

Monday, 20th February, 1899.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. D. Barber*.

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

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 87) intituled “An Act to provide for the Government of portions of the Province under Special Conditions.”

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 88) intituled “An Act to provide for the Settlement of Disputes as to Mining Claims in the Bennett Lake and Atlin Lake Mining Divisions.”

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 89) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipalities Incorporation Act.’”

By the Hon. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 90) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Liquor Traffic Regulation Act.’”

By Mr. *Henderson*—Bill (No. 91) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Over-holding Tenants Act.’”

By Mr. *R. Smith*—Bill (No. 92) intituled “An Act further to amend the ‘Provincial Elections Act’ by extending to Women the Franchise of Voting.”

On the motion of Mr. *Helgesen*, seconded by Major-General *Kinchant*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the number of Chinese and the number of Japanese that have become naturalized British subjects in the Province of British Columbia up to the present time.

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

What method does the Government intend to adopt for the sale of lots in the *Atlin* Townsite? Will a public landing be reserved?

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

“The questions of the Hon. Senior Member for Cassiar trench upon the policy of the Government. Such policy I am not at the present time prepared to develop.”

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 20th, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

We have considered Bill (No. 66), “An Act to Incorporate the Atlin Southern Railway Company,” and herewith report the preamble of the said Bill proved, and beg leave to submit the said Bill with amendments.

ROBERT MACPHERSON,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Hon. Mr. *Cotton* presented a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, and the County Court Judges of this Province, and between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government, relative to the non-payment of the salary as Stipendiary Magistrates heretofore paid by the Province to each of the said County Court Judges.

Order of the Day read for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

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

“That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.”

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

The Report on Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Provincial Elections Act,’” was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Counties Definition Act,’” be not now read a third time, but be referred back to the Committee of the Whole, with instructions to strike out the word “Saamich,” in the fifth line of sub-section (2) of section 2, as enacted by section 2 thereof, and substituting therefor the word “Shawnigan”; and by striking out the word “north-east,” in the third line of sub-section (3) of section 2, as enacted by section 3 thereof, and substituting therefor the word “north-west.”

Bill recommitted accordingly.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 65) intituled “An Act to make Special Provisions with regard to the City of Sandou,” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) intituled “An Act relating to Replevin,” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 68) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘County Courts Act,’” was committed.

Bill reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Helmcken* presented a Petition from *W. W. Walsh* and others, law students of the Province, opposing passage of Bill No. 73, to amend the “Legal Professions Act.”

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Bill (No. 73) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Legal Professions Act,’” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 76) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Dyking Act, 1898,’” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 77) intituled “An Act to provide for Special Surveys.”

Bill (No. 78) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trustees and Executors Act.’”

Bill (No. 79) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act.’”

Bill (No. 80) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act.’”

Bill (No. 70) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Succession Duty Act.’”

Bill (No. 71) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Assessment Act.’”

Bill (No. 72) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Revenue Tax Act.’”

The Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Pine Creek Flume Company, Limited," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. *Jos. Martin* presented the Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages of the Province.

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

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

Tuesday, 21st February, 1899.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. D. Barber*.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion "That I do leave the Chair," for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply, was resumed.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House then went into Committee of Supply, with Mr. *Higgins* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$242,123.43 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Interest, to 30th June, 1900.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$104,566.88 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Sinking Fund, to 30th June, 1900.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Premium and Exchange, to 30th June, 1900.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,140 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Discount and Commission, to 30th June, 1900.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Redemption of Debentures, to 30th June, 1900.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Lieutenant-Governor's Office, to 30th June, 1900.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,560 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Premier's Office, to 30th June, 1900.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,262 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Provincial Secretary's Department, to 30th June, 1900.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Department of Mines, to 30th June, 1900.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Department of Finance and Agriculture, to 30th June, 1900.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,080 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Lands and Works Department, to 30th June, 1900.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,440 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Attorney-General's Department, to 30th June, 1900.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Assessors and Collectors, to 30th June, 1900.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,720 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Timber Inspectors, to 30th June, 1900.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,140 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Legislative Library, to 30th June, 1900.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Temporary Assistance, to 30th June, 1900.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,140 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Administrative Staff, Cowichan Agency, to 30th June, 1900.

18. *Resolved*, That sum not exceeding \$1,620 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Administrative Staff, Alberni Agency, to 30th June, 1900.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,080 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Administrative Staff, Comox Agency, to 30th June, 1900.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,060 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Administrative Staff, Nanaimo Agency, to 30th June, 1900.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,920 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Administrative Staff, New Westminster Agency, to 30th June, 1900.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Administrative Staff, East Kootenay Agencies, to 30th June, 1900.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,720 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Administrative Staff, West Kootenay Agencies, to 30th June, 1900.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,060 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Administrative Staff, Cariboo Agency, to 30th June, 1900.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,380 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Administrative Staff, Cassiar Agencies, to 30th June, 1900.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,040 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Administrative Staff, Kamloops Agency, to 30th June, 1900.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Administrative Staff, Vernon Agency, to 30th June, 1900.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,740 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Administrative Staff, Osoyoos-Kettle River Agency, to 30th June, 1900.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Administrative Staff, Clinton Agency, to 30th June, 1900.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,080 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Mining Recording Offices, to 30th June, 1900.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,180 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Supreme and County Courts, to 30th June, 1900.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Land Registry Offices, to 30th June, 1900.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Stipendiary Magistrates, to 30th June, 1900.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$58,460 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Provincial Police, to 30th June, 1900.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$840 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Juvenile Reformatory, to 30th June, 1900.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,712 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Administrative Staff, Victoria Gaol, to 30th June, 1900.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,842 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Administrative Staff, New Westminster Gaol, to 30th June, 1900.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,612 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Administrative Staff, Nanaimo Gaol, to 30th June, 1900.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,632 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Administrative Staff, Nelson Gaol, to 30th June, 1900.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,560 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Administrative Staff, Kamloops Gaol, to 30th June, 1900.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,225 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Mr. Speaker, \$1,000; Clerk of the House, \$600; Sergeant at Arms, \$250; Messenger, \$175; five Pages, \$200, to 30th June, 1900.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Indemnity to Members (38 @ \$600), to 30th June, 1900.

The Chairman reported the Resolutions.

Report to be received to-morrow.

Committee to sit again this evening.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock, to meet again at 8:30 P. M.

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

House again in Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Mileage, to 30th June, 1900.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Registration of Voters and Revision of Voters' Lists, to 30th June, 1900.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Expenses of Elections, to 30th June, 1900.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Contingent Fund, to 30th June, 1900.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Journals and Statutes Binding, to 30th June, 1900.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,820 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Printing Office, Victoria, to 30th June, 1900.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Bureau of Mines, to 30th June, 1900.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,460 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Provincial Museum, to 30th June, 1900.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$61,810 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Hospital for the Insane, New Westminster, to 30th June, 1900.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,520 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Provincial Home, Kamloops, to 30th June, 1900.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Grant to Hospitals on basis of \$500 to each, and 50 cents per diem for actual treatment of every patient, to 30th June, 1900.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Refuge Home, Victoria, to 30th June, 1900.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, In aid of Resident Physician at Ashcroft, to 30th June, 1900.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, In aid of Resident Physician at Nicola, to 30th June, 1900.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, In aid of Resident Physician lower part of Cariboo District, to 30th June, 1900.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, In aid of Resident Physician, 150-Mile House, to 30th June, 1900.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, In aid of Resident Physician at Salt Spring Island, to 30th June, 1900.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, In aid of Resident Physician, West Coast, to 30th June, 1900.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, In aid of educating the deaf and dumb, to 30th June, 1900.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, In aid of destitute poor and sick, to 30th June, 1900.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Summoning and paying Jurors and Witnesses, to 30th June, 1900.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Prosecution and Interpreters, to 30th June, 1900.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Expenses of Inquests, to 30th June, 1900.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Rewards, to 30th June, 1900.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Keep of Prisoners, to 30th June, 1900.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Rents, to 30th June, 1900.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Special Constables, to 30th June, 1900.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Transport of Constables and Prisoners, to 30th June, 1900.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Medical attendance at gaols, to 30th June, 1900.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Sheriffs' fees, to 30th June, 1900.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Constitutional litigation and general law costs, to 30th June, 1900.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Telegrams, to 30th June, 1900.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Transport of Lunatics and Keepers, to 30th June, 1900.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Miscellaneous, to 30th June, 1900.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,560 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Education Office, to 30th June, 1900.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Capitation Grant, to 30th June, 1900.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$215,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Teachers' Salaries, to 30th June, 1900.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Incidental expenses of schools (including rent, &c.), to 30th June, 1900.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Transport, Charges on Remittances, to 30th June, 1900.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Transport, Travelling Expenses of Officers on duty, to 30th June, 1900.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Revenue Services, Commission, Courts of Appeal, Travelling Expenses and Miscellaneous, to 30th June, 1900.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, Victoria, to 30th June, 1900.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, New Westminster, to 30th June, 1900.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, Vancouver, to 30th June, 1900.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, Nanaimo, to 30th June, 1900.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, Yale District, North Riding, to 30th June, 1900.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, Yale District, East Riding, to 30th June, 1900.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, Yale District, West Riding, to 30th June, 1900.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, Lillooet District, to 30th June, 1900.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, Cariboo District, to 30th June, 1900.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, East Kootenay District, North Riding, to 30th June, 1900.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, East Kootenay District, South Riding, to 30th June, 1900.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, West Kootenay District, Revelstoke Riding, to 30th June, 1900.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, West Kootenay District, Nelson Riding, to 30th June, 1900.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, West Kootenay District, Slocan Riding, to 30th June, 1900.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, Cowichan District, to 30th June, 1900.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, Alberni District, to 30th June, 1900.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, Comox District, to 30th June, 1900.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Provincial Home, Kamloops (sundry requirements), to 30th June, 1900.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Hospital for the Insane (sundry requirements), to 30th June, 1900.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Furniture for Government Offices throughout the Province, to 30th June, 1900.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Improvement of Government Reserves, to 30th June, 1900.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Gaol at Victoria (repairs), to 30th June, 1900.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Gaol at New Westminster (repairs), to 30th June, 1900.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Gaol at Nelson (repairs), to 30th June, 1900.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Gaol at Kamloops (repairs), to 30th June, 1900.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Government Buildings at Atlin and other places in North Cassiar, to 30th June, 1900.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Lock-ups, to 30th June, 1900.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public Schools throughout the Province (construction and repairs), to 30th June, 1900.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Government House, Victoria), Repairs to Building, to 30th June, 1900.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Government House, Victoria), Furniture, to 30th June, 1900.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Government House, Victoria), Fuel and Light, to 30th June, 1900.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Government House, Victoria), Water, to 30th June, 1900.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Government House, Victoria), Improving Grounds, to 30th June, 1900.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Government House, Victoria), Fencing, to 30th June, 1900.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Government House, Victoria), Gardener, to 30th June, 1900.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$148.50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Government House, Victoria), Miscellaneous (including rent Fairfield Estate, \$48.50), to 30th June, 1900.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Road Superintendents, to 30th June, 1900.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), North Victoria District, to 30th June, 1900.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), South Victoria District, to 30th June, 1900.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Esquimalt District, to 30th June, 1900.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Cowichan District, to 30th June, 1900.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Alberni District, to 30th June, 1900.

