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Thursday, 15th February, 1872.

On this day being the First Session of the first Parliament for the Dispatch of Business, pursuant to a Proclamation, hereunto annexed, of His Excellency *Joseph William Trutch*, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia, His Excellency entered the House of Assembly, attended by his Private Secretary, and took the Chair at the hour of three o'clock p. m.

*Richard Woods*, Esq., Registrar of the Supreme Court, came into the House and delivered to *Charles Good*, Esq., Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, attending according to his duty, a Roll containing a list of the Members who had been returned to serve in this Assembly, which Roll was read aloud by the Clerk.

Whereupon the Honorable *Matthew Baillie Begbie*, Chief Justice of the Province, a Commissioner appointed for the purpose by the Lieutenant-Governor, administered the Oath, prescribed by Law, to the Members present, who severally subscribed the same and took their seats.

The Honorable *John F. McCreight*, Attorney-General of the Province, then said:—

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:*

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor does not see fit to declare the cause of his summoning the present Parliament of the Province of British Columbia until a Speaker of the House shall have been chosen according to law, but that to-morrow, at the hour of three in the afternoon, His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling this Parliament.

His Excellency then retired.

Mr. *Duck*, a Member representing the City of Victoria, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him and then sat down) proposed to the

House for their Speaker, *James Trimble*, Esquire, which motion was seconded by Mr. *Robson*, Member representing the Electoral District of Nanaimo.

And the question being called for, "That *James Trimble*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker," it was accordingly put by the Clerk, and

*Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That *James Trimble*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

And the Clerk having declared *James Trimble*, Esquire, duly elected, he was conducted to the Chair by Messieurs *Duck* and *Robson*, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer on him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robertson*,

That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow at 3 o'clock, p.m.

And the House adjourned accordingly.

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Friday, 16th February, 1872.

The House being met, and the Speaker elect having taken the Chair,

His Excellency *Joseph William Trutch*, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, entered the Council Chamber and took the Chair which was vacated by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker having been taken up and introduced to His Excellency, spoke to the following effect:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and Country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially, that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Excellency's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Excellency the most favourable interpretation.

Then the Honorable *John Foster McCreight* said:—

MR. SPEAKER,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Excellency upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favorable construction.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:—

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:*

It is with a very high sense of the honor conferred on me in having been deputed, on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty, to open this the first purely

Representative Parliament convened in this far off portion of Her Dominions, that in Her name I tender cordial greeting to you, the chosen representatives of Her loyal people of British Columbia.

I congratulate you upon our having happily become one of the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada—that grand Confederation of British Territories in North America, whose constitution is impressed with all the stability of a Monarchy, combined with the freedom, elasticity, and progressive energy of Republican Institutions.

In this Union, the future prosperity and advancement of this great country—our adopted home—are securely established.

As a British Colony—isolated on this Continent—our prospects were clouded, and the idea of a Railway through British Territory, to connect us with our fellow-countrymen in Canada, was but a dream. As a Province of the Dominion, our anticipations are bright and confident, and the Canadian Pacific Railway is already a reality, and soon to be an accomplished work.

The state of transition in public affairs incidental to the change in our Political system which existed on my assuming the Government of the Province, compelled me to take for awhile the direct charge of the Departmental business in a greater measure than would otherwise have devolved upon me; I however availed myself of the first opportunity to transfer that charge from myself by appointing a Ministry responsible to you, the Representatives of the people, whom I have called together to deliberate on the public matters of the Province, the management of which properly belongs to you, at this the earliest date at which it was practicable for you to be assembled, consistent with the fulfilment of the requirements of our Electoral Law.

A full statement of all moneys received and expended subsequent to the Union of this Province with the Dominion, together with Estimates of the probable Revenue for the current year, and of the Expenditure proposed to be incurred during that period, the latter of which is based upon the strictest economy compatible with the efficient administration of our affairs and due attention to the requirements of the country, will be laid before you at an early period of the Session.

Free from debt, and with considerable accumulated funds at your disposal, I am confident that through your judgment and prudence the financial resources of the Province will be so appropriated in works of useful and reproductive character as to secure to the utmost the general welfare of the Province.

A measure will be introduced at once to repeal "The Civil List Act," with a view of placing in your hands the power of determining the amount of Salary to be attached to each office in the Public Service that may be maintained.

The establishment of a system of non-sectarian Free Schools throughout the Province, and a sound and liberal policy for the encouragement of Immigration, will occupy your earnest attention. It is to be observed with regret, with reference to the latter subject, that the 11th Section of the Terms of Union with Canada, tends to delay the introduction of a system of Free Grants of Land, the adoption of which seems so advisable in entering into competition for population, as we must do with other Countries on this Continent.

A Bill will be laid before you for the abolition of the Road Tolls, which I strongly commend to your favourable consideration. The main trunk avenue which commercially connects the lower section of the Province with the Mineral wealth of Cariboo, is of a Provincial character and beneficial to our entire community. The Tolls at present levied upon this road bear most heavily upon the necessaries of life, and they practically forbid the introduction of machinery to the mines. The Mining Laws also require certain amendments, which will be submitted for your consideration.

The necessity of revising the provisions of "The Qualification and Registration of Voters Act," must, from your past experience, have impressed itself upon your attention, and I therefore place in your hands a measure for the amendment of that Act.

I think it not inadvisable, gentlemen, to advert to the fact that this

Province, following in the footsteps of Ontario, has sought Legislative success in the adoption of a single Council Chamber, a marked departure from the constitutions of the parent State and many of its Dependencies, and that while the power of legislation thus conferred on you is undivided, your responsibility is proportionately increased. Henceforth the principle of self-government is to prevail. It has been conceded to you in deference to the wishes of the people, and in accordance with the policy of the Dominion of which we happily form part. On you alone does the successful working out of that system depend.

My sympathies, in common with those of all interested in our country, are deeply enlisted in your success, and I trust that, under the direction of an All-Wise Providence, your labours may result in the advancement of the best interests of British Columbia.

His Excellency then retired.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Excellency's Speech.

*Ordered* to be taken as read.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That, until otherwise provided, the Rules, Regulations, and Standing Orders now in the hands of Members of the Legislative Assembly, be those of this House, and that the House do go into Committee on Tuesday next to prepare Rules and Orders for the guidance of the House.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Holbrook* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That, in conformity with the usual practice of Parliament, the Statutes Interpretation Bill be now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time this day week.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech be considered on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Mr. *Robson* presented Petitions from *Charles Todd* and *John Andrew Mara*.

Petitions read.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Hunter* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Petitions of *John A. Mara* and *Charles Todd*.

House went into Committee. On the Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Ash*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Mr. *Bunster* presented Petition of Voters at Nanaimo.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Mr. *Bunster* presented Petition from *Joseph W. Carey*.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Then the Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconding,

That the House do now adjourn until to-morrow, at 3 o'clock p. m.

And the House accordingly adjourned.

Saturday, 17th February, 1872.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The House went into Committee on the Petitions of Messieurs *Mara* and *Todd*.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Mr. *Beaven* moved, That in the opinion of this House, the evidence submitted by *John Andrew Mara*, in support of his Petition, proves that he was duly elected a Member of the Legislature of British Columbia for the District of Kootenay, and this House recommends that he be allowed to take his seat in this House.

Mr. *DeCosmos* moved, in amendment,—

That a Bill be brought in to enable Members duly elected, and proved to have been so in the absence of an Electoral Return, to be sworn and take their seats in the Legislative Assembly.

The Amendment having been put and lost,

The Original Question was carried.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, That in the opinion of this House, the evidence and affidavits in the case of *Charles Todd* is conclusive evidence that he is legally entitled to a seat in this House, and that this House advise that he be permitted to take his seat as one of the Representatives of the Kootenay District.

Mr. *DeCosmos* moved, in amendment,—

That a Bill be brought in forthwith to enable Members duly elected, and proved to have been duly elected, to be sworn and take their seats in the Legislative Assembly, in case the Returns shall not have been received by the Registrar of the Supreme Court at the time of their application to be sworn.

Amendment put and lost.

Original question put and carried.

Committee rose.

Mr. *Ash*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been instructed to hand in the following Resolutions for the consideration of the House:—

1st. That, in the opinion of this House, the evidence submitted by *John A. Mara*, in support of his Petition, proves that he was duly elected a Member of the Legislature of British Columbia for the District of Kootenay, and this House recommends that he be allowed to take his seat in this House.

2nd. That, in the opinion of this House, the evidence and affidavits in the case of *Charles Todd*, is conclusive evidence that he is entitled to a seat in this House, and that this House advise that he be permitted to take his seat as one of the Representatives of Kootenay District.

Resolutions read first time.

On the question of their second reading being put,

Mr. *Ash* moved, in amendment, Mr. *DeCosmos* seconding,—

That a Bill be brought in forthwith to enable Members, duly elected, to be sworn and take their seats in the Legislative Assembly, in case the Returns shall not have been received by the Registrar of the Supreme Court at the time of their application to be sworn.

On the question being put "That the words proposed to be left out do stand part of the question," a division took place. Yeas 13, Nays 8.

The names, on request, being taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs.

*Robertson,*  
*McCreight,*  
*Holbrook,*

*Semlin,*  
*Robson,*  
*Duck,*

*Armstrong,*  
*Smith,*  
*Robinson,*

*Bevan,*  
*Hughes,*  
*Hunter.*—13.

