

Friday, 8th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Douglas* presented a Petition from *Thos. Pritchard* and others, which was read.

Mr. *Smithe* presented a Petition from *J. F. McCreight* and others, which was read.

Mr. *Galbraith* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into, ascertain, and report what person or persons supplied *New Westminster* Gaol with meat and vegetables during 1877, which was read.

The Committee was discharged.

Mr. *Smith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 25) intituled the "Workmans' Protection Act, 1878."

*Ordered.* That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which was read, and is as follows:—

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits an Estimate for the sum of \$2,000, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Royal Commission, so far as relates to the allegations of the Members for *Kootenay*, asked for by the House of Assembly, and he recommends the same to the House of Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 8th, 1878.*

A. N. RICHARDS.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to take into consideration the said Message.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gordon*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution:—

That the sum of \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Royal Commission to be appointed to enquire into the charges against the Honourable the Attorney-General, made by the Honourable Members for *Kootenay*.

*Ordered,* That the Resolution be considered on Monday next.

The debate, on the proposed Amendment moved by Mr. *Ash*, on the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia,"—

That all the words after "That" be struck out and the following substituted: "this Bill be read a second time not now, but after the receipt by this House of the Report of the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the charge made against the Honourable the Attorney-General, of having improperly secured the office of Police Magistrate of the City of *Victoria*," was resumed.

Mr. *Williams* moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

The Motion of Mr. *Williams* was withdrawn by leave of the House.

And the question being put, "That the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," the same was resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith, R.</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Pimbury.</i> —13.
<i>Brown, E.</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.</i>	<i>Gallagher.</i> —11.
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until half-past seven o'clock, p.m.

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

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

The debate on the question—"That the Bill (No. 16) be now read a second time"—was resumed.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, in amendment, that the following words be added to the Motion: "and that provisions be inserted therein that it shall not come into operation until the consent of the people of the Province has been obtained to the proposed increased representation."

A point of Order being raised, that the Amendment was not in order, Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

On the motion of Mr. *Mara*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned, at 10.40 o'clock p.m.

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Monday, 11th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Williams*, presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the nature of the correspondence alleged to have passed between the junior Member for *Lillooet* and the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, regarding the construction of certain public works in said district, which was read, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

Mr. *Armstrong* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to provide for the contraction of the limits of Municipalities."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Walkem* moved, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,—

That an Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, respectfully requesting him to be pleased to have laid before this House copies of all correspondence, Orders in Council, and other documents relating to the dispatch of a body of armed Volunteers, or Militia, to the District of *Nanaimo*, in the spring of 1877.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliot*, the word "relating" in the third line of the Motion was struck out, and the following words were inserted in lieu thereof—"whatsoever, in relation to the Miners' strike at *Nanaimo* and."

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'License Amendment Act, 1875.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on the 15th instant.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act providing for the apprenticeship of orphans and children abandoned by their parents"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Pimbury* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to further secure the Independence of the Legislative Assembly."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to cancel certain Debentures, 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1876.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on the 13th instant.

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

That an Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to have laid before this House copies of all correspondence, Orders in Council, and documents relating to the Royal Commission, referred to in the Address passed by this House on the 4th March; and that His Honour will further be pleased to have laid before this House the dates of the receipt by him of the said Address, and of all documents referring thereto.

Mr. *Williams* moved, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the circumstances attendant on the detention in the lock-up at *Esquimalt* of a prisoner named *Shaw*, and of any other prisoner who may have been kept in the said lock-up for a long period, and to report to this House on the suitability of the said lock-up as a place of detention for prisoners for a lengthened period. Committee to consist of Messrs. *Ash*, *Walkem*, *Dickinson*, *Mara*, and the mover.

The name of Mr. *R. Smith* was substituted for that of Mr. *Ash*.

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honourable Mr. *Smithe* the following Question:—

What are the expenses charged to the Government in connection with the trip of the Honourable A. C. *Elliott* to *Cariboo* and return; the Honourable F. G. *Vernon* to *Cariboo* and return; the Honourable W. *Smithe* to *Cassiar* and *Chilliwack* and return?

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

"Expenses connected with the trip of the Honourable the Attorney-General (A. C. *Elliott*) to and from *Cache Creek*, not *Cariboo*, amount to \$105.

"Expenses connected with the trip of the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to and from *Cariboo*, *Kamloops*, &c., \$1,046 93.