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), North Nanaimo District, to 30th June, 1900.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), South Nanaimo District, to 30th June, 1900.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Nanaimo City District (not in municipal limits), to 30th June, 1900.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Comox District, to 30th June, 1900.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Westminster District, to 30th June, 1900.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Yale District, North Riding, to 30th June, 1900.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Yale District, East Riding, to 30th June, 1900.

133. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Yale District, West Riding, to 30th June, 1900.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Lillooet District, East Riding, to 30th June, 1900.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Lillooet District, West Riding, to 30th June, 1900.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Cariboo District, to 30th June, 1900.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), East Kootenay District, North Division, to 30th June, 1900.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), East Kootenay District, South Division, to 30th June, 1900.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), West Kootenay District, Revelstoke Riding, to 30th June, 1900.

140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), West Kootenay District, Slocan Riding, to 30th June, 1900.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), West Kootenay District, Nelson Riding, to 30th June, 1900.

142. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), West Kootenay District, Rossland Riding, to 30th June, 1900.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Cassiar District (including \$5,000 for Atlin and Lake Bennett section), to 30th June, 1900.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Cariboo Main Trunk Road (Sections 1 and 2, \$3,000; Sections 3 and 4, \$8,000; Sections 5 and 6, \$13,000), to 30th June, 1900.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Victoria-Nanaimo Trunk Road (Goldstream Division, \$500; Cowichan Division, \$1,000), to 30th June, 1900.

146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Nanaimo-Alberni Trunk Road, to 30th June, 1900.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Nanaimo-Comox Trunk Road (completion and repairs), to 30th June, 1900.

148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Road, Otter Point extension (including Coal Creek bridge), to 30th June, 1900.

149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Road, Goldstream (completion), to 30th June, 1900.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Road from Duncan to Cowichan Lake (repairs), to 30th June, 1900.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Road, West Fork of Kettle River (construction), to 30th June, 1900.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Road, Main Kettle River (construction), to 30th June, 1900.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Road, 150-Mile House to Quesnelle Forks, to 30th June, 1900.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Road, 150-Mile House to Horsefly, to 30th June, 1900.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Road, from Forks to Keithley Creek, to 30th June, 1900.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Road to Fire Valley and Galena Bay, to 30th June, 1900.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Road, Ucluelet (from Spring's wharf), to 30th June, 1900.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Trail, Ucluelet-Clayoquot, to 30th June, 1900.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Trail, Bear River, Clayoquot, to 30th June, 1900.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Bridge, Courtney (Comox District), to 30th June, 1900.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Ferry Subsidy, Soda Creek, to 30th June, 1900.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Ferry Subsidy, Chimney Creek, to 30th June, 1900.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Ferry Subsidy, Canoe Creek, to 30th June, 1900.

164. *Resolved*, that a sum not exceeding \$900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Ferry Subsidy, Thompson River (Kamloops), to 30th June, 1900.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Ferry Subsidy, Savona, to 30th June, 1900.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Ferry Subsidy, Spence's Bridge, to 30th June, 1900.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Ferry Subsidy, Fraser River (near 20-Mile Post, Pavilion), to 30th June, 1900.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Surveys throughout the Province, to 30th June, 1900.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Advertising, to 30th June, 1900.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Stationery, to 30th June, 1900.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Postage and Expressage, to 30th June, 1900.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Telegrams, to 30th June, 1900.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fuel and Light, to 30th June, 1900.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Library, Legislative, to 30th June, 1900.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Library, Departmental, to 30th June, 1900.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Library, Travelling, to 30th June, 1900.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Refunds, to 30th June, 1900.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Premium on Guarantee Bonds, to 30th June, 1900.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Victoria (for six months ending December 31st, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Nanaimo (for six months ending December 31st, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, New Westminster (for six months ending 31st December, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

182. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Vancouver (for six months ending December 31st, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Barkerville (for six months ending December 31st, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

184. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Kamloops (for six months ending December 31st, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

185. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Donald (for six months ending December 31st, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Golden (for six months ending December 31st, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

187. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Nelson (for six months ending December 31st, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Vernon (for six months ending December 31st 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

189. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Rossland (for six months ending December 31st, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

190. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Revelstoke (for six months ending December 31st, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

191. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Kaslo (for six months ending December 31st, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

192. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Union (for six months ending December 31st, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

193. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Quesnelle (for six months ending December 31st, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

194. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Steveston (for six months ending December 31st, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

195. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Wellington (for six months ending 31st December, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

196. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Trail (for six months ending December 31st, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

197. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Fort Steele (for six months ending December 31st, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

198. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Sandon (for six months ending December 31st, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

199. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Grand Forks (for six months ending December 31st, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

200. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fire Department, Ashcroft (for six months ending December 31st, 1899), to 30th June, 1900.

201. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Agricultural Societies, to 30th June, 1900.

202. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Fruit Growers' Association, to 30th June, 1900.

203. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Dairymen's Association, to 30th June, 1900.

204. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, In aid of Farmers' Institutes, to 30th June, 1900.

205. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Telephone Service, to 30th June, 1900.

206. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, British Columbia Agricultural Association, in aid of an Exhibition, to 30th June, 1900.

207. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society of British Columbia, in aid of an Exhibition, to 30th June, 1900.

208. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Destruction of Wolves, Panthers and Coyotes, to 30th June, 1900.

209. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, In aid of Militia, to 30th June, 1900.

210. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, In aid of Provincial Rifle Association, to 30th June, 1900.

211. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Board of Examiners, "Land Surveyors' Act," to 30th June, 1900.

212. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Board of Horticulture (travelling expenses, etc.), to 30th June, 1900.

213. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, In aid of Communication with Remote Settlements, to 30th June, 1900.

214. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Lithographing Maps, to 30th June, 1900.

215. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Provincial Board of Health, including Salaries (Act 1893), to 30th June, 1900.

216. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Poultry Shows, to 30th June, 1900.

217. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Provincial Exhibit at Paris Exhibition, to 30th June, 1900.

218. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Contingencies for Atlin and Bennett Districts, to 30th June, 1900.

219. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Miscellaneous not detailed, to 30th June, 1900.

220. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Superannuation, G. Cowan, 12 months @ \$20 = \$240; C. H. F. Blake, 12 months @ \$25 = \$300; T. H. Giffin, 12 months @ \$35 = \$420; B. Evans, 12 months @ \$40 = \$480; J. D. Campbell, 12 months @ \$30 = \$360, to 30th June, 1900.

221. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Agent-General, London (Office contingencies), to 30th June, 1900.

222. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Immigration, Miscellaneous Requirements, to 30th June, 1900.

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Interest (additional to \$4,000 voted), to 30th June, 1899.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$690 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Revenue Service, Nanaimo, to 30th June, 1899.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,550 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Administrative, Cassiar District, to 30th June, 1899.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Bureau of Mines, to 30th June, 1899.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Hospital for the Insane, to 30th June, 1899.

67A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Hospital Fort Steele, to 30th June, 1899.

67B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Hospital (Mater Misericordiae) Rossland, to 30th June, 1899.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justices (other than Salaries), Summoning and paying Jurors and Witnesses, to 30th June, 1899.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Prosecution and Interpreters, to 30th June, 1899.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Expenses of Inquests, to 30th June, 1899.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Keep of Prisoners, to 30th June, 1899.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Rents, to 30th June, 1899.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Special Constables, to 30th June, 1899.

93A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Thompson River litigation, to 30th June, 1899.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$360 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, South Victoria District, to 30th June, 1899.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$840 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Westminster District, to 30th June, 1899.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$360 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Yale District, to 30th June, 1899.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,230 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, West Kootenay District, to 30th June, 1899.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,280 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, East Kootenay District, to 30th June, 1899.

Schedule. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Unforeseen Contingencies, to 30th June, 1899.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Transport, Charges on Remittances, to 30th June, 1899.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Asylum for the Insane, to 30th June, 1899.

133. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Improvement of Government Reserves, to 30th June, 1899.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Court House, Rossland, to 30th June, 1899.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Court House, Nelson, to 30th June, 1899.

139D. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Court House, New Westminster (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1899.

139E. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Court House, Victoria (alterations), to 30th June, 1899.

139F. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Land Registry Office, Victoria, to 30th June, 1899.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Lock-up at Cascade, to 30th June, 1899.

150A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Lock-up at Cranbrook, to 30th June, 1899.

152C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Recorder's Office and Lock-up, Stickine River, to 30th June, 1899.

152E. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Recorder's Office and Lock-up, Lake Bennett, to 30th June, 1899.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$175 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Fairview, to 30th June, 1899.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$658 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Nelson, to 30th June, 1899.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$177 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Revelstoke, to 30th June, 1899.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$81 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, North Bend, to 30th June, 1899.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$355 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Lillooet, to 30th June, 1899.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Ashcroft, to 30th June, 1899.

176A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Wardner, to 30th June, 1899.

176H. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$130 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Trout Lake, to 30th June, 1899.

176K. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$834 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Golden (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1899.

176L. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Alert Bay (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1899.

176M. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Cascade City (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1899.

176N. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Cranbrook (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1899.

176O. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Fernie (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1899.

176P. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Harrison Hot Springs (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1899.

176Q. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Nelson (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1899.

176R. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$850 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Peachland (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1899.

176S. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Slocan City (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1899.

176r. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Silverton (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1899.

176u. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Wellington (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1899.

176v. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Grand Forks (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1899.

176w. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Elk Lake (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1899.

176x. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Campbell Creek (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1899.

176y. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Revelstoke, addition, (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1899.

176z. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Southfield (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1899.

176AA. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Greenwood City (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1899.

176BB. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Sandon (purchase of building, \$1,000; addition, \$1,000), to 30th June, 1899.

176CC. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Columbia, to 30th June, 1899.

176DD. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, New Denver, to 30th June, 1899.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public Schools throughout the Province (additional to \$5,000 voted), to 30th June, 1899.

177A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Protection Works, Quesnelle Forks, to 30th June, 1899.

177B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Protection Works, Columbia River at Revelstoke, to 30th June, 1899.

177C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Parliament Buildings), completion of building and furniture, to 30th June, 1899.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Government House, Victoria), Repairs to Building (additional to \$500 voted), to 30th June, 1899.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Government House, Victoria), furniture, to 30th June, 1899.

192. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Comox District, to 30th June, 1899.

200. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), East Kootenay District, North Division, to 30th June, 1899.

202. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), West Kootenay District, North Riding, to 30th June, 1899.

203. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), West Kootenay District, South Riding, to 30th June, 1899.

204. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Cassiar District (Atlin and Lake Bennett sections), to 30th June, 1899.

211A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), South Vancouver Trunk Road, to 30th June, 1899.

230. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Road, Lillooet-Lytton, to 30th June, 1899.

245F. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Road, Revelstoke to Canyon of Columbia River, to 30th June, 1899.

254. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Road at Gorge, Victoria, to 30th June, 1899.

255. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Bridge, Nanaimo River, to 30th June, 1899.

259. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Bridge, Spallumcheen River at Mara, to 30th June, 1899.

260C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Bridge, Fish Creek, Lardeau, to 30th June, 1899.

260D. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Bridge, Elk River, East Kootenay (completion), to 30th June, 1899.

269C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Wharf at San Juan (repairs), to 30th June, 1899.

278B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Trail, Telegraph Creek to Teslin Lake, to 30th June, 1899.

278C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$450 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Soda Creek Ferry, new scow, to 30th June, 1899.

278D. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Spence's Bridge Ferry, new scow, to 30th June, 1899.

285. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Library, Legislative, to 30th June, 2899.

287. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Library, Travelling, to 30th June, 1899.

289A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Refund of payments on lands withdrawn from sale, to 30th June, 1899.

319. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society of British Columbia, in aid of an Exhibition (additional to \$4,000 voted), to 30th June, 1899.

331. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Interest on Deposits, "Suitsors Fund Act, 1890," to 30th June, 1899.

331B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,226.31 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Compensation to workmen employed in saw-mills, in consequence of failure of owners, the property held to be liable to the Government as a first charge for royalty due on the lumber, viz:—Sayward Mill, Timber and Trading Co., to 30th June, 1899.

331E. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Gratuity to O. G. Dennis, retired from office, to 30th June, 1899.

331F. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$846.20 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Expenses of Royal Commissions under "Public Inquiries Act," to 30th June, 1899.

331G. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,308.25 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Relief to sufferers by fire at New Westminster, to 30th June, 1899.

331H. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Maintenance of Government Officers (Atlin), to 30th June, 1899.

331J. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Special Requirements, Atlin and Lake Bennett Districts, to 30th June, 1899.

331K. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Judicial Commission as to Claims in Atlin District, to 30th June, 1899.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$79,384.23 be granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the Public Service for the year ending 30th June, 1898, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures.

The Chairman reported the Resolutions to the House.

Report to be received to-morrow.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Cotton* presented two Messages from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

THOS. R. McINNES,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act relating to Trade and other Licences," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

21st February, 1899.

THOS. R. McINNES,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

21st February, 1899.

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

The Hon. *Jos. Martin* presented a Return showing—

1. What officials, since the 8th August, 1898, have been dismissed, and from what office.
2. Names of such officials.
3. Length of service by each such official.
4. Length of notice of dismissal in each case.
5. What appointments have been made by the Government since August 8th, 1898.
6. Names of the appointees and to what office appointed.

Mr. *Kellie* presented a Petition from *C. D. McKenzie* and others, residents of *Sandon*, re location by *John Morgan Harris* of mineral claim on part of *Sandon City* townsite.

Received.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:55 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 22nd February, 1899.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. D. Barber*.

The certificate of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of the election of the Hon. *John Fred Hume* a Member for the *Nelson Riding of West Kootenay Electoral District*, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the said Hon. *John Fred Hume*, Member elect for the said *Nelson Riding of West Kootenay Electoral District*, was read and *Ordered* to be placed on the Journals of the House.

“SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,
“VICTORIA, B. C., 22nd February, 1899.

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by the resignation of the Honourable *John Fred Hume*, a Member for the *Nelson Riding of the West Kootenay Electoral District*:

“And whereas on the 28th day of January, 1899, a writ for the election of a Member to represent such Riding was duly issued to *John A. Turner*, Esq., the Returning Officer of the said Riding of the said Electoral District:

“Now I do hereby certify that on the 22nd day of February, 1899, the said writ was returned to me, by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate attached, whereby it appears that the Honourable *John Fred Hume* has been, under and by virtue of the said writ, elected a Member to represent the said *Nelson Riding of West Kootenay Electoral District*.

“B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE,

“Registrar Supreme Court, B. C.”

“*The Honourable the Speaker of the
“Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.”*”

The Hon. *John Fred Hume*, Member elect for the *Nelson Riding of West Kootenay Electoral District*, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. Minister of Finance and Mr. *Green*, and took his seat.

Mr. *Green* presented a Petition from *E. R. Atherton* and others, mine owners and free miners residing at *Sandon*, asking appropriation for road, *Sandon to Alamo and Queen Bess* basins.

Ruled out of order.