NAYS:

Messieurs.

*De Cosmos,*  
*Ash,*

*Humphreys,*  
*Bunster,*

*Cogan,*  
*Booth, (Cariboo),*

*Booth, (Cowichan),*  
*Jamieson.—8.*

Mr. *Smilhe* not having voted was counted in the affirmative.

The Original Question was then put and carried, after a similar division.

The House then adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

Monday, 19th February, 1872.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Smith* presented the Petition of *J. C. Barnes*.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. *Ash* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General the following question:—

What is the date of the resignation of the office of Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works by the Honorable Member for New Westminster? What is the date of the acceptance of his office by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and on what day did the Writ issue for the Election to fill the vacancy caused by the acceptance of office by the senior Member for the Cariboo District?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)*, moved (for Mr. *De Cosmos*), Mr. *Jamieson* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that all correspondence between the Government of British Columbia and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, respecting a modification of the Tariff, be laid before this House.

On the Order of the Day being read for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech,

Mr. *Duck* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hughes*,—

1. That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to thank His Excellency for the gracious Speech at the opening of this Session. That we heartily congratulate His Excellency on being deputed, on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty, to open the first purely Representative Parliament convened in this far off portion of Her Dominions, and accept the cordial greetings tendered by His Excellency to us, the chosen Representatives of Her loyal people of British Columbia.

2. That we concur with His Excellency, in its being a subject of congratulation that we have become one of the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada, the grand Confederation of British Territories in North America, whose Constitution is impressed with all the stability of a Monarchy, combined with the freedom, elasticity, and progressive energy of Republican Institutions.

3. That we agree with His Excellency that, in this Union, the future prosperity and advancement of this great country, our adopted home, are fully established.

4. That we coincide with the opinion expressed by His Excellency that, as a British Colony, isolated on this Continent, our prospects were clouded; and that the idea of a Railway, through British Territory, to connect us with our fellow-countrymen in Canada, was but a dream, but that now as a Province of the



Dominion our anticipations are bright and confident, that the Canadian Pacific Railway is already a reality, and soon to be an accomplished work.

5. That we are aware that the state of transition in public affairs, incidental to the change in our political system, which existed on His Excellency's assuming the Government of the Province, compelled him to take for awhile the direct charge of the Departmental business in a greater measure than would otherwise have devolved upon him, but that His Excellency availed himself of the first opportunity to transfer that charge from himself, by appointing a Ministry responsible to us, the Representatives of the people, whom His Excellency has called together to deliberate on the public matters of the Province, the management of which properly belongs to us, at the earliest date at which it was practicable for us to be assembled, consistent with the fulfilment of the requirements of our Electoral Law.

6. That we thank His Excellency for informing us that there will be laid before us, at an early period of the Session, a full statement of all moneys received and expended subsequent to the Union of this Province with the Dominion, together with Estimates of the probable Revenue of the current year, and of the Expenditure proposed to be incurred during that period, which Estimates will receive our serious consideration, and we feel confident that the proposed expenditure is based upon the strictest economy compatible with the efficient administration of our affairs and due attention to the requirements of the country.

7. That we gather with much satisfaction, the confident opinion expressed by His Excellency that, free from debt, and with considerable accumulated funds at our disposal we shall, through our judgment and prudence, so appropriate the financial resources of the Province, in works of a useful and reproductive character, as to secure to the utmost the general welfare of the Province.

8. That we learn with pleasure that a measure will be introduced at once to repeal the Civil List Act, with a view of placing in our hands the power of determining the amount of salary to be attached to each office in the Public Service that may be maintained.

9. That we desire to assure His Excellency that the establishment of a system of non-sectarian Free Schools throughout the Province, and a sound and liberal policy for the encouragement of Immigration, shall occupy our earnest attention; and we agree with His Excellency in regretting, with reference to the latter subject, that the 11th Section of the Terms of Union with Canada tends to delay the introduction of a system of Free Grants of Land, the adoption of which seems so advisable in entering into competition for population, as we must do, with other Countries on this Continent.

10. That we will bestow careful consideration on the Bill, which His Excellency states will be laid before us, for the abolition of the Road Tolls, and which he has strongly commended to our favourable consideration. We are impressed with the force of His Excellency's observation that the Main-Trunk Avenue which commercially connects the lower section of the Province with the mineral wealth of Cariboo, is of a Provincial character and beneficial to our entire community, and that the Tolls at present levied upon this road bear most heavily upon the necessaries of life, and that they practically forbid the introduction of machinery to the mines. The amendments proposed by His Excellency to the Mining Laws will be deliberately considered.

11. That we shall consider with respectful attention a measure for revising the provisions of the Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, as we cannot fail to assent to His Excellency's opinion that the necessity of revising that Act has, from past experience, been impressed upon our attention.

12. That we shall not lose sight of the fact to which His Excellency adverts, that this Province, following in the footsteps of Ontario, has sought Legislative success in the adoption of a single Council Chamber, a marked departure from the constitution of the parent State, and many of its Dependencies; and we are fully sensible of the responsibility which devolves upon us when called upon to exercise the power of legislation thus conferred upon us in a proportionately increased de-

gree. We know that henceforth the principle of self-government is to prevail, and that it has been conceded to us in deference to the wishes of the people, and in accordance with the policy of the Dominion of which we happily form part, and that upon us alone does the successful working out of that system depend.

13. That in conclusion we thank His Excellency for the expression of his sympathies in our success, and we fervently join with His Excellency in expressing a hope that under the direction of an All-Wise Providence our labours may result in the advancement of the best interests of British Columbia.

*Ordered*, That the Reply be considered as a whole.

Mr. *Duck* moved, Mr. *Hughes* seconding,—

That a Committee be appointed to draft an Address to be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in accordance with Resolutions adopted by this House, in reference to the Lieutenant-Governor's Address. The Committee to consist of Messieurs *Booth (Cariboo)*, *Hughes*, *Duck*, *Robson*, *Booth (Cowichan)*, and *Semlin*.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, in amendment, Mr. *Robertson* seconding,—

That the Order for the Reply to be considered as a whole be rescinded.

Amendment put and carried.

Order rescinded accordingly.

Mr. *Duck* moved, Mr. *Hughes* seconding,

That the Reply be considered paragraph by paragraph.

*Ordered* accordingly.

Paragraphs 1 to 13 read severally and agreed to.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Excellency for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session.

Mr. *Duck* moved, Mr. *Armstrong* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of the following Members:—The Honorable Mr. *McCreight*, the Honorable Mr. *Holbrook*, Messieurs *Hughes*, *Booth (Cariboo)*, *Robson*, and *Duck*, to draft an Address, in reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, in accordance with the Resolutions adopted by this House.

The Clerk read a Commission from the Lieutenant-Governor, appointing him to swear in Members, as followeth:—

[L. S.]

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,  
QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these Presents shall come or whom the same may concern—  
GREETING:

J. F. MCCREIGHT, } WHEREAS in and by a certain Act of Parliament of the  
Attorney-General. } Colony of British Columbia, entitled "The Constitution  
Act, 1871," it is among other things enacted that no Member of the Assembly  
shall vote or sit therein until he shall have taken and subscribed the oath of  
allegiance contained in the 17th Section of the said Act:

Now Know Ye, that confiding in the integrity, fidelity, and circumspection of  
Charles Good, Esquire, Clerk of Our Legislative Assembly, of Our special grace,  
certain knowledge, and mere motion, We have assigned, constituted, and appointed,  
and by these presents do assign, constitute, and appoint him, the said Charles  
Good, Esquire, to be a Commissioner to administer the oath of allegiance as afore-  
said, to such Members of the said Assembly who may desire to be admitted to  
take the same, and to receive their subscription to the same.



In testimony whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Public Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto attached. Witness, the Honorable Joseph William Trutch, Our Lieutenant-Governor in and over the said Province, at Victoria, this Nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and in the thirty-fifth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

A. ROCKE ROBERTSON,  
Colonial Secretary.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 20th February, 1872.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

*John Andrew Mara*, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Kootenay, having been introduced by the Honorable the Attorney-General, to him was administered the oath of allegiance, by *Charles Good*, Esq., Clerk of the House, a Commissioner appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor for the purpose, and the said Member having subscribed to the oath, took his seat.

*Mr. Booth*, (*Cariboo*), Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to prepare a Reply to His Excellency's gracious Speech at the opening Session, brought up a Report.

Report read as follows:—

*To His Excellency* JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, *Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.*

*May it please Your Excellency:*

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, the Parliament of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for your gracious Speech at the opening of this Session.

1. We heartily congratulate Your Excellency on having been deputed, on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty, to open the first purely Representative Parliament convened in this far off portion of Her Dominions, and accept the cordial greetings tendered by Your Excellency to us, the chosen Representatives of Her loyal people of British Columbia.

2. We concur with Your Excellency, in its being a subject of congratulation that we have become one of the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada, the grand Confederation of British Territories in North America, whose Constitution is impressed with all the stability of a Monarchy, combined with the freedom, elasticity, and progressive energy of Republican Institutions.

3. We agree with Your Excellency that, in this Union, the future prosperity and advancement of this great country, our adopted home, are fully established.

