. Hamlin*, civil engineer, in regard to his examination of the *Teslin Lake, Hootalinqua, Lewes and Yukon Rivers*.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Farmers' Institutes and Co-operation Act,'" was committed, with Mr. *McGregor* in the Chair.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading on Monday next.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

The following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act respecting the Nanaimo Electric Light, Power and Heating Company, Limited."

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the North Star and Arrow Lake Railway Company."

*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.

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Monday, 21st March, 1898.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. B. Haslam*.

On the motion of Mr. *Kellie*, Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Escape Act, 1894,'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Sword* moved, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*,—

Whereas in 1874 and 1875 the Province of British Columbia received from the Dominion Government two sums amounting in the aggregate to \$339,150, and the semi-annual payment of interest from the Dominion to the Province (on the difference between the debt of the Province of British Columbia and the debts of the other Provinces) was proportionately reduced :

And whereas the "British North America Act," sections 114, 115, 116, as set forth in section 2 of the Terms of Union, provides that the Dominion shall pay to the Province interest semi-annually on such difference at the rate of 5 % per annum, and any change in said Act would be *ultra vires* both of the Dominion and the Provincial Legislatures :

An whereas the Provincial legislation sanctioning the acceptance of such sums from the Dominion and the Dominion legislation authorising their being advanced, each specifically provide for their repayment, the Provincial at any time and the Dominion as may be jointly agreed on :

And whereas the inscribed stock of the Province bearing 3 % interest is now quoted in the market above par :

And whereas the investments of the trustees for the sinking funds of the various loans in inscribed stock, at the present rates, do not yield quite 3 % per annum :

And whereas the repayment of the aforesaid advances would result in a saving to the Province of between \$6,000 and \$7,000 per annum, and to this extent relieve the burthens of the people :

Resolved, That the Government be respectfully requested to consider the best way of arranging for the repayment to the Dominion of these advances.

Mr. Speaker *Booth* : This motion is in effect the same as the motion ruled out of order on the 18th inst., and although it has been redrawn, is still open to the same objection as the previous motion. It virtually directs the Government to repay to the Dominion Government certain advances, and only leaves it to the Government to consider the best way of doing so.

It is a well-known principle that no charge can be imposed on the public revenue without the recommendation of the Crown, and such motions, when the Crown has recommended the same, must be considered in Committee of the Whole. (*May*, pp. 527 & 529, and Rules 40 & 96.)

In the English House of Commons motions advocating public expenditure, or the imposition of a charge, if the motion be framed in sufficiently abstract and general terms, can be entertained and agreed to by the House (*see May*, p. 539); but by our Rule 45, even resolutions leading up to the expression of an abstract opinion recommending the expenditure of public money, are prohibited, unless recommended by the Crown. I therefore rule the motion out of order.

Mr. *Kellie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question :—

Is it the intention of the Government to furnish Justices of the Peace with copies of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia?

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

"Yes; with due regard to economy and the best interests of the Province."

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented a Return showing the total amount of revenue collected each year in each Electoral District of the Province, from 1st July, 1894, to 31st December, 1897, and the total expenditure in each Electoral District during the same period, under the following heads, viz. :—

1. Salaries of officers.
2. Roads, trails, bridges, ferries, buildings and repairs of all kinds, except school buildings.
3. Education, salaries, buildings, &c.
4. Hospitals and charities.
5. Total amount for which the Government has become responsible for the construction of railroads and dyking works, and amount of the annual payments on such indebtedness.
6. The amount remaining unpaid of money advanced by the Government to assist farmers and others on account of damage from floods, drought, &c.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was committed, with Mr. *Stoddart* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Execution Act,'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting Escheats and Forfeitures," was committed, with Mr. *Kidd* in the Chair.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Alice Arm Railway Company," was considered.

Mr. *Huff* moved, seconded by Major *Mutter*, to amend section 20, line 14 of page 5, by adding after the word "fill" the words "in on."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay and North-West Railway Company," 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.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
21st March, 1898.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That your Committee have considered Bill No. 37, "An Act to authorise the Cowichan Lumber Company, Limited, to construct a Dam and Works on the Cowichan River, in the Quamichan District, and also to construct a Tramway to connect the said Dam and Works with a point at or near the mouth of the Cowichan River," and find the preamble proved, and beg to submit the same herewith with amendments.

JOSEPH HUNTER,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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