The Hon. Mr. *Cotton* presented a Return of copies of all correspondence and documents that passed between the late Provincial Government and the late *Sumas Dyking Commissioners* in reference to the liabilities incurred by the said commissioners.

Pursuant to Order, the Resolutions 1 to 222, both inclusive, for the year ending 30th June, 1900, and the Resolutions 1, 17, 34, 53, 55, 67A, 67B, 84, 85, 86, 89, 90, 91, 93A, 100, 106, 107, 108, 109, Schedule, 113, 131, 133, 135, 136, 139D, 139E, 139F, 141, 150A, 152C, 152E, 167, 170, 173, 174, 175, 176, 176A, 176H, 176K, 176L, 176M, 176N, 176O, 176P, 176Q, 176R, 176S, 176T, 176U, 176V, 176W, 176X, 176Y, 176Z, 176AA, 176BB, 176CC, 176DD, 177, 177A, 177B, 177C, 178, 179, 192, 200, 202, 203, 204, 211A, 230, 245F, 254, 255, 259, 260C, 260D, 269C, 278B, 278C, 278D, 285, 287, 289A, 319, 331, 331B, 331E, 331F, 331G, 331H, 331J, 331K, for the year ending 30th June, 1899, and Schedule A, for the year ending 30th June, 1898, reported from the Committee of Supply on the 21st instant, were received and read a first time, and taken as read.

Resolutions read a second time.

Resolutions read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. *Jos. Martin*, Bill (No. 94) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Summary Convictions Act,’” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Ralph Smith* presented a Report from the Special Committee appointed to inquire into certain grievances said to exist in the operations of the "Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Company," which read as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Committee, as above, find that certain difficulties have arisen between the above Company and their employes, and that such trouble arose through a misunderstanding on the part of the board of management as to what was intended by the employes when they asked for an increase of wages. Your Committee have examined two of the employes who were dismissed by the Company, and have found that the dissatisfaction with the employes was not with the rate of pay per hour so much as with the amount per day, and the division of the comparatively short day into two parts, which, while it consumed the entire day, gave them very little return. It appears to your Committee that a reasonable solution might have been arrived at had the Directors discussed the situation with their employes, in the line of extending the hours of service per day at the same rate per hour, which would not have entailed any extra expense on the Company, whilst those employed would have found their receipts increased in proportion to the increased number of hours they served.

RALPH SMITH,
Chairman.

The Report was received and *Ordered* to be printed.

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

The rate of interest paid on bank over-drafts during the following years:—1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, and 1898, and the total amount so paid during the said years.

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

"1894, nothing paid.

"1895, \$19,889.40 at 5 per cent.

"1896, nothing paid.

"1897, "

"1898, \$5,949.02, portion of time @ 5 per cent., portion of time @ 4 per cent."

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting Bill intituled "An Act relating to Trade and other Licences."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act relating to Trade and other Licences," and recommend the introduction of the Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting Bill intituled "An Act respecting Liquor Licences."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act respecting Liquor Licences," and recommend the introduction of the Bill.

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

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Attorney-General, the Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Speedy Incorporation of Towns Act, 1897,'" was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act,'" was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock, to meet again at 8:30 P. M.

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

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to extend the Rights of the Crown to prospect for Minerals on Railway Lands to all Free Miners."

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Over-holding Tenants Act.'"

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'"

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revelstoke Incorporation Act, 1898.'"

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Tax Act.'"

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act.'"

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897.'"

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to provide for the Government of portions of the Province under Special Conditions."

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to provide for the Settlement of Disputes as to Mining Claims in the Bennett Lake and Atlin Lake Mining Divisions."

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act.'"

The Hon. the Attorney-General moved—"That Bill (No. 75) intituled 'An Act to repeal certain Statutes and portions of Statutes granting Aid to Railways' be read a second time now."

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Cotton*, Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act,'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Hume* presented a Return of copies of all correspondence, or any memoranda, that has passed between this Government and the Dominion of Canada, or any other party, in relation to the *Quebec* Conference of 1898.

Mr. *Neill* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the circumstances attending the granting, on 1st August, 1893, of leases No. 7 and No. 9, *Cowichan-Alberni District*, to the "Toronto and British Columbia Lumber Company, Limited," and in regard to the said company not having built a mill in connection with lease No. 7, and to enquire into the circumstances attending the payment by the said company on 9th June, 1898, of the sum of \$15,000, in alleged satisfaction of arrears of rental previously stated to amount to \$17,748.85; with power to send for persons and papers and to examine witnesses under oath—which read as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
22nd February, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee report as follows:—

That the evidence produced shows:

That the Toronto & British Columbia Lumber Company, Limited, obtained lease No. 7 on the written condition that they would erect a mill on or near the limits, before 12th day of November, 1893.

That they deposited \$3,000 with the Government which was to be forfeited if the mill was not completed by that date.

That the company did not build the mill.

That the Government did not exact the forfeiture of the \$3,000 deposit but, without Order in Council or other authority, applied the sum on 25th June, 1895, in liquidation of rent due by the company on ground rents.

That there was an understanding between the then Premier, the late Honourable T. Davie, and Mr. J. A. Strathy, as representing the company, some time in September, 1894, to the effect that legislation would be introduced to relieve the company of the obligation of building the mill.

That legislation was passed in 1895 making the building of mills optional (on payment of 5 cents per acre more rent) to persons acquiring timber leases in the future.

That this legislation was made to apply to leases issued previously, by Order in Council approved August 5th, 1895.

That Mr. J. A. Strathy obtained in October, 1894, certain concessions relative to these leases in Alberni District, on the strength of a promise by him to a member of the then Government that certain private creditors in British Columbia would be paid.

That in March, 1898, when the company offered to pay \$15,000 in satisfaction of all arrears of rentals on all their timber leases in British Columbia (such arrears being then \$30,300), the Government endeavoured to extract a pledge from the company, as a condition to the acceptance of their offer, that certain private creditors in Victoria would be paid.

That these creditors in Victoria were creditors not of the Company but of certain private members of the Company in their individual capacity.

That the principal, if not the only, private creditor in Victoria was the Bank of British North America.

That the legal agents of the Bank at that time were the firm of Messrs. Eberts & Taylor.

That the Government of the day accepted \$15,000 in lieu of \$30,300, by Order in Council approved 8th June, 1898, and by virtue of powers in section 47, chapter 66, R. S. B. C., 1897.

That said section provides that a detailed statement of such remissions shall be annually submitted to the Legislative Assembly within the first fifteen days of each ensuing session thereof.

That such return has not been made.

That on 27th January, 1899, the following question was asked of the Honourable the Premier by Mr. Neill:

"3. Have the arrears of rent, due on the said leases No. 7 and No. 9 held by the said Company, and stated at \$17,748.85 in a Return to the House on 23rd March last, been paid, and, if so, on what date?"

The Honourable the Premier replied as follows:

"3. On the 9th June, 1898, the Company paid \$15,000, in satisfaction of arrears of rentals due on the leaseholds."

That such answer was incorrect, as the Company own, besides the two leases referred to in the question and the answer, five other leases outside the Alberni District, the total arrears on all which leases amounted to \$30,300, and on which sum the amount of \$15,000 was paid in satisfaction.

The \$15,000 was duly apportioned between the various leases, and the amount placed to the credit of the leases No. 7 and No. 9, Alberni District, was \$8,723.50, which sum was in satisfaction of the arrears of \$17,740.85 on the said two leases.

Report adopted by Committee, 22nd February, 1899.

ALAN W. NEILL, *Chairman.*

The Report was received and *Ordered* printed.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bureau of Mines Act,'" was read a third time and passed.

The Order for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Dyking Act, 1898,'" was discharged and the Bill withdrawn.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Atlin Southern Railway Company," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:35 o'clock, p. m.

Thursday, 23rd February, 1899.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. D. Barber*.

Mr. *Higgins* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to visit the *Victoria Gaol*, the Reformatory, and the Refuge Home, which read as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER :

The Committee appointed to visit the *Victoria Gaol*, the Reformatory and the Refuge Home have the honour to report as follows :—

They were received at the Gaol by Warden *John* and conducted through the establishment. The prisoners number forty men and three women. One of the men is a debtor held under a writ of *capias*.

The cells, kitchen, bathrooms, corridors, and the grounds are neat and clean. The building is warmed with hot water radiators. The prisoners are coarsely but warmly clad.

The Committee sampled the prison fare and found the meat, bread, soup and vegetables excellent in quality and well cooked. The food, articles and clothing in the storeroom were examined and found good and wholesome.

The vegetables consumed at the Gaol are grown on the grounds, and are the product of the labour of the convicts. The tools used are made by a prisoner, who seems to be an artisan of rare skill and a genius in his way. The Committee, after examining his handiwork, could not refrain from expressing regret to find a man of such marked ability held within the four walls of a prison for the commission of a petty theft. The prisoners are employed during the winter in breaking stone for macadam and in picking oakum. In the summer they raise vegetables and do other outdoor work.