4. We coincide with the opinion expressed by Your Excellency that, as a British Colony, isolated on this Continent, our prospects were clouded; and that the idea of a Railway, through British Territory, to connect us with our fellow-countrymen in Canada, was but a dream, but that now as a Province of the Dominion our anticipations are bright and confident, and that the Canadian Pacific Railway is already a reality, and soon to be an accomplished work.

5. We are aware that the state of transition in public affairs, incidental to the change in our political system which existed on Your Excellency's assuming the

Government of the Province, compelled you to take for awhile the direct charge of the Departmental business in a greater measure than would otherwise have devolved upon you, but that Your Excellency availed yourself of the first opportunity to transfer that charge from yourself, by appointing a Ministry responsible to us, the Representatives of the people, whom Your Excellency has called together to deliberate on the public matters of the Province, the management of which properly belongs to us, at the earliest date at which it was practicable for us to be assembled, consistent with the fulfilment of the requirements of our Electoral Law.

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7. We gather, with much satisfaction, the confident opinion expressed by Your Excellency that, free from debt, and with considerable accumulated funds at our disposal, we shall, through our judgment and prudence, so appropriate the financial resources of the Province, in works of a useful and reproductive character, as to secure to the utmost the general welfare of the Province.

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pathies in our success, and we fervently join with Your Excellency in expressing a hope that under the direction of an All-Wise Providence our labours may result in the advancement of the best interests of British Columbia.

Report read first time.

On question of second reading being put, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) moved, Mr. *Ash* seconding,—

That it is with sincere regret we observe the agricultural interests have been entirely ignored in Your Excellency's Speech. We are the more sorry for this as, from the nature and magnitude of the public works likely to be commenced in this Province soon, we believe it to be the paramount duty of the Government, by a vigorous effort, to stimulate the agricultural interests of this Province, in order that the money expended in the prosecution of those enterprises may be retained in the Country, and so conduce to the advancement and add to the prosperity of all.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Semlin* seconding,—

That all words after "That," in the above, be struck out, and following added: "the Address be adopted as read."

Mr. *Bunster* moved in amendment, Mr. *Cogan* seconding,—

That all words in the above Amendment after "That" be left out, and the following substituted: "whereas there is a wide spread desire through all sections of the Province, for such a modification of the Tariff as will better subserve the interests of commerce, and aid in the development of its agricultural, mineral, and manufacturing resources, this House desires to express its regret that the Government has signified no intention to deal with the subject this Session;

"Be it therefore *Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this House, it is extremely desirable that such action should be taken by the Government as will satisfy the desire of the public in reference to the amendment of the Tariff, and that the Speech be amended by the introduction of the following words: 'That the Government of British Columbia intends to take the earliest opportunity of recommending to the Government of the Dominion of Canada, such changes in the Tariff now in force in this Province as will better meet the requirements of the people and the country.'"

Amendment withdrawn by leave.

Mr. *Robson's* Amendment put and carried.

Question as amended put and carried.

*Ordered*, That the Address in reply be adopted as read.

*Ordered*, That it be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by such Members of the House as are of the Executive Council.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, Mr. *Robertson* seconding,—

That His Excellency's Speech be considered to-morrow, with a view of granting a Supply.

*Resolved* accordingly.

Mr. *Duck* presented the Petition of Messieurs *Jessop* and *Burr*.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee on the Standing Orders.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

Wednesday, 21st February, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *McCraith* acquainted the House that he had waited on the Lieutenant-Governor, in company with other Members of the Executive Council, with the Address in reply to the opening Speech, and that His Excellency had received the same very graciously, and had been pleased to make the following Rejoinder:—

“*Mr. Speaker and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:*

“I thank you for your dutiful and loyal Address, and for the assurance it conveys that the important business to be submitted to you will receive your attention.”

The Honorable the Attorney-General asked leave to bring in the following Bills:—

An Act for continuing the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in case of the Demise of the Crown;

The Legislative Assembly Privileges Bill;

The Civil List Repeal Bill;

The Oaths to Witnesses Bill;

The Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill;

The Notaries' Appointment Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

The Honorable the Attorney-General presented the said Bills, and severally moved their first reading, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconding.

*Ordered* to be read severally first time. Read first time accordingly.

On the motion of the Honorable the Attorney-General, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That they be read second time as follows:—

Demise of the Crown Bill, Legislative Assembly Privileges Bill, and Civil List Repeal Bill, on Wednesday next;

Oaths to Witnesses Bill, and Consolidated Revenue Bill, on Thursday next;

Notaries Public Bill, on 4th March.

According to Order, the House took His Excellency's Speech into consideration.

The Honorable Mr. *McCraith* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That a Supply be granted, and that the House do go into Committee of Supply on the 6th March, to which that part of His Excellency's Speech relating to supply be referred.

House went into adjourned Committee on Rules and Orders.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Armstrong*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Rules completed.

Read first time, and *Ordered* to be brought up for second reading to-morrow.

House adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

Thursday, 22nd February, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Duck* presented the Petition of the Mayor of Victoria.  
Read and *Ordered* to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) presented the Petition of *W. Farron* and others.  
Read and *Ordered* to lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* asked leave to bring in Bills entitled severally—  
“An Act to further amend the ‘Road Ordinance, 1869;’”

“An Act to remove doubts as to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and the Judges thereof, over the Persons and Estates of Idiots and Lunatics;”

“An Act respecting the Securities to be given by Officers of British Columbia;”

“An Act to enable the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint Justices of the Peace and Coroners;”

“An Act to define and explain the designation of the Officer described as the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and to alter and define the designation of the Colonial Secretary, as mentioned in ‘The Constitution Act, 1871;’”

“An Act to amend ‘The Military and Naval Settlers’ Act, 1863.’”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted severally.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Holbrook* seconding,—  
That the said Bills be now severally read first time.  
Bills read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time as follows:—

Road Amendment Bill, and Lunacy Jurisdiction Bill, on the 29th February;  
Officers’ Security Bill, Justices of the Peace Bill, Officers’ Titles Bill, and Naval and Military Settlers’ Bill, on the 1st March.

Mr. *Robson* moved the following Resolution, Mr. *Semlin* seconding,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Bill may be sent down to this House, so amending Schedule A. of “The Constitution Act, 1871,” as to include the Wellington and Nanoose Districts within the Electoral District of Nanaimo.

Mr. *Ash* moved in amendment, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding,—

That the words “so amending” be left out, and the words “to amend” substituted therefor, and that all words after “1871” be left out.

Amendment withdrawn by leave.

Original Question put and carried.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to bring in a Bill to amend the “Licences Ordinance, 1867.”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented, and *Ordered* to be read first time now.

Read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on the 4th March.

Mr. *Bunster* moved, Mr. *Humphreys* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *J. W. Carey* be considered to-morrow, in Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General, Whether the Water Frontages at New Westminster belong to the Dominion or Local Government?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Pursuant to Order, the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on Standing Orders was brought up for consideration.

Report read second time, and *Ordered*, That the Report be adopted.\*

The House then adjourned at 4 p.m.

Friday, 23rd February, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

*Charles Todd*, Esq., a Member for the Electoral District of Kootenay, having been introduced, took and subscribed the oath of allegiance.

Mr. *Robson* asked leave to bring in Tax Sale Relief Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

The Bill having been presented, Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Mara* seconding,—

That the said Bill be now read first time.

*Ordered* accordingly. Bill read first time.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Wednesday next.

The Honorable the Attorney-General asked leave to bring in severally the following Bills:—

The Election Regulation Bill;

The Verdict of Civil Jury Bill;

The Public Enquiry Bill;

The Legal Professions Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

The said Bills having been duly presented, the Honorable the Attorney-General moved, the Honorable Mr. *Holbrook* seconding,—

That they be now severally read first time.

Bills read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time as follows:—

Verdict of Civil Jury Bill, Election Regulation Bill, and Public Enquiry Bill, on the 4th March;

Legal Professions Bill, on the 5th March.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Beaven* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that early steps may be taken for the purpose of enquiring into the constitutionality of the collection of a Poll Tax by the State Government of California, from British Subjects entering that State.

Pursuant to Order, the Statutes Interpretation Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Section 3, line 12, add "pre" before "vent."

Section 7, Sub-section 7, add "or District" after "County," and "or Districts" after "Counties," line 1.

Section 7, Sub-section 12, add "1st July" after "Monday," line 2.

" " 34, alter "were" to "where," line 5.

\* See Appendix.



On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with above Amendments.

Report read first time.

Second reading *Ordered* for Monday.

The Honorable *G. A. Walkem*, a Member for the Electoral District of Cariboo, was introduced, to whom was administered, by the Clerk, the oath of allegiance. The Honorable Member having subscribed the same, took his seat.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House went into Committee to consider the Petition of *J. W. Carey*.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)* Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Monday.

The House then adjourned at 4 p.m.

Monday, 26th February, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, dated 19th February, 1872, for copies of all Correspondence between the Government of British Columbia and that of the Dominion of Canada, in respect to the modification of the Tariff.\*

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* asked leave to bring in the Public Schools Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

Oh motion of the Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, the Honorable Mr. *Holbrook* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on the 4th March.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Robinson* seconded,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Bill may be sent down to this House, during its present Session, providing for the imposition of a *per capita* Tax of \$50 a head per annum, upon all Chinese within the Province.

On the question being put the House divided. *Yeas* 7, *Nays* 15.

So the Resolution was lost.