"Expenses connected with the trip of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Agriculture, to and from *Cassiar*, amount to \$519 12; to and from *Chilliwack*, \$85."

Mr. *Douglas* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1867,' and the 'Municipality Act, 1872.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Gallagher* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the building of the bridge, at *Kootenay*, across the *Kootenay River*, and for which tenders were called for in the fall of 1877?

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

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

The Resolution "That the sum of \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Royal Commission to be appointed to enquire into the charges against the Honourable Attorney-General, made by the Honourable Members for *Kootenay*," was adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia," was resumed.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the proposed Amendment, moved by Mr. *Beaven* on the 8th instant, was not in order.

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

And then the House adjourned, at 5.58 o' clock p. m.

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Tuesday, 12th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Mara* presented the Second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts. (*See Appendix.*)

Mr. *Mara* presented, from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, a Statement of Expenses of Indian Commission, from the year 1876 to 31st December, 1877, which was *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

On the motion of Mr. *Armstrong*, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that he will cause representations to be made to the Dominion Government of the necessity which exists for the immediate transfer to the Penitentiary of all prisoners who, under the Terms of Union, have to be maintained by Canada.

The Standing Orders were suspended, and Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia," was read a second time, on the following division:—

YEAS:  
Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith, R.</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Pinbury,—13.</i>
<i>Brown, E.</i>			

NAYS:  
Messieurs

<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.</i>	<i>Gallagher,—11.</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	

And the question being put—"That this Bill be committed,"

Mr. *Walkem* moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*,—

That all the words after "That" be struck out and the following substituted: "this bill be not now committed, but that it be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of such Members as are of the Executive Council, to prepare and report to this House a measure that will place the representation of the people upon a more equitable basis

than at present exists, without adding to the total number of Representatives, or changing the boundaries of existing electoral districts, further than may be necessary to meet the representative wants of *Nanaimo* and *Cassiar*."

A debate arose, which, on the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m., until half-past seven o'clock, p.m.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of copies of correspondence and papers between the Architect, Contractors, Superintendents, Resident Physician, and Commissioners, in reference to the Lunatic Asylum, *New Westminster*. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

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

Pursuant to Order, the debate on the proposed Amendment, moved by Mr. *Walkem*, to the question "That this Bill be committed," was resumed.

And the question being put "That the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," the same was resolved in the affirmative, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Pimbury.</i> —12.

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.,</i>	<i>Gallagher.</i> —11.
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* moved the previous Question, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question "That this Bill be committed," was resolved in the affirmative, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Pimbury.</i> —12.

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.,</i>	<i>Gallagher.</i> —11.
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	

And the question being put, by Mr. Speaker, "That I do now leave the Chair," A debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 10.45 o'clock p.m.

Wednesday, 13th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

On the motion of Mr. *Gordon*, seconded by Mr. *Smith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Return be sent down to this House of copies of instructions (if any) issued to the Inspector of Mines, with reference to his duties under the "Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877;" also copies of all correspondence between the Inspector of Mines and the Owners and Managers of Collieries in this Province, with reference to their compliance, or otherwise, with the provisions of said Coal Mines Regulation Act.

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

That this House is of opinion that copies of the Orders of the Day, Votes and Proceedings, Reports, and Returns, when presented to this House, should be forwarded to each Senator, Representative in the House of Commons, Mayor, Warden, and Councillor of the Province of British Columbia, by the Superintendent of the Printing Department.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Gordon*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to have laid before this House all correspondence with the Dominion Government respecting a Resolution that passed this House on the 7th April, 1877, with regard to the Dominion steamer *Sir James Douglas* being utilized, not only as a tender for lighthouses and lightships, but also to act as a Revenue cutter to prevent smuggling of whiskey by Indians.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Gallagher*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to urge upon the Dominion Government the expediency of having the Dominion steamer *Sir James Douglas* utilized, not only as a tender on lightships and lighthouses, but also as a Revenue cutter on the coast of British Columbia, in order to prevent the smuggling of whiskey among the Indians, as well as prevention of crime.

Mr. *Galbraith* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

What action, if any, has the Government taken in regard to a Resolution of this House, passed the 14th March, 1877, asking His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to urge upon the Dominion Government the absolute necessity of establishing a monthly mail between *Victoria* and *Kootenay*?