The Committee went from the Prison to the Reformatory, which adjoins the Gaol building on the east. This establishment is under the care of Mr. *Reginald Hansen*. There were found nine boys, ranging from eleven to fifteen years. Nearly every coast district has one or more representatives. There is one lad from *Vernon*—a bright, good-looking little fellow. One of the inmates is an orphan; two have but one parent; the others have both parents alive. Some were surrendered by their parents or friends because "nothing could be done with them." Others stole because they "couldn't help it," and were sent in by the Court. One boy's story is very sad. He has a crippled father, a *Cariboo* pioneer, who is allowed a small sum, two dollars per month, by a beneficial society. The mother is in ill health and cannot work. There are other and younger children in the family, and two dollars a month will not go far towards paying household expenses. There was never anything to eat in the house except what charitable neighbours sent in, and often that source failed. The children wandered through the streets looking for food, and one day the boy, now in the Reformatory, stole some small things and was caught and sent in. When he arrived he was but skin and bones, and when food was offered him he snatched and ate it like a wolf. He is now in good physical condition and with the other boys is being taught to read and write. The Committee mention this incident because they are assured it is the experience of several others of the boys. Neglect by the parents, either through poverty, intemperance, or illness, is a fruitful cause of these very young children going wrong.

Special attention ought to be drawn to a boy of the tender age of eleven, who was sentenced some five months ago for housebreaking. It seems he was in company with two older boys, one of whom is coloured, when they broke into a house. He admits having taken something after they got in. He is now confined with the other boys in the Reformatory, and it is the opinion of the Committee that this boy will suffer from being, as he is, practically imprisoned and made to associate with much older boys, who cannot have a good influence on a child, who evidently, in the first instance, was led away by older boys and was not active in criminality.

Some of the relatives of the boys call often to see them, but in many cases even the parents appear to think the children once within the walls are off their hands for good, and require to be frequently and sharply reminded of their duty by the Superintendent. It is a

lamentable state of public feeling when parents imagine that they can unload their children on the State and avoid all further responsibility for their proper bringing up. Where parents are able they should be forced to contribute towards the maintenance of such of their children who may be committed to the Reformatory, and other means might be adopted to arouse them to a sense of their moral and legal responsibility for their children.

The children are served with regular prison fare. The discipline is all that could be desired. Many of the inmates are unable to read or write when they are brought in, but after a few months' detention they are able to do both. The copy books produced show steady progress. The building is too small for the purpose to which it is devoted. The nine inmates with the Superintendent occupy about all the available space, yet there have been eleven boys at one time in confinement. As the population increases the criminal class will grow, and the country must soon face a considerable expenditure for the proper treatment of the juvenile offenders. A large building with commodious grounds, where the boys may be taught useful occupations, in some locality remote from the sounds and scenes of prison life and the temptations of a city, is already necessary. The small space called a yard should be roofed, for during inclement weather the boys have to remain indoors and get no exercise at all. The Superintendent's work is incessant, day and night, with a recess of only a few hours once a month. He is constantly on duty, and having no assistant his responsibility is very great.

The Committee next visited the "Provincial Refuge Home for the Friendless and Fallen" on Cormorant Street. They were received by the lady managers and the matron (Mrs. Spofford), and shown through the building. The Committee were favourably impressed with the clean and orderly appearance of the establishment, the state of comfort in which the inmates were maintained, and the zeal that the charitable ladies who conduct the House display in managing its affairs. There are at present six inmates, two of whom are in poor health and are being treated at the House. Some of the girls who seek this shelter from the vile influences which abound in some parts of the Province are broken in health and spirits, and, when cast out by those who can no longer turn them to commercial account, must either die in the streets or be consigned to a prison. At the Home they are nursed back to health, and when restored are nearly always provided with places as sempstresses or house-servants. During the past nine and a half years, one hundred and sixty women and girls have been cared for at the Home. Of this number, fifty have secured respectable situations and are doing well. This record your Committee regard as highly creditable, and as indicating that the annual donation by the Government is well and worthily placed. The building is old and unsuited for the purpose, and should be replaced by a more suitable structure remote from the city.

The Chinese Girls' Home, adjoining, is supported by voluntary subscription, and, therefore, did not come within the purview of your Committee. We were, however, invited to visit the Home, and found six female inmates, two being Chinese and four Japanese. The inmates are being instructed in needlework, reading and writing. The matron, Miss Morgan, described them as being docile, eager to learn, and easily taught. They seem to realize the condition from which they have been taken, and look back with expressions of horror upon their late life. This institution is doing good work, and is deserving of praise and public support.

D. W. HIGGINS,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mr. Eberts,—

Resolved, That the course adopted by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in dismissing his late Ministry was at variance with the constitutional principles upon which Responsible Government should be conducted.

The motion was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Booth,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Helmcken—14.</i>
<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

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

The Hon. Mr. *Cotton* presented a Return in detail of the cost to the Government of—

1. The *Bella Coola,*
2. The *Cape Scott,* and
3. The *Quatsino*

Scaudinavian settlements, and a statement of all moneys owing to the Government in connection with such assistance, together with the names of parties owing such moneys and amounts due.

The Hon. Mr. *Hume* presented a Return of a copy of the agreements entered into between the late Government and *McKenzie & Mann*, in connection with the *Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway*; also the *Stickine-Teslin Railway*; together with a copy of all correspondence between the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, and Messrs. *McKenzie & Mann*, or any one on their behalf, relative to the said agreements, and to any agreement respecting the construction of a trail from *Glenora* to *Teslin Lake*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock, to meet again at 8:30 P. M.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Semlin* presented three Messages from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

THOS. R. McINNES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the construction of Roads and for Imposing Tolls for the use of the same," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
23rd February, 1899.

THOS. R. McINNES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to grant a Subsidy to a Railway from Midway to Penticton," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
23rd February, 1899.

THOS. R. McINNES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Dyking Act, 1898,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
23rd February, 1899.

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

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

THOS. R. McINNES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to Borrow Two Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars for the purposes therein specified," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
23rd February, 1899.

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

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

1. What amount of revenue has *Victoria* contributed for five years ending June 30th, 1898?
2. What amount has been expended in *Victoria* on Parliament Buildings and grounds during the same period?
3. Amount paid in salaries for five years ending June 30th, 1898?
4. Hospital grants for five years ending June 30th, 1898?
5. Other public works and expenditures for five years ending June 30th, 1898?
6. School grants for five years ending June 30th, 1898?
7. What amount of revenue has *Vancouver* contributed for five years ending June 30th, 1898?
8. Amount expended on public works during same period?
9. Amount of salaries paid for five years ending June 30th, 1898?
10. Hospital grants for five years ending June 30th, 1898?
11. School grants for five years ending June 30th, 1898?
12. What approximate amount of revenue credited to *Victoria* is contributed by outlying districts?

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

- " 1. \$444,797.
- " 2. 887,763.
- " 3. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 493,345 \text{ (Provincial Departments).} \\ 170,953 \text{ (Local offices and institutions)} \end{array} \right.$
- " 4. 50,000.
- " 5. 20,013 (public works).
- " 6. 89,253.
- " 7. 152,902.
- " 8. 44,060 (public works).
- " 9. 89,993.
- " 10. 25,000.
- " 11. 85,089.
- " 12. 100,000 (approximately).

"NOTE.—In explanation to No. 12, the only revenue affected is registry fees, of which, during the five years, the total amount accounted for through the *Victoria* office is \$159,075, as against \$42,947 from the *Vancouver* office. Both offices have a proportionate sum included in returns which cannot be considered as *local* revenue."

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

1. In how many instances have taxes, or rentals, been remitted, in whole or in part, since 1890?
2. Give the names of parties receiving remittance of taxes or rents.
3. The amounts remitted in each case, and the dates of such remittance.
4. Under what authority were such remittals made?

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

- " 1. Two.
- " 2. The *Davies-Sayward* Mill and Land Company, and the *Toronto and British Columbia Lumber Company*.

"3. In the first case \$1,945.70, on 16th August, 1897, and in the other case \$15,303.85, on 8th June, 1898.

"4. Section 47 of the Revenue Act."

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

1. Has the Provincial Government received the results of the Dominion Commission to inquire into the rights of original settlers within the E. & N. Railway Belt?

2. Is it the intention of the Provincial Government to give an opinion on this inquiry, as to the position of their Government in relation to the same?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. The Government has not yet fully considered the matter."

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

1. Up to what date were sales of timber lands made at an upset price of \$2.50 per acre, or less?

2. How many acres were so disposed of?

3. Are these lands now assessed, or do they otherwise contribute to the revenue of the Province?

4. What quantity of timber was cut under licence during the year ending 30th June, 1898?

5. What was the amount of royalty dues collected upon timber sales, and the rebate allowances made, for the year ending 30th June, 1898?