On Mr. *Duck* moving that the Petition of Messieurs *Burr and Jessop* be now considered,

The Hon. Mr. Speaker ruled the same to be out of Order, as asking for a payment from the public funds.

On Mr. *Smithe* moving for leave to bring in a Bill taxing Wild Lands,

The Hon. Mr. Speaker ruled the same out of Order.

Mr. *Mara* moved, Mr. *Robson* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the causes

that have delayed the Kootenay Elections, and also the causes of the detention of the Return of the Writ. Such Committee to consist of Messieurs *Todd, Robson, Robertson, Hunter, Booth (Cariboo), and Beaven.*

Moved by Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Robson*, and

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that Returns may be sent down to this House, shewing the amount collected for the year 1871, under the "Licence Ordinance, 1867," and shewing the amount collected in each District of the Province, under the different designations as expressed in Schedule A. of the above mentioned Ordinance.

Moved by Mr. *Robson*, seconded by Mr. *Duck*, and

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying for the appointment of a Commission to enquire into and report upon the condition of the Provincial Gaols, the number of prisoners, the number of lunatics, the accommodation provided for the same, and make such recommendations as they may think fit, with a view to ameliorating the condition of the inmates.

Mr. *Hunter* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General, Whether it is the intention of the Government to bring in any measure to assimilate the County Court Fees of all Districts of this Province?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on the Statutes Interpretation Bill, Report read second time and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read third time, and *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be the "Statutes Interpretation Act, 1872."

On the Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole House, of *J. W. Carey's* Petition,

The Speaker ruled the said Petition out of Order.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, the Honorable Mr. *McCreight* seconding,—

*Resolved*, That when the House adjourns this day it do stand adjourned till Wednesday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m., till Wednesday next.

Wednesday, 28th February, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Beaven* seconding, the following Resolution:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that effectual steps may be adopted for the purpose of preventing the employment of Chinese labour upon the public works of this Province, or upon any Federal works within the same, whether such works may be given out by contract or carried on under the immediate control of either Government.

Whereupon a debate arose, which having terminated, the House divided.  
*Yeas* 5, *Nays* 17.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

## YEAS:

Messieurs

*Robson,*                      *Robinson,*                      *Semlin,*                      *Bunster.*—5.  
*Beaven,*

## NAYS:

Messieurs

*Robertson,*                      *Hunter,*                      *Armstrong,*                      *Ash,*  
*Holbrook,*                      *Mara,*                      *Booth, (Cariboo),*                      *Smithe,*  
*McCreight,*                      *Hughes,*                      *Booth, (Cowichan),*                      *Cogan,*  
*Walkem,*                      *Duck,*                      *Humphreys,*                      *Jamieson.*—17.  
*Todd,*

So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

Mr. *Bunster* moved, Mr. *Humphreys* seconded, and it was Resolved, That the Honorable the Attorney-General be requested to bring in a Bill for the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

Mr. *Duck* asked leave to bring in Mechanics' Lien Law.  
Ordered, That leave be granted.

Mr. *Duck* moved—  
That a Select Committee be appointed to ascertain the particulars of Messieurs *Jessop* and *Burr's* Petition, and report thereon.  
Motion withdrawn by leave.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Hunter* seconded,—  
That this House recommend the Government to reduce the price of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia to \$4 per copy; that the price of the Appendix, now in press, be fixed at \$2 per copy; and that the price of both to one person be \$5.

The Honorable the Speaker ruled that all words after "\$4 per copy" were out of Order, not having originally been included in the notice given.  
Motion subsequently withdrawn by leave.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved the following Resolution:—  
That a Select Committee be appointed to examine papers and report upon the admission of Mr. *Mara* to a seat in this House, previously to the Return of the Writ from Kootenay. The Committee to consist of Messieurs *Booth (Cowichan)*, *Booth (Cariboo)*, *Bunster*, and *Ash*.  
Motion subsequently withdrawn by leave.

Ordered, That leave be given to the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* to bring in Gold Mining Amendment Bill.  
He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time.  
Ordered to be read second time on the 6th March.

Mr. *Smithe* moved, Mr. *Cogan* seconding,—  
That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Bill may be sent down to this House, at an early date, providing for the imposition of a Tax upon unoccupied and uncultivated Country Lands, with a view of preventing speculation therein.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* moved in amendment, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconding,—

That the following words be added:—  
"That a Select Committee be appointed to draw up such Address, and to prepare a Bill for enclosure therewith for His Excellency's consideration. Such Committee to consist of Messieurs *Walkem, Robertson, Jamieson.*"

Amendment put and carried.  
Question as amended put and carried.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* to bring in the Road Tolls Abolition Bill.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, which was read first time.

*Ordered* to be read second time on the 6th March.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Holbrook* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That a Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders be appointed, consisting of Messieurs *McCreight*, *Beaven*, *Armstrong*, *Booth* (*Cowichan*), *Robson*, *Walkem*.

Mr. *Semlin* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General, What changes are contemplated in the County Courts of the Province?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Demise of the Crown Bill was read second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Assembly Privileges Bill was read second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Todd*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Civil List Repeal Bill was read second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read third time to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Tax Sale Relief Bill,

*Ordered*, To be postponed till Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

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Thursday, 29th February, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Hughes* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General, Whether, under the present Civil Service system, Clerks and Employes of the Government are permitted to own interests in local Newspapers, or to act as Editors or Correspond-

ents for the same; and if so, whether it is the intention of the Government to permit such practices to continue?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Demise of the Crown Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be "The Act for continuing the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in case of the Demise of the Crown."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Assembly Privileges Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be "The Legislative Assembly Privileges Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Civil List Repeal Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be "The Civil List Act (1871) Repeal Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Oaths Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee,

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Armstrong*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been directed to report the Bill complete without Amendments.

*Ordered* to be read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Consolidated Revenue Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into the said Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Smithe*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been directed to report the Bill without Amendment.

*Ordered* to be read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Road Amendment Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Todd*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been directed to report the Bill without Amendment.

*Ordered* to be read third time to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Lunacy Jurisdiction Bill,

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconding, That this Bill be now read second time.

Whereupon a debate arose, which having terminated, the House divided.

*Yeas* 10, *Nays* 12.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows;—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Robertson,*  
*McCreight,*  
*Walkem,*

*Holbrook,*  
*Beaven,*  
*Semlin,*

*Mara,*  
*Robson,*

*Hughes,*  
*Todd.—10.*

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Booth (Cariboo),</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Jamieson,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Cogan,</i>	<i>Booth (Cowichan),</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Hunter.—12.</i>

So it passed in the negative, and the motion to read the Bill second time now was lost.

The House then adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

Friday, 1st March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Robson* moved the following Resolution, Mr. *Smith* seconding:—

Whereas, in the 7th Section of the Terms of Union with Canada, "It is agreed that the existing Customs and Excise duties shall continue in force in British Columbia until the Railway from the Pacific Coast and the system of Railways in Canada are connected, unless the Legislature of British Columbia should sooner decide to accept the Tariff and Excise Laws of Canada:—"

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that the Customs Tariff and Excise Laws of Canada may come into force in this Province on the 1st May next.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved in amendment, the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That the words "on the 1st May next" be left out, and the following words added: "and that a Bill may be sent down for that purpose."

Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)* moved in amendment, Mr. *Smith* seconding,—

That all words in the Original Question after "That" be left out, and the following substituted: "an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that the Customs Tariff and Excise Laws of Canada, with certain Amendments, may come in force in this Province, and that a Select Committee, consisting of Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Jamieson*, *Ash*, *Booth (Cowichan)*, *Smith*, and *Bunster* be appointed to consider the same."

Whereupon a debate arose, which having lasted till 6 o'clock,

Mr. *Robson* moved the adjournment of the debate till 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved in amendment, That the debate be adjourned till 2 o'clock on Monday.

Amendment put and lost.

Debate adjourned till 2 o'clock on Saturday.

Mr. Speaker not then being present, Mr. *Hughes* was called to the Chair.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* moved, the Honorable Mr. *McCreight* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That this House when it rises do adjourn till to-morrow, at 2 p.m.

The House then adjourned at 6.05 p.m.



Saturday, 2nd March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Adjourned Debate on the subject of the adoption of the Canadian Tariff was resumed.

Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) asked leave to withdraw his Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Amendment withdrawn accordingly.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved in amendment to the Original Question, Mr. *Bunster* seconding,—

That all words after "That" be struck out, and the following substituted: "That this House accept the Canadian Tariff, and do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to prepare a Petition to the Dominion Government, to consider the expediency of altering the Customs duties on certain articles to be described in the Petition, in order to afford protection to agricultural and manufacturing interests in this Province, and certain exemptions from Excise."

And the debate having continued till 6 o'clock, the Amendment was put and the House divided. *Yeas* 5, *Nays* 16.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Humphreys,*                      *Booth* (*Cowichan*),      *Ash,*                                      *Cogan*.—5.  
*Bunster,*

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Robertson,*                      *Todd,*                                      *Smith,*                                      *Duck,*  
*McCreight,*                      *Beaven,*                                      *Robson,*                                      *Armstrong,*  
*Walkem,*                              *Robinson,*                                      *Mara,*                                      *Booth* (*Cariboo*),  
*Holbrook,*                              *Semlin,*                                      *Hughes,*                                      *Hunter*.—16.