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

"The Resolution respecting the mail service between *Victoria* and *Kootenay* was forwarded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to His Excellency the Governor-General, commending the same to His Excellency's favourable consideration, and the receipt thereof has been acknowledged."

Pursuant to Order, the debate on the question, put by Mr. Speaker, "That I do now leave the Chair," for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia," was resumed.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, in amendment,—

That all the words after "That" be struck out, and the following be inserted in lieu thereof: "this House is of opinion that the Constitution Bill (No. 16) should not become law until after it has been submitted to the voters of each of the electoral districts of the Province, and the assent of a majority of the voters of the Province to its becoming law obtained."

The proposed Amendment, moved by Mr. *Beaven*, was withdrawn, Mr. Speaker having intimated that it was not in order.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*,—

That all the words after "That" be struck out, and the following be inserted in lieu thereof:—"this House will, on this day six months, resolve itself into the said "Committee."

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

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

And then the House adjourned, at 5.58 o'clock p. m.

Thursday, 14th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Walkem* presented a Report from the Select Committee to which Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to Minerals, other than Coal, found in lodes or veins, and to amend the 'Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,'" was referred.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return showing the names and occupations of the parents of the children attending the High School, *Victoria*.

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

That this House is of opinion that the inmates of the Lunatic Asylum Building, *Victoria*, should be at once removed to the new Asylum, *New Westminster*.

Mr. *Galbraith* asked the Honourable Mr. *Smithe* the following Question:—

In what item of the Statement of Financial Position of the Province, December 31st, 1876, issued from the Audit Office 28th April, 1877, are the \$20,000 7 per cent. Debentures (Loan Act, 1874) included?

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

"The \$20,000 7 per cent. Debentures (Loan Act, 1874) do not appear in any item of the Statement of Financial Position of the Province, December 31st, 1876, issued from the Audit Office 28th April, 1877, for the reason that they were not at the time a liability, not having been sold till January, 1877."

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the proposed Amendment, moved by Mr. *Beaven* on the 13th instant, to the question put by Mr. Speaker "That I do now leave the Chair," for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia," was resumed.

The debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 o'clock, p.m.

Friday, 15th March, 1878.

Two o'clock, P. M.

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

That an Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to be pleased to have laid before this House copies of all applications for grants or leases for timber, or for lease, or purchase, or grant of Crown Lands in the *Cariboo* District, together with the replies thereto, and petitions or other documents connected therewith, covering a period of six months back.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'School Tax Act, 1876.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

What are the names and monthly salaries of the officers and employés of the Lunatic Asylum, *Victoria*?

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

" Jones, W. Macnaughton, M. D. ....	\$ 180
Phillips, J. ....	50
Ross, Mrs. F. ....	50
Chinaman (Ah Hoey) ....	30
Donnelly, J. ....	50
Cowley, J. J. ....	45
Towey, M. ....	45
Kehoe, H. ....	45
Lindsay, F. ....	45"

Mr. *Cowan* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Have any timber leases or grants in the *Cariboo* District been applied for, and if so, by whom, and for what extent?

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

"No application for any timber lease has been received by this Department for timber lands situate in *Cariboo* District.

"The following applications have been made to purchase unsurveyed land in *Cariboo* District, under Clause 62, 'Land Act, 1875,' viz.:—

	ACRES.
" Felix Neufelder .....	1,280
Byrnes, Ball, Mouat, Dunlevy, & Co. ....	200
Lowhee Quartz Mining Co. ....	1,280
Cariboo Quartz Co. ....	960
Samuel Walker .....	640
Pinkerton & Isaacs .....	640
Charles Wilson .....	1,280
British Columbia Milling and Mining Co. ....	1,280
I. B. Nason .....	640
I. B. Nason .....	640
I. B. Nason .....	1,920
Turan Quartz Mining Co. ....	1,280
John L. McLain. ....	400
Perseverance Co. ....	1,280
J. C. Devlin .....	1,280
C. P. O'Neill .....	640
Wilson, Rogers, Mason, & Forrist .....	2,560
Catherine Austin. ....	640



	ACRES.
Lord Dufferin Co. ....	640
John Stevenson .....	320
Thomas Hind .....	640
Joseph Cannell .....	640
George Green .....	320
New Black Ball Co. ....	213
George Green .....	320
W. Brunskill .....	320
J. H. St. Laurient .....	640"

Mr. *Gallagher* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

What action, if any, was taken respecting the Resolution passed last Session that in the opinion of this House it is highly desirable that a Supreme Court should be held at *Kootenay* during the ensuing season?