6. Are all existing licences subject to the same ground-rent, or are there any exempt from it?

7. What quantity of timber lands were sold to *Wright & Ainsworth*, in settlement of the "Waggon Road Land Grant," and are these lands now subject to royalty dues? If not, how do they contribute to the revenue of the Province?

8. Is timber or logs cut under licence or otherwise upon lands not surveyed; such surveys, if any, being co-affirmed by the Department?

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

"1. The sale of agricultural and timber lands at \$1 per acre was discontinued on 18th February, 1884, and at \$2.50 per acre on 20th April, 1891.

"2. It is not possible to give the number of acres of timber lands sold, as no distinction was made in the Land Act between agricultural and timber lands.

"3. The lands are assessed and taxes collected.

"4. The returns are made for the calendar year. During the year ending 31st December, 1897, there was cut on Crown lands 61,961,647 feet; during the eleven months ending 30th November, 1898, there was cut on Crown lands 70,755,866 feet.

"5. The returns are made for the calendar year. The amount of royalty payable on timber and cord-wood cut during the year ending 31st December, 1897, is given at \$62,842.22; the estimated amount of rebate on exportation is given at \$17,358.57; the amount of royalty payable on timber and cord-wood cut during the eleven months ending 30th November, 1898, is given at \$68,357.44; the estimated amount of rebate on exportation is given at \$18,775.54.

"6. The holders of special timber cutting licences do not pay ground rent, but an annual fee of fifty dollars is charged for the licence and a royalty of fifty cents per thousand feet is collected on timber cut and removed from off the timber limit. An annual fee of \$10 is charged for hand loggers' licences.

"7. (a.) Warrants for 60,000 acres of land in Yale and Kootenay Districts were granted to George J. Ainsworth under authority of the 'Eagle Pass Waggon Road Act, 1883.'

"(b.) No distinction was made between the different kinds of land.

"(c.) Timber on the lands acquired by warrant is not subject to payment of a royalty.

"(d.) By taxation.

"8. The holder of a special licence may cut and remove timber and logs from off unsurveyed Crown lands, the boundaries of such unsurveyed tract of land, however, being described in the licence.

“The holder of a hand logger’s licence may cut and remove timber from off any vacant surveyed or unsurveyed Crown lands, but leases of timber lands are not granted until after the lands shall have been surveyed and the survey accepted by the Department.”

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

1. Has the case of *John Biggs*, of *Nanaimo*, been brought to the attention of the Hon. Minister?

2. Will the Hon. Minister look into the matter and say, at any time, what the Government can and will do in the matter?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. From what has been laid before me I cannot see that Mr. *Biggs* has any case that can be profitably dealt with by the Government or the House.”

Bill (No. 69) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Villages Fire Protection Act,’” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 84) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Revelstoke Incorporation Act,’” was committed.

Bill reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 91) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Over-holding Tenants Act,’” was committed.

Reported complete without amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Truck Act, 1898,’” was discharged.

Order called for the second reading of Bill (No. 86) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Placer Mining Act.’”

Mr. Speaker *Forster*—Unless the consent of the Crown is given, the Bill is out of order.

Hon. the Premier—The consent of the Crown is refused.

Bill ruled out of order.

Mr. *R. Smith* moved—“That Bill (No. 92) intituled ‘An Act further to amend the Provincial Elections Act,’ be read a second time now.”

Mr. *Irving* moved the “previous question,” which was carried.

Second reading of the Bill negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Robertson,
Baker,
Ellison,
Helmcken,

Martin, Jos.,
Semlin,
Macpherson,
Smith, R.,

Deane,
Kellie,
Kidd,
Helgesen,

Munro,
Neill,
Henderson—15.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Hall,
Clifford,
McBride,
Eberts,
Smith, A. W.,

Bryden,
McPhillips,
Irving,
Cotton,

Higgins,
Martin, J. M.,
Tisdall,
Hume,

McKechnie,
Kinchant,
Green,
Wells—17.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act relating to Replevin," was again committed.
Reported complete with amendments.
Report adopted.
Read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to repeal certain Statutes and portions of Statutes granting Aid to Railways," was resumed.

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

That all the words after "That" be struck out, and the following words be inserted in lieu thereof:—

"this House cannot approve of a Bill which involves the repudiation or cancellation of agreements solemnly entered into with the Crown and any of her subjects."

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Booth,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Helmcken—13.</i>
<i>Clifford,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>
<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>	<i>Wells—20.</i>

Bill read a second time.
To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to extend the rights of the Crown to prospect for Minerals on Railway Lands to all Free Miners," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

FRIDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1899.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Cotton* presented a Return shewing what companies required by their charters to give security for bonâ fide expenditure in surveys and construction within a specified time, have given such security.

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

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act respecting Liquor Licences."

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act relating to Trade and other Licences."

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act further to amend the 'Placer Mining Act.'"

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Speedy Incorporation of Towns Act, 1897.'"

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

And then the House adjourned at 12:40 o'clock, A. M.

Friday, 24th February, 1899.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. D. Barber*.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for all correspondence between the Government and the late Agent-General of the Province, or any other party, in relation to the closing of the office in *London*, or the dismissal of the Agent-General, to be laid before the House.

Mr. *Clifford* moved, seconded by Mr. *McBride*,—

That the vote to receive the report of the Select Committee in the matter of the leases granted to the "Toronto Lumber Company" be rescinded, and that the report be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration.

The motion was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Booth,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Helmcken—14.</i>
<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>
<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>	<i>Wells—19.</i>
<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	

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

1. At what date was the contract let for last new school at *Union*?
2. What were the terms of contract?

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

"1. 29th August, 1898.

"2. To erect a building in accordance with plans and specifications for the sum of \$4,750, and to complete the same by the 15th day of January, 1899."

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting Bill intituled "An Act to borrow the sum of Two Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars for the purposes therein specified."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to borrow the sum of Two Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars for the purposes therein specified," and recommend the introduction of the Bill.

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

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time this evening.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting Bill intituled "An Act to grant a Subsidy to a Railway from Midway to Penticton."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to grant a Subsidy to a Railway from Midway to Penticton," and recommend the same to the House.

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

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading this evening.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the construction of Roads, and for imposing Tolls for the use of the same."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to provide for the construction of Roads, and for imposing Tolls for the use of the same," and recommend the introduction of the Bill.

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

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading this evening.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor enclosing Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Dyking Act, 1898.'"

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Dyking Act, 1898,'" and recommend the introduction of the Bill.

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

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed this evening.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Cotton*, Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act respecting the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, Limited," was introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time this evening.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented a Return showing the number of Chinese and the number of Japanese that have become naturalized British subjects in the Province of British Columbia up to the present time.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to repeal certain Statutes and portions of Statutes granting Aid to Railways," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time this evening.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" was committed.
Reported complete with amendments.
Report adopted.
Third reading this evening.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897,'" was committed.
Reported complete with amendment.
Report adopted.
To be read a third time this evening.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act,'" was committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again this evening.

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

THOS. R. McINNES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Supplementary Estimates (No. 3) of sums required for the service of the Province for the financial year ending 30th June, 1899, and Supplementary Estimates (No. 1) for the financial year ending 30th June, 1900, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
24th February, 1899.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Supplementary Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply this evening.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock, to meet again at 8:30 P. M.

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

House again in Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

31. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Supreme and County Courts, Victoria (additional to \$1,500 voted), to 30th June, 1900.

35. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Victoria, Juvenile Reformatory, Assistant to Superintendent, to 30th June, 1900.

159A. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Trail, Springer Creek, Slocan Riding, West Kootenay, to 30th June, 1900.

159B. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Trail, Wilson Creek, Slocan Riding, West Kootenay, to 30th June, 1900.

159C. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Trail, Carpenter Creek, North Fork, Slocan Riding, West Kootenay, to 30th June, 1900.

93B. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Constitutional litigation and general law costs, to 30th June, 1899.

Schedule. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Teachers' salaries and incidental expenses, to 30th June, 1899.

132. *Resolved,* that a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Furniture for Government Offices throughout the Province (additional to \$3,000 voted), to 30th June, 1899.

139G. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Registry Office, Nelson, construction and furniture (in lieu of \$5,000 under Vote 136, supplementing Court House, Nelson), to 30th June, 1899.

260E. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Bridge at Windermere (construction), to 30th June, 1899.

The Chairman reported the Resolutions.
Report to be received to-morrow.
Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to borrow the sum of Two Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars for the purposes therein specified," was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act respecting the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, Limited," was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Liquor Traffic Regulation Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

On the motion of the Hon. Minister of Finance, Bill (No. 101) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Farmers' Institutes and Co-operation Act,'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.
Report adopted.
Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.
Report adopted.
Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Tax Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act,'" was committed.
 Reported complete without amendment.
 Report adopted.
 Read a third time and passed.

SATURDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1899.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act,'" was committed.
 Reported complete with amendment.
 Report adopted.
 Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Speedy Incorporation of Towns Act, 1897,'" was committed.
 Reported complete without amendment.
 Report adopted.
 Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act,'" was committed.
 Reported complete with amendments.
 Report adopted.
 Third reading to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Semlin* moved—"That Bill (No. 97) intituled 'An Act to provide for the construction of Roads, and for imposing Tolls for the use of the same,' be read a second time now."

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

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Dyking Act, 1898,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed at the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to grant a Subsidy to a Railway from Midway to Pen-ticton," was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 1:20 A. M.

Saturday, 25th February, 1899.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

Mr. *Helmcken* presented a Petition from *John McDowell*, asking for consideration of the circumstances attending his dismissal from the service of the Government.

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

The Hon. Mr. *Semlin* presented a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government and the late Agent-General of the Province, or any other party, in relation to the closing of the office in *London*, or the dismissal of the Agent-General.

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

Whereas it is the declared policy of the Parliament of Canada to restrict the immigration of persons of the Chinese race into Canada, as shown by the enactment which imposes a tax of \$50 on each Chinese entering the country:

And whereas this per capita tax is so low as to be wholly ineffective in carrying out the desires and wishes of the Dominion Parliament in this regard, as is plainly shown by the steady increase in the influx of Chinese persons into this country:

And whereas it is desirable that effective measures be taken as speedily as possible to prevent any further immigration of Chinese into the Dominion of Canada:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to acquaint the Dominion Government and Parliament with the opinion and desire of this Legislature, that the per capita tax on Chinese immigrants should be at once increased to at least \$500, and that His Honour may be pleased, in bringing this matter to the attention of the Dominion authorities, to cite the following:—

1. During the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1898, as shown by the Customs returns, no less a number than 2,263 Chinese immigrants paid the tax and entered Canada through the ports of this Province alone, the average for the past three years being over 2,100 per annum.

2. This enormous influx, together with the present Chinese population of the Province, estimated at about 14,000, and the natural increase by births in the Province, has already driven workmen of British race and blood out of many of the fields of labour, and threatens before long, if not stopped, to leave very little occupation remaining for the white labourer.

3. The history of the sister colonies of Great Britain, as well as of other countries, has fully demonstrated that wherever Chinese immigration has taken place, and where the influx has been unrestricted, the white worker has been in the first place degraded by the competition to which they were subjected, and ultimately wholly or largely driven out.

4. That the Imperial authorities are in sympathy with the efforts of the British colonies to protect British workers from the destructive incursions of Asiatic coolies is shown by their non-interference in restrictive legislation passed and enforced by those colonies.

5. Effective restriction is now being enforced in various of the colonies. In New South Wales and in New Zealand a per capita tax of £100, or \$500, is imposed, and ships carrying Chinese immigrants to those colonies are allowed to land not more than one Chinese to each 300 tons and 200 tons ship's burthen, respectively. In New South Wales, no Chinese is allowed to become naturalized.

6. So effective has this legislation proved that the Chinese population of those colonies is gradually dwindling, while the number of immigrants has decreased from the thousands that were annually imported before these restrictive measures were enforced to almost an imperceptible number. These colonies will soon be rid of Chinese altogether. The latest returns show that the departures are beginning largely to exceed the arrivals.

7. It is well known to be the habitual custom of Chinese labourers to send their surplus earnings to China, and when that is not the case these earnings are usually extorted from them by "Companies" (as they are called) which, in the first place, have sent the coolie out here in a position of complete bondage to them. Thus there is going on a constant drain to the riches of the country, the depletion of its natural wealth, and the consequent impoverishment of the people.

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

Whereas resolutions have at various times been passed by this House for the removal of the Indians from the *Songhees* Reserve:

And whereas negotiations in that direction took place between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government, but without result:

Be it therefore Resolved, That this House would respectfully urge upon the Government the desirability of this matter receiving early consideration, so that the removal of the said Indians from the said Reserve may be effected.

On the motion of Mr. *J. M. Martin*, seconded by Mr. *Tisdall*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the number of writs issued during the year 1898 in the different Registries and Sub-Registries of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Pursuant to Order, the Resolutions 31, 35, 159A, 159B, 159C, 93B, Schedule, 132, 139G, 260E, both inclusive, reported from the Committee of Supply on the 24th inst., were received and read a first time, and taken as read.

Resolutions read a second time.

Resolutions read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The House then went into the said Committee, with Mr. *Higgins* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the following sums be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of British Columbia:—

\$ 79,384.23 for the financial year ending 30th June, 1898.

436,750.76 for the financial year ending 30th June, 1899.

1,769,673.81 for the financial year ending 30th June, 1900.

\$2,285,808.80

The Chairman reported the Resolution.

Report received and adopted.

The Hon. Mr. *Cotton* presented Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia.

Ordered, That the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole.

House accordingly in Committee, with Mr. *Higgins* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," be reported to the House.

The Chairman reported the Resolution and the Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill read a first and second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 101) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Farmers' Institutes and Co-operation Act,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to grant a Subsidy to a Railway from Midway to Pen-ticton," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897.'"

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'"

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to repeal certain Statutes and portions of Statutes granting Aid to Railways."

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act.'"

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act.'"

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act.'"

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act.'"

The House took a recess at 12:45 until 2 P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act respecting Liquor Licences," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 24th, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the following papers were ordered to be printed :

1. Finding of the Judge in connection with the Royal Commission of Inquiry appointed under the "Public Inquiries Act," September 15th, 1898.
2. Report of Librarian for 1898.
3. Copy of correspondence between the Government and the Dominion of Canada, in *re* Quebec Conference of 1898, with the exception of the appendices.
4. Return *re* Scandinavian settlements.
5. Return of correspondence *re* Sumas dyking scheme.

THOMAS KIDD,

Chairman.

The Report was received.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to provide for the construction of Roads, and for imposing Tolls for the use of the same," was resumed.

Bill read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Dyking Act, 1898,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to provide for Special Surveys," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustees and Executors Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897,'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again this evening.

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Higgins* presented the following Report :—

MR. SPEAKER :

The Select Committee appointed to visit the Royal Provincial Hospital, and report as to its condition and management, beg to report as follows :—

That they visited the Hospital on the 21st instant, and were received by President Wilson, Vice-President Helmcken, and several others of the Directors, by Dr. Hasell, Resident Surgeon, and Miss McMillan, the Matron. The Committee were conducted through the establishment, and critically examined into its condition. Every possible facility was afforded for a thorough investigation. The male and female patients in the free wards were closely questioned, and invariably answered that the treatment they received and the food supplied to them were all that could be desired. Asked if any obstacle was thrown in their way to entering the Hospital, the patients answered that every facility was afforded them. A copy of the card of admission was shown the Committee. It only requires to be signed by two Directors, and to furnish a description of the applicant, to secure his or her admission. In urgent and accident cases no formality is required. The President stated in explanation of the refusal of the authorities to admit one Stephens as a patient, that Stephens was a lunatic; and that the institution is specially inhibited from admitting insane cases. The same explanation was given in respect to a female patient who was mildly insane when admitted by mistake, but who became so violent that she had to be sent away to prevent injurious results to other patients. Consumption being now classed as a contagious disease, a patient from Revelstoke suffering from it could not be admitted under the by-laws. The operating theatre, the bequest of the late J. D. Pemberton, is fitted with all modern appliances for the performance of operations, and is claimed to be one of the finest on the continent. The instruments are of the best and most modern in use.

The wards, the beds, and, indeed, the whole establishment was found to be faultlessly clean. In the kitchen the food was being prepared for the midday meal, and the Committee having tasted some of the articles, and found them of excellent quality, were assured that the food furnished pay and free patients is the same—no difference being made between the two classes except in the matter of room accommodation—pay patients being treated in separate rooms instead of in wards.

The Committee had arranged to institute an exhaustive inquiry into all matters connected with the Hospital and its management; but in consequence of the wish of the Government to close the Session at an early date, were unable to find time to examine witnesses. This duty may be assigned to another Committee of the House at the next Session. No well founded complaint of ill treatment was brought to their notice.

The training school for nurses connected with the Hospital seems to be a most effective auxiliary branch, and the Directors point with pardonable pride to the fact that many of the trained nurses who are engaged in alleviating distress and suffering throughout the Province are graduates of this school.

F. J. DEANE,
Secretary.

D. W. HIGGINS,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to provide for the Government of portions of the Province under Special Conditions," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to provide for the Settlement of Disputes as to Mining Claims in the Bennett Lake and Atlin Lake Mining Divisions," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act relating to Trade and other Licences," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 5:55 o'clock, to meet again at 8:30 P. M.

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

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Atlin Southern Railway Company," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Mr. McPhillips moved in amendment to the Bill as reported, seconded by Mr. Booth,— "That section 40 be struck out."

The motion was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Helmcken—11.</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>
<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>	<i>Wells—19.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>	

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Clauses Act," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Clauses Consolidation Act,'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act further to amend the 'Placer Mining Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10:55 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, 27th February, 1899.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *Scriven*.