So it passed in the negative, and the Amendment was lost.

On the Original Question being put the House divided. *Yeas* 14, *Nays* 9.

The names, on request, being taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Robertson,*                      *Todd,*                                      *Smith,*                                      *Robson,*  
*McCreight,*                      *Beaven,*                                      *Semlin,*                                      *Booth* (*Cariboo*),  
*Walkem,*                              *Hunter,*                                      *Mara,*                                      *Duck*.—14.  
*Holbrook,*                              *Robinson,*

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Hughes,*                              *Bunster,*                                      *Ash,*                                      *Smithe,*  
*Armstrong,*                      *Booth* (*Cowichan*),                      *Cogan,*                                      *Jamieson*.—9.  
*Humphreys,*

So the question was carried in the affirmative, and it was

*Resolved*, That whereas in the 7th Section of the Terms of Union with Canada, "It is agreed that the existing Customs and Excise Duties shall continue in force in British Columbia until the Railway from the Pacific Coast, and the system of Railways in Canada are connected, unless the Legislature of British Columbia should sooner decide to accept the Tariff and Excise Laws of Canada,"

An humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor,

praying that the Customs and Excise Laws of Canada may come into force in this Province, and that a Bill may be sent down for that purpose.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Monday, 4th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Beaven* presented the Petition of certain Owners of Property, Bankers, Land Agents, &c., of Victoria.

*Ordered* to be read and laid on the table.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved the following Resolution, Mr. *Bunster* seconding:—  
That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Bill may be sent down to this House to repeal the Act prohibiting the Sale of Malt Liquor to Indians.

On the Question being put the House divided. *Yeas* 3, *Nays* 20.

And the names having been called for, they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Humphreys,*                      *Bunster,*                      *Smith.*—3.

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>
<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Booth (Cowichan),</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>
<i>Holbrook,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Booth (Cariboo),</i>	<i>Jamieson,</i>
<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Cogan.</i> —20.

So the Resolution was lost.

Mr. *Bunster* moved, Mr. *Humphreys* seconding,—

That the Honorable the Attorney-General be asked to bring in a Bill to prevent the running at large of the following animals: Stud-horses and Bulls.

*Ordered,* That leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Motion withdrawn accordingly.

Mr. *Smith* moved, Mr. *Robinson* seconding, and it was

*Resolved,* That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to recommend to the Dominion Government, the removal of one of the "Sisters Rocks," at Yale, in order to improve the navigation of the Fraser River, and facilitate Steamboat communication between New Westminster and Yale (the head of navigation) at all stages of the water.

Mr. *Humphreys* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—Whether the Telegram published in the *Cariboo Sentinel* on the 3rd February, 1872, is authentic? and of which the following is a copy: "The Premier authorizes Mr. Walkem to state to his constituents that, at Mr. Walkem's instance, measures for the abolition of Road Tolls, and Mr. Walkem's Mining Act, reducing charges on Records and Leave of Absence, as prepared in Cariboo, will be brought in as Ministerial measures. Extra grant for Hospital, appropriations for Omineca, Lowhee, Jack of Clubs, and Lightning Creeks, and Five hundred dollars to

“Williams Creek Fire Brigade, will be placed on the Estimates; also, that the construction of a Bridge at Quesnel will be discussed on the arrival of the “Cariboo Members.”

On a question of Order having been raised by Mr. *Humphreys*, whether the words then being made use of by the Honorable the Attorney-General, in replying to the above question, were warranted by parliamentary usage,

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Honorable the Attorney-General was in order.

Mr. *Humphreys* appealed from Mr. Speaker's ruling, to the House.

On the Question being put as to whether this House do support the Chair, the House divided. Yeas 12, Nays 7.

*Ordered*, That the Chair be supported.

So the Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—Whether the Government have yet applied to the Dominion Government for the Water Frontages at New Westminster; and if not, if it is their intention to do so?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* asked the Member for Lillooet (Mr. *Humphreys*),—Whether he is the author of two Telegrams, purporting to have been signed by him, and appearing in the *Sentinel* of the 27th January last?

Mr. *Humphreys* replied.

Mr. *Duck* presented the Lien Law Bill.

*Ordered* to be read first time. Read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Oaths to Witnesses Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be “The Legislative Assembly Oaths to Witnesses Act, 1872.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Consolidated Revenue Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be “The Consolidated Revenue Fund Act, 1872.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Road Amendment Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be “The Road Amendment Act, 1872.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Notaries Public Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee,

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Section 2, strike out all words from commencement to “Columbia” in line 9, and substitute: “It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint, from time to time, as he thinks fit, under his hand and seal at arms, one or more “Notaries Public for this Province.”

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Trades Licence Amendment Bill,

Mr. *Beaven* moved That this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved in amendment, Mr. *Smith* seconding,—  
That this Bill be read second time this day six months.

After a debate, the Amendment was put and the House divided. *Yeas* 17,  
*Nays* 6.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Holbrook,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>
<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Booth, (Cariboo),</i>	<i>Cogan,</i>	<i>Jamieson.—17.</i>
<i>Todd,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Booth, (Cowichan),</i>	<i>Bunster.—6.</i>
<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>		

So it was carried in the affirmative and *Ordered* to be read second time this day six months.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 5th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, Mr. *Booth (Cariboo)* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That this House has heard with unfeigned regret of the insane attack that has recently been made upon Her Majesty, and that we, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, on behalf of ourselves and the people of this Province, beg to be permitted to offer to Her Majesty the assurance of our profound sympathy with Her, and of our loyal attachment to Her throne and person; and that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to forward the above Resolution to the Governor-General of the Dominion, for transmission to Her Majesty.

Mr. *Beaven* presented the Petition of *Robert Plummer*.

Petition read; and on the question of receiving the said Petition being put the House divided. *Yeas* 3, *Nays* 17.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be not received.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker as follows:—  
JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of the sums required for the service of the Province of British Columbia, for the year ending the 31st December, 1872, and recommends the same to the House of Assembly.\*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Victoria, 4th March, 1872.

\* See Appendix.

*Ordered*, That the said Message, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved, Mr. *Bunster* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That whereas the gentlemen who now are, and have been, holding and exercising the office of County Court Judges in this Province, are not Barristers, and are not skilled in the law; and whereas it is expedient to appoint Barristers learned in the law, who shall hold and exercise the office of County Court Judges, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will move the Government of the Dominion to appoint not less than three competent County Court Judges for the Province of British Columbia, as soon as practicable.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved, Mr. *Bunster* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that all papers and correspondence referring to the condition of the Prisoners confined in the Gaol at New Westminster, be sent down to this House.

On Mr. *Duck* moving for an Address for a Bill to remunerate Jurymen,

*Ordered*, That the discussion of the question be referred to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for presenting the Report of Committee of the whole House on the Notaries Bill,

Report agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read third time, and *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be the "Notaries Public Appointment Act, 1872."

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Legal Professions Bill, the Bill was read second time.

*Ordered*, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee on the said Bill.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Section 2, line 9, between words "now" and "on" insert "or hereafter to be placed."

Section 2, line 10, between words "practising" and "within," insert "or admitted hereafter to practise."

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

Report read first and second times.

*Ordered* to be brought up to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, 6th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) seconding, and it was *Resolved*, That this House do now go into Committee to consider an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, prepared in accordance with the Resolution of this House yesterday.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Address to Her Majesty:—

*To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.*

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, desire to approach Your Majesty with an expression of unfeigned regret at hearing of the insane attack that has recently been made upon Your Majesty; and we beg to be permitted to offer to Your Majesty the assurance of our profound sympathy and a desire to join with Your Majesty in an expression of thanks to the Ruler of all Destinies, that the attack made upon Your Majesty has not resulted in any way injuriously. We take this opportunity of assuring Your Majesty of our devotion and attachment to Your Majesty's Throne and person.

On the question of the adoption of the said Address being put, it was carried *nemine contradicente*.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) seconding,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in the following words:—

*To His Excellency the Honorable JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request that Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit, in such a way as to Your Excellency may seem meet, our Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, expressive of our regret and sympathy on being informed of the recent insane attempt on Her Majesty, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

On the question being put, it was carried *nemine contradicente*, and *Resolved* accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor forwards herewith a Bill providing for the adoption of the Canadian Tariff and Excise Laws, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

On the question of the second reading being put, Mr. *Ash* moved, Mr. *Smithe* seconding,—

That the vote for first reading of the Customs Bill sent down by His Excellency be rescinded, and that this House do, on Monday, resolve itself into a Committee to consider a Bill to alter the Laws concerning the Tariff, and that the Bill sent down by His Excellency be referred to such Committee.

Question put and carried.

Bill *Ordered* to be referred to a Committee accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, for a Return of Revenue received under Trades Licences in each District of the Province in 1871.

*Ordered* to be printed.\*



Mr. *Robson* presented the Petition of *J. Robertson Stewart*.

Read and received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Armstrong* presented the Petition of certain Settlers on *Fraser River*.

Read and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Booth (Cariboo)* presented the Petition of *Samuel Herring*.

Read and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Hunter* presented the Petition of the Miners of *Cariboo*.

Mr. Speaker ruled the same out of Order, as the address was erased and another substituted.

Mr. *Hunter* appealed against the ruling of the Chair.

On the question being put "Does the House support the Chair?" the House divided. Yeas 18, Nays 3.