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

"A circuit of the Supreme Court to *Cassiar* being an absolute necessity, it was impossible to take any action in the matter referred to."

Mr. *Galbraith* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

What action, if any, has the Government taken in regard to a Resolution of this House, passed the 18th April last, asking His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to urge upon the Dominion Government the establishment of a Military Post in the District of *Kootenay*?

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

"I regret to say that the Resolution, respecting the establishment of a Military Post at *Kootenay*, appears to have been mislaid, and no action has been taken in the matter, but it will be at once forwarded with an explanation."

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the proposed Amendment, moved by Mr. *Beaven* on the 13th instant, to the question put by Mr. Speaker "That I do now leave the Chair," for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia," was resumed.

And the question being put "That the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," the same was resolved in the affirmative, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Tobnie,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith, R.</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Pinbury.—13.</i>
<i>Brown, E.</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.</i>	<i>Gallagher.—11.</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	

The question "That I do now leave the Chair," was resolved in the affirmative.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of copies of all correspondence on the subject of non-payment of School Tax by Chinamen in the employment of Mr. *J. S. Deas*, *Fraser River*; also a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Inspector of Mines and the Owners and Managers of Collieries in this Province, with reference to their compliance, or otherwise, with the provisions of the "Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877." (*See Sessional Papers.*)

And then the House adjourned at 5.30, p.m., until half-past seven o'clock, p.m.

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

The consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act relating to Corporations," was postponed to Monday next.

The consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876,'" was postponed to Monday next.

The second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs' Act, 1873,'" was postponed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Express Company," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Milling and Mining Company," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to authorize the Bishop of British Columbia to convey certain lands, hereditaments, and premises held by him, under the authority of Letters Patent, to Trustees, and to incorporate the said Trustees and enable them to hold lands," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Ordinance, 1867.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, Chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee had risen without Report.

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

And then the House adjourned, at 10.25 o'clock p. m.

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Monday, 18th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Walkem* presented the Sixth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, which was read, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

*Ordered*, That Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Act, 1873,'" be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Mara* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into certain statements made in this House by the Honourable the junior Member for *Cariboo* (Mr. *Evans*), which was read. (*See Appendix.*)

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

That the following words be added to clause 24, Rules, Orders, and Forms of Proceeding of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, "On every Order day except Wednesday."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act relating to Corporations," was considered.

The Schedule thereto was amended by striking out the figures "\$1 00," in the third line, and substituting the figures "\$20 00" in lieu thereof.

Report, as amended, adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876,'" was considered.

Mr. *Walkem* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*,—

That the Report on the "Qualification and Registration of Voters Act (1876) Amendment Act, 1878," be amended, by inserting as Clause 3,—

"Any Sheriff, Returning Officer, Constable, or Police Officer who shall advise, or directly or indirectly influence, any voter, at any election for a Member to the Legislative Assembly, to vote for or against any candidate at such election, shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary way before two Justices of the Peace, be liable to a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars, or to imprisonment, in default of payment of the fine that may be imposed, to any term not less than ten days and not exceeding three months."

Amendment put and carried.

The further consideration of the Report was postponed to Wednesday next.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia."

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

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

And then the House adjourned, at 5.50 o'clock p. m.

Tuesday, 19th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Walkem* moved, seconded by Mr. *Evans*,—

That no application for timber leases, or for the right to purchase surveyed or unsurveyed land in the District of *Cariboo* shall be granted by the Government.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of copies of all applications for grants or leases for timber, or for lease, or purchase, or grant of Crown Lands in the *Cariboo* District, together with the replies thereto, and petitions or other documents connected therewith, covering a period of six months back. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,—

To insert the following words, after the word "*Cariboo*," in the original motion: "or within the precinct of any district where quartz or other mines have been discovered or are known to exist."

Mr. *Beaven* moved, in amendment,—

To strike out all the words after "That" and insert the following:—

"In the opinion of this House no application for timber leases, or for the right to purchase unsurveyed land, under Clause 62, 'Land Act, 1875,' should be granted in that portion of *Cariboo* District situate to the East of *Fraser River* and North of *Quesnelle River*."