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

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

- (No. 2) An Act to amend the "Police and Prisons Regulation Act."
- (No. 5) An Act to reduce the number of Grand Jurors.
- (No. 6) An Act to Incorporate the "Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company."
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the "North Star and Arrow Lake Railway Act, 1898."
- (No. 8) An Act respecting the Registration of Real Property in British Columbia.
- (No. 9) An Act to amend the "Small Debts Act."
- (No. 10) An Act to amend the "Master and Servant Act."
- (No. 11) An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver, Northern and Yukon Railway Company.
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the "Provincial Elections Act,"
- (No. 15) An Act to Incorporate the South Kootenay Railway Company.
- (No. 16) An Act to Incorporate the Atlin Short Line Railway and Navigation Company.
- (No. 17) An Act to Incorporate the Pine Creek Flume Company, Limited.
- (No. 19) An Act to Incorporate the Chartered Commercial Company of Vancouver.
- (No. 20) An Act to Incorporate the Big Bend Transportation Company, Limited.
- (No. 21) An Act to amend the "Kitimaat Railway Act, 1898."
- (No. 22) An Act respecting Appointments to Boards and other Public Bodies.
- (No. 23) An Act to amend the "Power of Attorney Act."
- (No. 24) An Act to amend the "Bills of Sale Act."
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the "Partnership Act."
- (No. 29) An Act to amend the "Kootenay and North-West Railway Company's Act, 1898,"
- (No. 30) An Act to amend "An Act to confirm an Agreement between Her Majesty, in right of Her Province of British Columbia, and Frank Owen and William John Stokes, and to Incorporate the Cariboo-Omineca Chartered Company."
- (No. 33) An Act to amend the "Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896."
- (No. 34) An Act to amend the "Medical Act, 1898."
- (No. 35) An Act to amend the "Health Act."
- (No. 36) An Act to amend the "Jurors Act."
- (No. 37) An Act to provide for setting aside certain Vault Accommodation in the Parliament Buildings for the use of the Supreme Court.
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the "Escheats Act, 1898."
- (No. 39) An Act to amend the "Interpretation Act."
- (No. 40) An Act to amend the "Fire Escape Act."
- (No. 41) An Act to amend the "Definition of Time Act, 1898."
- (No. 43) An Act to amend the "Coal Mines Regulation Act."

- (No. 44) An Act to further amend the "Coal Mines Regulation Act."
 (No. 45) An Act to amend the "Constitution Act."
 (No. 46) An Act respecting the Department of the Attorney-General.
 (No. 47) An Act respecting the Department of the Provincial Secretary.
 (No. 48) An Act to provide for the appointment of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law.
 (No. 50) An Act to amend the "Counties Definition Act."
 (No. 51) An Act respecting the Department of Mines.
 (No. 52) An Act respecting the Department of Lands and Works.
 (No. 53) An Act to amend the "Execution Act."
 (No. 54) An Act respecting Judgments.
 (No. 55) An Act to amend the "Absconding Debtors Act."
 (No. 56) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."
 (No. 57) An Act to amend the "Bureau of Mines Act."
 (No. 59) An Act to extend the Rights of the Crown to prospect for Minerals on Railway Lands to all Free Miners.
 (No. 60) An Act respecting Liquor Licences.
 (No. 61) An Act relating to Trade and other Licences.
 (No. 63) An Act to amend the "Supreme Court Act."
 (No. 64) An Act relating to Replevin.
 (No. 65) An Act to make Special Provision with regard to the City of Sandon.
 (No. 66) An Act to Incorporate the Atlin Southern Railway Company.
 (No. 67) An Act to amend the "Companies Act."
 (No. 68) An Act to amend the "County Courts Act."
 (No. 69) An Act to amend the "Villages Fire Protection Act."
 (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Succession Duty Act."
 (No. 71) An Act to amend the "Assessment Act."
 (No. 72) An Act to amend the "Revenue Tax Act."
 (No. 73) An Act to amend the "Legal Professions Act."
 (No. 74) An Act to amend the "Land Act."
 (No. 75) An Act to repeal certain Statutes and portions of Statutes granting Aid to Railways.
 (No. 76) An Act to amend the "Public Dyking Act, 1898."
 (No. 77) An Act to provide for Special Surveys.
 (No. 78) An Act to amend the "Trustees and Executors Act."
 (No. 79) An Act to amend the "Births, Deaths, and Marriages Registration Act."
 (No. 80) An Act to amend the "Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act."
 (No. 81) An Act to amend the "Revenue Act."
 (No. 82) An Act to amend the "Municipal Clauses Act."
 (No. 83) An Act to amend the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897."
 (No. 84) An Act to amend the "Revelstoke Incorporation Act, 1898."
 (No. 85) An Act to amend the "Mineral Act."
 (No. 87) An Act to provide for the Government of portions of the Province under special conditions.
 (No. 88) An Act to provide for the Settlement of Disputes as to Mining Claims in the Bennett Lake and Atlin Lake Mining Divisions.
 (No. 89) An Act to amend the "Municipalities Incorporation Act."
 (No. 90) An Act to amend the "Liquor Traffic Regulation Act."
 (No. 91) An Act to amend the "Over-holding Tenants Act."
 (No. 93) An Act further to amend the "Placer Mining Act."
 (No. 94) An Act to amend the "Summary Convictions Act."
 (No. 95) An Act to amend the "Speedy Incorporation of Towns Act, 1897."
 (No. 96) An Act to grant a Subsidy to a Railway from Midway to Penticton.
 (No. 97) An Act to provide for the construction of Roads, and for imposing Tolls for the use of the same.
 (No. 98) An Act to borrow the sum of Two Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars for the purposes therein specified.
 (No. 100) An Act respecting the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, Limited.
 (No. 101) An Act to amend the "Farmers' Institutes and Co-operation Act."

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

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

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance a Bill (No. 99) intituled “An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia.”

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It is with much pleasure that I meet you at the close of a Session which has been occupied with the consideration of many measures of more than ordinary importance and value to the interests of the Province.

The legislation passed with the object of preserving to British subjects the wealth stored up in the auriferous gravels of British Columbia, especially that in the Northern Districts of the Province, cannot fail to direct increased attention, on the part of our own people, to the development of placer mining, with the result of a great augmentation of the importance and value of this industry.

The method proposed for the adjustment of the disputes which have arisen in regard to the location and ownership of placer claims in the Atlin District, on account of the uncertainty as to the position of the boundary line between this Province and the North-West Territories, is one which will accomplish the object aimed at while affording a relief to those interested, more speedy and less costly than could be attained in ordinary legal channels.

The means designed for the administration of these Northern regions under the novel and unexpected conditions which have arisen from the sudden influx of a large population into them, are calculated to secure good government and to meet the exigencies of the situation.

The changes proposed in the arrangement of the Appellate Court are such as will conduce to the convenience of suitors, and to the reduction of the cost of litigation.

The alterations in the laws relating to the public domain will provide cheaper methods for the securing of tracts of land for pastoral and other purposes, and are likely to increase the revenues of the Crown, while preserving to the Province the benefits of any increment in value occasioned by the growth of population and wealth.

The adoption of the Torrens system of land registration cannot but be beneficial to the owners of land, as it will make the transfer of real estate both cheaper and easier, at the same time increasing the security of titles.

The modifications in the Mining Laws will tend to the advantage of miners and to the removal of grievances of which they have complained, while placing the important industry in which they are engaged on a better basis.

The authority given for the construction of great trunk roads can scarcely fail to provide a way for the opening up of large districts, at present undeveloped, though possessing potentialities which can scarcely be estimated.

You have acted wisely in recognising the importance of the mineral and other resources of the Boundary Creek District by making provision for aid in the construction of a railway which will bring that District into easy communication with the remainder of the Province.

The liberal appropriation you have made for educational purposes will ensure the maintenance and extension of a system which compares favourably with those of the other Provinces.

While gratified at the ample provision you have made for the public services and for the prosecution of works of general utility, I am pleased to observe that you have not overlooked the necessity for economy and for lightening the burdens of the taxpayers. By the repeal of the tax on mortgages and the abolition of the impost on working miners, you have given relief to large numbers of the people, while, by the re-adjustment of other taxes, you have made the incidence of taxation bear more equitably on all classes. It is also a source of satisfaction to me to see that you have made a vigorous effort to establish an equilibrium between the revenue and expenditure, a course which cannot fail to strengthen and extend the credit of British Columbia in the money markets of the world.

In relieving you from any further attendance at this time on your legislative duties, I do so with the firm conviction that, under the blessing of an all-wise Providence, the result of your labours will be seen during the coming year in the progress and prosperity of all parts of the Province.

The Hon. Mr. *Hume*, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

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

THOMAS FORSTER, *Speaker*.

VICTORIA, B. C.:

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