Ordered, That the Chair be supported, and the Petition not received.

Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)* moved, Mr. *Armstrong* seconding,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that the 5th Clause of the 6th Section of the Controverted Elections Act may be so amended that five hundred dollars shall be the amount of security required.

Motion subsequently withdrawn by leave.

Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)* moved, Mr. *Smithe* seconding,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Bill may be sent down to this House, providing for the introduction of the Ballot, as a means of voting at all Elections held in this Province.

Mr. *Humphreys* rose to speak to a question of privilege, and moved that the House do proceed to elect a Law Clerk, in the following manner:—

That each Member cast a vote, and such person as receives the greatest number of votes be appointed by Mr. Speaker.

19 votes being cast for Mr. *Hett*, he was declared by Mr. Speaker duly elected.

On the motion of Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)* being put, the House divided. Yeas 10, Nays 13.

The names, on request, being taken down as follows:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>
<i>Cogan,</i>	<i>Booth (Cowichan),</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Duck.—10.</i>
<i>Jamieson,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Booth (Cariboo),</i>
<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Smith.—13.</i>
<i>Holbrook,</i>			

So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

Mr. *Hughes* moved, Mr. *Armstrong* seconding, and it was

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that steps may be taken to move the Dominion Government to the immediate adoption of an Indian Policy for this Province, and a proper adjustment of Indian Reserves.

On Mr. *Smith* moving that the Petition of *J. C. Barnes* be referred to a Select Committee,

Mr. Speaker ruled the same out of Order, as being an application for public money.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Smith* seconding,—

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Resolution accepting the Canadian Tariff, for the purpose of considering a Bill to carry the same into effect.

Mr. *Ash* moved in amendment, Mr. *Smithe* seconding,—

That the words “on Monday next” be added.

Amendment put and lost, on a division. *Yeas* 10, *Nays* 13.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Booth (Cowichan),</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Booth (Cariboo),</i>
<i>Jamieson,</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Cogan.—10.</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>
<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Robinson.—13.</i>
<i>Holbrook,</i>			

Mr. *Armstrong* moved that the Order of the Day be now read.

Motion lost, on a division. *Yeas* 9, *Nays* 14.

The House went into Committee on the Customs Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been instructed to hand in the following basis of a Bill on the subject of the Customs and Excise Laws:—

“From and after the passing of this Act, the Tariff or Customs and Excise “Laws now in force in Canada shall, until it is otherwise provided by lawful “authority, be in force in and extend and apply to the Province of British Colum-  
“bia.

“This Act may be cited as the “Canada Customs Laws Adoption Act, 1872.”

Report read first time.

*Ordered*, That it be adopted, and that the Attorney-General be instructed to prepare a Bill carrying the same into effect.

Order of the Day read.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, 7th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, Mr. *Booth (Cariboo)* seconding,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to apply to the Dominion Government, to have the Water Frontages, opposite New Westminster, handed over to the said City.

Mr. *Smith* moved, in amendment, Mr. *Robson* seconding,—

That the words “a Select Committee, composed of Messieurs *Duck*, *Robson*, *Hughes*, and *Armstrong*, be appointed to consider and report” be added after “That,” and the words “be presented” be omitted.

Amendment put and carried.

Question as amended put and carried, and it was *Resolved* accordingly.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, Mr. *Mara* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That a Committee of this House be appointed for the purpose of framing a Municipal Act, in accordance with the requirements of the whole Province, and that the Committee be composed of the following gentlemen:—Messieurs *Booth* (*Cowichan*), *Robson*, *Robertson*, *Booth* (*Cariboo*), *Mara*, and *Beaven*.

Mr. *Smith* moved, Mr. *Mara* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying for a Return of all Correspondence and other papers connected with the Trail between the Mouth of Quesnel and Germansen Creek, Omineca, constructed by *J. C. Barnes*.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved, Mr. *Bunster* seconded,—

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of transmitting an Address to the Canadian Government soliciting them to pass an Act to impose certain Duties of Customs on the following articles:—Wheat, 10 cents  $\text{\textcircled{P}}$  hundred pounds; Flour, 50 cents  $\text{\textcircled{P}}$  barrel; Butter,  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents a lb; and Eggs,  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents a dozen.

Mr. Speaker ruled the question out of order as being substantially the same as one on which this House had already decided this Session.

Mr. *Humphreys* appealed against the ruling of the Chair.

On the question being put, Whether this House support the Chair, the House divided. *Yeas* 20, *Nays* 2.

So the question was ruled out of Order.

Mr. *Duck* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—

Does Section 11 of “The Homestead Ordinance, 1867,” exempt goods and chattels that have never been paid for, from forced seizure?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Duck* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—

Has the Corporation of the City of Victoria, any rights over the Water Frontages of Victoria Harbour, and, if so, in what do such rights consist?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Duck* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—

Is the “Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1868,” applicable to the present time, and, if so, who is the person appointed, under Section 6 of such Ordinance, as Inspector of Weights and Measures?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*), moved, Mr. *Armstrong* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That whereas there is reason to believe that irregularities prevailed at the late Nanaimo Election, and that such irregularities are imputed to some extent to *Warner R. Spalding*, the Returning Officer at such Election,—a Committee, to consist of Messieurs *Beaven*, *Ash*, *Robinson Booth* (*Cowichan*), and *Jamieson*, be appointed to investigate and examine, forthwith, the conduct of the said *Warner R. Spalding*, as Returning Officer at such Election; and that the Report of such Committee be laid before this House, at as early a date as possible.

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—

If it is the intention of the Government to put on the Estimates any sum of money with a view of adding a Supplementary Subsidy to the Mail Steamer about

to be put on the East Coast of this Island, in order that freight and fares to the various settlements on the route may be materially reduced?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Ash* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—  
What course the Government intends to adopt with respect to Public Lands near Ogden Point?

The Honorable the Chief Commissioner replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on the Legal Professions Bill was adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) seconding,—

That this Bill be read third time this day Six Months.

On the question being put the House divided. *Yeas* 14, *Nays* 3.

So it was carried in the affirmative and *Ordered* accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Mining Amendment Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Tolls Repeal Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Jamieson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with slight clerical Amendments.

Report read and adopted.

*Ordered* to be read third time to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Friday, 8th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Beaven* presented the Petition of certain Merchants and Traders, of *Victoria*, which having been read,

Mr. Speaker ruled the said Petition out of Order, as making application for expenditure of public money.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, Mr. *Hughes* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that full Returns, from the Supreme Court, of the disposition of all moneys derived from the Estates of Intestates and Lunatics in this Province, be sent down to this House.

Mr. *Duck* asked leave to bring in a Bill for establishing Ballot in this Province.

Mr. Speaker ruled the question out of Order, as being one on which this House had already decided this Session.

On Mr. *Armstrong* moving—

That this House do go into Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of amending Clauses 38 and 39 of "The Constitution Act, 1871," for the purpose of increasing the Indemnity of Members of the Legislative Assembly, as follows:—

\$10 a day for a Session not exceeding 30 days, and if exceeding 30 days the amount of \$500 for the Session; and 25 cents mileage for each mile between the place of residence of each Member and the place where the Session is held, reckoning such distance going and coming.

*Ordered*, That the House do go into Committee to consider the same on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Ash* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That the Honorable the Colonial Secretary be requested to furnish, for the information of this House, Estimates of the Income of the Province for the present year.

Mr. *Smith* moved, Mr. *Semlin* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will recommend to the Dominion Government, the immediate necessity of a regular Mail Service through the Kamloops, Okanagan, Spellumacheen, and Nicola Lake sections of the Yale-Lytton District; such Mail Service to connect with the different Post Offices on the general mail route between New Westminster and Cariboo.

On Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) moving that the Petition of *W. Farron* be referred to Committee of Supply.

Ruled out of Order by Mr. Speaker as asking for a grant of public money.

Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) moved, Mr. *Hughes* seconding,—

That the Petition of *Samuel Herring* be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messieurs *Booth* (*Cariboo*), *Holbrook*, *Armstrong*, *Cogan*, and *Bunster*, and that such Committee be instructed to report upon such Petition as soon as possible.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* moved in amendment, Mr. *Beaven* seconding,—

That the following Instructions be placed in the hands of the Committee, and that they do report upon the same:—

1. Ascertain whether the land referred to is reserved or not.
2. Whether the Petitioner, as lessee, is not bound by a lease from the Crown, which does not expire till 1878, or in whatever other year, and whether such lease has not been signed by him.
3. Whether the land is surveyed or not, and if this Government has the power to sell under the 11th Section of the Terms of Union with Canada.
4. Whether any and what amount of rent is due by Petitioner.

Amendment put and carried.

Original Question, as amended, put and carried, and it was *Resolved* accordingly.

Mr. *Smith* moved the following Resolution:—

That this House do go into Committee of the Whole to consider an humble Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will take under consideration the Petition of *J. C. Barnes*, for compensation in constructing a Trail from Quesnelmouth to Germansen Creek, Omineca.

Motion subsequently withdrawn by leave.

Mr. *Smithe* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province be respectfully requested to move the Dominion Government to extend the Mail Service on the East Coast of this Island, so as to have the mails carried into the Districts situated at a distance from the salt water.

Mr. *Hughes* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—

If the British Columbia Pilots are entitled to speak Vessels in the Straits of Fuca, bound to Burrard Inlet, Nanaimo, and Fraser River, and demand half rates of Pilotage for those Ports, in the event of their services being declined?

Under whose authority the Pilot Boat and local Pilot formerly stationed at Burrard Inlet was removed?

In cases of Vessels being wrecked or taking ground, while under the charge of qualified Pilots, are any enquiries made or investigations entered into; and if so, what is the nature of the same?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Duck* presented the Petition of the Mayor of *Victoria*.  
Read and *Ordered* to lie on the Table.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Lien Law Bill,

*Ordered* to be postponed till Wednesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Tolls Abolition Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Road Tolls Repeal Act, 1872."

On the Order of the Day being read for Committee of Supply,

*Ordered* to be postponed till Monday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House went into Committee to consider a Bill to remunerate Jurymen.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cogan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee recommended that leave be granted to bring in said Bill.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted to Mr. *Duck* to bring in Jurymen Emolument Bill.

On the Order of the Day being read, the Honorable the Attorney-General moved,—

That the Bill be now read second time.

Mr. *Ash* moved in amendment,—

That the Bill be read second time this day Six Months.

Amendment put and lost.

The Bill was then read second time and Committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Todd*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill with certain Amendments.

Report read first and second times.

*Ordered* to be considered on Monday.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

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Monday, 11th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*), Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to draw up and present a Report upon the Petition of *Samuel W. Herring*, brought up a Report, which was as follows:—

Your Committee having considered the Petition referred to, and having examined the Petitioner, and having also examined a lease produced by the Petitioner, bearing date the 29th May, 1868, beg to report as follows:—

That the lease referred to, made and entered into by *J. W. Trutch*, Esq., then Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, of the one part, and *Samuel Weaver Herring*, of the other part, shews that the subject matter of the Petition is wholly



out of the power of the Committee, and that therefore no action can be taken by them thereon, the parties to the lease being, in the opinion of the Committee, the only competent parties to take action in the matter.

*Ordered*, That the Report be adopted.

Mr. *Bunster* asked leave to bring in Breeding Stock Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented and read first time.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* moved that the Order of the Day be now read.

Question negatived.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to recommend to the Government of Canada, that a regular weekly Mail be established between Clinton and Dog Creek, in the Lillooet District.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) seconding,—

That the vote on the Resolution of Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*), providing for the introduction of the Ballot, be rescinded.

Motion withdrawn by leave.

Mr. *McCreight*, Chairman of Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read as follows:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the Mayor of Victoria, for aid to furnish a Supply of Water to the City of Victoria, and find that the notices have been given for the full time required by the Rules, and are sufficient.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to bring in a Bill to limit the Fees payable on the Estates of Deceased Persons, to the net proceeds of such Estates, after providing for the payment of the debts of the deceased, and to allow a refund in all cases where an over payment has been made under this head.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved, Mr. *Jamieson* seconding,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Excellency may be pleased to send down, for the information of this House, the Returns of all money expended for Repairs, Furniture, Water, Fuel, Light, Planting Grounds, Salary of Gardener and assistance, Fencing, Stables, and Outhouses, and all Incidental Expenses connected with the Government Houses at Victoria and New Westminster, since their first establishment.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* moved in amendment,—

That the words "since their establishment" be left out, and the words "for the years 1870 and 1871" be substituted.

Motion subsequently withdrawn by leave.

Mr. *Duck* asked leave to bring in Water Supply Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted and Bill now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly, and referred to Select Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. *Hughes* moved, Mr. *Armstrong* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, asking for Returns to be sent down to this House of the amount derived from the Sale of Lands in all the Districts in this Province, during the year 1871.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, Mr. *Hughes* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he may be pleased to move the Dominion Government, that a Mail Service may be established, three times a week, between Victoria and New Westminster; a service, twice a week, from New Westminster to Yale; the establishment of Post Offices as follows, viz.:—at Granville, and Moody, Dietz, & Nelson's Mills, Burrard Inlet; also at the head of Sumass Lake, Chilliwack Settlement, and at St. Mary's Mission, Fraser River, with a Mail, twice a week, from Miller's Landing to head of Sumass Lake; and also a daily Mail from New Westminster to Hastings, Granville, and Moody, Dietz, and Nelson's Mill, Burrard Inlet.

Mr. *Semlin* moved, Mr. *Robson* seconding,—

That Section 1 in "The Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1871," be amended by adding "any Member of the House of Commons of Canada" after word "designation" in said Section.

Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)* moved in amendment, Mr. *Smithe* seconding,—

That "The Qualification and Registration of Voters Act" be referred to a Select Committee for amendment, and that the said Committee be instructed to introduce the Ballot into the Act, as a measure of voting at all Elections held in this Province.

Amendment withdrawn by leave.

On the Original Question being put the House divided. Yeas 11, Nays 12.

And the names having been called for, they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>
<i>Holbrook,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Duck.—11.</i>
<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Booth (Cariboo),</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Booth (Cowichan),</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>
<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Jamieson,</i>	<i>Cogan.—12.</i>

So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

Mr. *Ash* moved, Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will furnish, for the information of this House, a detailed account of the Income and Expenditure of the Province, during the period from the 21st July to 31st December, 1871.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—How much of the \$6,000 appropriated last year for Surveys throughout the Province has been expended, and what surveys have been made, and in what Districts; what salary paid to Surveyors per day, when employed by the day, and what per month, when employed by the month?

The Honorable the Chief Commissioner replied.

Mr. *Ash* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—Why persons of colour are never summoned to serve as Jurymen?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Hughes* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, If the Rents exacted by the Government from parties residing on Lands at Burrard Inlet, prior to the Government Sale of Lots at that place, were in all cases the same; if any reductions were made in certain cases, in respect to different indi-

viduals? if so, why were such reductions made, and the full amount exacted in others?

The Honorable the Chief Commissioner replied.

Mr. *Mara* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Are Settlers who pre-empted 160 acres of land under the "Land Ordinance, 1865," still entitled to purchase 480 acres of land adjoining their Pre-emption Claim?

The Honorable the Chief Commissioner replied.

Mr. *Robson* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—Has it come to the knowledge of the Government that United States Tug-Steamers are in the habit of engaging in towing in British Columbia waters, in contravention of the laws in that behalf made and provided?

Is it the intention of the Government to permit a continuance of that practice?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

7.50 P.M.

The Report of the Jury Verdict Bill adopted, and the Bill read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be "The British Columbia Jury Act, 1872."

On the Order of the Day being read for the House to go into Committee on the Tariff Bill,

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, That the Bill based on the Report of a Committee of the Whole House be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly, and *Ordered* to be read second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee on the Mining Amendment Bill.

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

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

On the Order of the Day being read for Committee of Supply,

*Ordered* to be postponed till Thursday.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Public Enquiry Bill was read second time, and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Todd*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without Amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time, and *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be "The Public Enquiries Aid Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the School Bill was read second time and Committed.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 12 o'clock midnight.

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Tuesday, 12th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Duck*, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to consider and submit an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that the

Water Frontages at New Westminster may be given over by the Dominion Government to the Municipality of that City, brought up a Report as follows:—

To His Excellency the Honorable JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request that Your Excellency will be pleased to make application to the Dominion Government, that the Water Frontages at New Westminster may be handed over to the Municipality of that City, whenever the following conditions have been fulfilled:—

1. That the City shall be properly incorporated:

2. That in the event of the City requiring possession of any wharf or wharves, or other property, now in possession of private parties, the said City shall, before such wharf or wharves, or other property, come into their possession, give a fair compensation for the same, to be determined in the following manner:—The City to appoint one arbitrator, the party in possession to appoint another, and in the event of disagreement, the two arbitrators to appoint an umpire, whose decision shall be final.

*Ordered*, That the Report be adopted.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that the Dominion Government may be requested, in granting any subsidy for the Mail Service on the East Coast of this Island, to make it a condition that any steamer to which such subsidy may be granted shall be required to carry freight and passengers at one-half, or thereabouts, the rates at present charged on the Government steamer; and asking that the rates now charged on the Government steamer may meanwhile be reduced one-half or thereabouts.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable Members to vote in Committee on the Indemnity to be given to Members of the House.

*Ordered*, That the Standing Orders be suspended.

Suspended accordingly.

Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) moved, Mr. *Smithe* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That whereas recent discoveries in the northern part of British Columbia give good reason to believe that extensive mining operations will shortly be established in that region, and whereas the boundary line between the adjoining Territory of Alaska and the said Province of British Columbia has never been properly defined, and whereas it will materially assist in maintaining peace, order, and good government within the said Province, to have the boundary line properly laid down, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he may take such steps as may call the attention of the Dominion Government to the necessity of some action being taken at an early date to have the boundary line defined.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved, Mr. *Smithe* seconding,

That whereas the present mode of repairing and maintaining the Public Roads in this Province is unsatisfactory, irregular, and expensive in its results; be it therefore *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he may be pleased to order that all repairs and maintenance required on the Public Roads of this Province be done by contract.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* moved in amendment, the Honorable Mr. *McCreight* seconding,—

That all words after "That" be left out, and the following substituted:—

“a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the charges made by the Member for Lillooet (Mr. *Humphreys*) that certain men, whose names shall be ascertained, employed by the Government on the Waggon Roads in the upper country have been paid for work which they have never done, and have defrauded the Government, with power to call for persons and papers.”

Amendment put and carried.

Committee appointed by vote as follows:—Messieurs *Walkem, Booth (Cowichan), Smith, Hunter, Booth (Cariboo), and Ash.*

Mr. *Bunster* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—

Whether, in his opinion, all the Water Frontages at the extreme ends of the Streets of this City should not be open to the public?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House went into Committee to consider the Indemnity to Members attending the House.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution for the consideration of the House:—

That, in the opinion of this House, the Indemnity to Members of this House should be increased as follows, viz.:—

\$8 a day for a Session not exceeding thirty days, and if exceeding thirty days the amount of \$500 for the Session, and with 25 cents mileage for each mile between the place of residence of each Member and the place where the Session is held, reckoning such distance going and coming; and that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, praying him to send down a Bill to this House for the purpose, immediately; and that a sum be placed on the Estimates to meet the requirements of this Resolution.

*Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

Mr. *McCreight* moved the second reading of the Tariff Adoption Bill.

Mr. *Bunster* moved, in amendment, That the Bill be read second time this day six months.

On the Amendment being put the House divided. *Yeas 5, Nays 12.*

So it was lost and the Bill was read second time.

On motion being made That this Bill be now Committed,—

Mr. *Ash* moved That the Committee be instructed to insert a provision that the Bill shall not come into operation till 1st April.

Debate adjourned till to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 13th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight*, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented to the House the Second Report of said Committee, which was read as follows:—

Your Committee have considered the Petition of *John Robertson Stewart*, for a Bill to confirm him in possession of certain lands held by him at Quatsino, and recommend that the Notice published in the Government Gazette be held sufficient, and that the Standing Orders be suspended as regards the requirements for the Notice to be published in a newspaper as well, such Notice having been inadvertently omitted, and it being too late to remedy the omission.

*Ordered*, That the Report be adopted.

Mr. *Robson* asked leave to bring in Quatsino Land Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented and read first time.

Referred to Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker as follows:—

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor presents for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, copies of the correspondence in reference to a claim made by the Representative of the Queen Charlotte Coal Mining Co., for the premium of £500 offered by the Government of British Columbia, by notice in the Government Gazette dated 2nd June, 1864, for the first 200 tons of Coal produced from any mine within the then Colony of British Columbia, and shipped to any foreign port, and invites the expression of the opinion of the Members of the Assembly on the question of the payment of this claim.

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The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* moved, the Honorable Mr. *McCreight* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That the matter of the claim of the Liquidators of the Queen Charlotte Coal Mining Company, Limited, for a bonus of £500 be referred to a Select Committee to report upon the question whether the said Company has complied with the terms of the Proclamation offering such bonus, and that such Committee do consist of Messieurs *Hunter*, *Walkem*, *Semlin*, *Booth*, (*Cariboo*), and *Hughes*.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table a Return to an Address of the House for papers connected with the condition of the Gaol and Prisoners at New Westminster.

Mr. *Smithe* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding,—

That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, be respectfully requested to instruct the Honorable the Attorney-General to introduce a Bill to this House having for its object an amendment of the Road Act, so as to include the Mainland of this Province in all the provisions of that Act.

On the question being put the House divided. Yeas 11, Nays 11.

Which being a tie vote, Mr. Speaker cast his vote with the Yeas.

So it was carried in the affirmative and *Resolved* accordingly.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Robertson</i> ,	<i>Beaven</i> ,	<i>Bunster</i> ,	<i>Smithe</i> ,
<i>McCreight</i> ,	<i>Hughes</i> ,	<i>Booth</i> , ( <i>Cowichan</i> ),	<i>Cogan</i> ,
<i>Holbrook</i> ,	<i>Duck</i> ,	<i>Ash</i> ,	<i>Mr. Speaker</i> .—12

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Todd</i> ,	<i>Semlin</i> ,	<i>Smith</i> ,	<i>Humphreys</i> ,
<i>Hunter</i> ,	<i>Mara</i> ,	<i>Armstrong</i> ,	<i>Jamieson</i> .—11.
<i>Robinson</i> ,	<i>Robson</i> ,	<i>Booth</i> , ( <i>Cariboo</i> ),	

Mr. *Bunster* asked leave to introduce a Bill to prohibit all waggons, drays, or carts from being allowed to haul wood or other loads, over one ton, on the roads



in Victoria and Esquimalt Districts, except the said waggon tires are five inches in width; farmers to be exempt.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

The said Bill was presented and read first time.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Mara* moved, Mr. *Beaven* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee, consisting of Messieurs *Walkem*, *Booth* (*Cariboo*), *Robson*, *Semlin*, and *Mara*, be appointed to enquire into what lands, mineral and agricultural, have been pre-empted and sold within this Province since 1870, with power to examine witnesses and call for persons and papers.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, Mr. *Robson* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Return may be sent down to this House of all correspondence connected with the Vancouver Island Real Estate Taxes, from the 1st January, 1871, down to the present time, between the Government and parties claiming a return or refund of taxes, or pointing out errors in the Tax List, or applying to have the taxes removed from the list on the ground of payment.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Beaven* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a Report of the Hospitals at Victoria and New Westminster, shewing the number of patients and the diseases for which they have been treated, the number received and discharged during the past year, a statement of receipts and expenditure during the same period, together with any recommendations for increasing the comfort and efficiency of said institutions.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*), seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a Report from the Gold Commissioner on the Omineca Country; such Report, among other things, to embrace an estimate of the population, the yield of the mines, the amount of Revenue collected, the probable extent and productiveness of the mines, together with any suggestion as to the best means of facilitating communication with the same, and the probable amount requisite for trails leading to that Country for the ensuing season.

Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—If it is his intention to introduce a Bill, this Session, for the creation of a Court of Appeal for this Province?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

According to Order, the Report of the Mining Bill was brought up.

*Ordered* to be adopted, and that the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be "The Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1872."

According to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion to go into Committee on the Tariff Bill was resumed.

Mr. *Ash* withdrew, by leave, his Amendment for an instruction to Committee.

The House went into Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with an Amendment to the Preamble.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Lien Law Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the Committal of the School Bill.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Section 2, line 1, strike out "That commencing" and "March," and insert "April."

Section 2, lines 1 and 2, strike out "and" to "year."

Section 2, line 5, fill blank with "forty," and after "purposes" insert "and in each subsequent year such sums shall be set apart as aforesaid as may be voted by the Legislative Assembly for the purposes aforesaid."

Section 4, line 6, strike out "fifteen hundred," and insert "two thousand."

Section 4, at end, insert "Provided, always, that no person shall be eligible for Superintendent unless he has been an experienced and successful Teacher of at least five years' standing, and holds a first class certificate from some College, School, or Board of Examination in some other Province or Country where a Public School system has been in operation."

Section 7, sub-section 11, line 3, substitute "may" for "shall."

Section 9, sub-section 9, line 6, after "Schools," insert "to be transmitted."

Section 19, line 7, substitute "three" for "their."

Section 20, line 1, after "elected," insert "at the first annual school meeting in any District."

Section 29, line 1, after "notices," insert "or from any other cause."

Section 32, line 3, substitute "voters" for "tax-payers."

After Section 33, add new Section as follows:—"34. No person shall be appointed as a Teacher in any Public School, unless he shall hold a first, second, or third class certificate of qualification from the Board of Education."

Section 35, line 5, after "Legislature," insert "and others interested in education."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11 p.m.

Thursday, 14th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Semlin* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that copies of instructions to the Delegate who represented this Province at the Immigration Conference held at Ottawa, last summer, together with the Report of the said Delegate, and all papers and correspondence touching the same, may be laid before this House.

Mr. *Ash* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that all correspondence relating to the construction of a Trail from the Forks of Skeena River to Babine Lake, or to Tatlah Lake, and the claim of *J. W. Moore* in respect thereof, be sent down to this House.

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—

Whether steps had been taken to reduce the Court Fees payable in the Supreme and County Courts; and if so, what are the nature of the reductions proposed?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table a Return of all correspondence connected with the construction of a Trail from Germansen Creek to the Mouth of Quesnel.

According to Order, the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on the Tariff Bill was adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* seconding, That the Bill be now read third time.

Mr. *Ash* moved in amendment, Mr. *Robson* seconding,—  
That it be read third time on the 23rd instant.

Amendment put and lost, on a division. Yeas 6, Nays 17.

Original Question put and carried.

And the Bill was read third time, and *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be "The Canada Customs Laws Adoption Act, 1872."

According to Order the Report on the School Bill was read and adopted.  
*Ordered*, That the Bill be read third time to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for Committee of Supply,  
*Ordered* to be postponed till Tuesday next.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Tax Sale Relief Bill,

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Beaven* seconding,—

That the Tax List Enabling Bill be referred, for a Report, to a Select Committee, consisting of Messieurs *Robson*, *Smith*, *Ash*, *Booth* (*Cariboo*), *Humphreys*, *Beaven*, and *Robertson*, with power to call for persons and papers.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Officers' Security Bill was read second time, and *Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

The House resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bill.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Monday.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor acquaints the Legislative Assembly that he has referred for the consideration of his Responsible Advisers, the Address to him of their Honorable House, this day received, requesting him to send down to the House a Bill increasing the Indemnity of Members of the Legislative Assembly, and asking that the sum necessary to meet that requirement be placed on the Estimates.

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The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.