The amendment moved by Mr. *Beaven* was substituted for that moved by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* moved that the following words be added to the motion of Mr. *Beaven*:—

"Unless such land shall, in the opinion of the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works for the District, be land required for agricultural purposes."

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

And then the House adjourned, at 5.30 o'clock p. m., until half-past seven o'clock p. m.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of all correspondence, Orders in Council, and other documents whatsoever, in relation to the Miners' strike at *Nanaimo*, and to the dispatch of a body of armed Volunteers, or Militia, to the District of *Nanaimo* in the spring of 1877. And also a Return of correspondence with regard to a Resolution passed by the House, on the 7th April, 1877, recommending that the Steamer *Sir James Douglas* be utilized, not only as a tender for lighthouses and lightships, but also to act as a Revenue cutter to prevent smuggling of whiskey by Indians. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The adjourned debate on the amendment moved by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* to the amendment moved by Mr. *Beaven*, was resumed.

Mr. *Ash* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*,—

That the following words be added to the amendment moved by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*:—"but in no case shall any employé of the Government be allowed to purchase unsurveyed land in the said District."

The amendment moved by Mr. *Ash* was put and negatived.

The amendments moved by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* and Mr. *Beaven* were put and Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1875.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia."

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Thursday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12 o'clock, midnight.

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Wednesday, 20th March, 1878.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Milling and Mining Company."

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876,'" was considered.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*,—

That the report on the "Qualification and Registration of Voters Act (1876) Amendment Act 1878," be amended by adding to clause 3, line 1, after "Sheriff," the words "Stipendiary Magistrate, Police Magistrate, Civil Servant."

Amendment put and carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Tolmie* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to afford owners and occupiers of land a summary remedy in certain cases of trespass.'"

Mr. *Beaven* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,—

That all the words after "That" be struck out, and the following words be inserted in lieu thereof: "the Bill be read a second time this day six months."

And the question being put "That the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," the same was resolved in the affirmative, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Smithe,*  
*Vernon,*  
*Tolmie,*

*Fisher,*  
*Smith, R.*

*Gordon,*  
*Ash,*

*Morrison,*  
*Pimbury,—9.*

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Beaven,*  
*Evans,*

*Williams,*  
*Armstrong,*

*Brown, W. M.*

*Gallagher,—6.*

Bill read a second time.

Mr. *Gallagher* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to send a Judge of the Supreme Court or County Court to *Kootenay* during the ensuing season?

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

“If it is possible, a Judge of either the Supreme or County Court will visit *Kootenay* this year.”

Mr. *Ash* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to make an approach to the Public School, *Victoria*, through the piece of ground lately purchased by the Government, near *Moss Street*; and, if so, is there any objection to the work being done at once?

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

“The Government has acquired, by purchase, two parcels of land between *Fort Street* and the *School Reserve*, for the purpose of constructing approaches to the said reserve; but they have not yet decided which entrance will be completed this season.”

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

*Ordered*, That Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to amend ‘An Act to afford owners and occupiers of land a summary remedy in certain cases of trespass,’” be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Monday next.

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

Thursday, 21st March, 1878.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *Charles Machin* and others, which was read.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Constitution Act, 1871,’ by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia.”

The Committee rose without Report.

*Ordered*, That the House will again resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, on the said Bill, on Friday next.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Smith* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Consolidated Public School Act, 1876.’”

A question being raised that the Bill ought to originate with the Government, Mr. Speaker reserved his decision on the point.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to provide for the changing of the limits of Municipalities,” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Friday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 o'clock, p.m.

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Friday, 22nd March, 1878.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Mara* presented the Third Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts. (*See Appendix.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved,—That the Orders of the Day be read.

Mr. *Walkem* moved, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*,—

That all the words after "That" be struck out, and the following substituted: "the first Order of the Day be set down for consideration ten days hence."

Mr. *W. M. Brown* moved, in amendment to the proposed amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*,—

That the word "ten" be struck out, and the word "fifteen" be substituted therefor. A debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.30 p. m., until half-past seven o'clock p. m.

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

The adjourned debate on the Amendment proposed by Mr. *W. M. Brown* to the Amendment proposed by Mr. *Walkem* to the Motion—"That the Orders of the Day be read," was resumed.

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

The House continued to sit until after midnight.

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SATURDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1878.

And then the House adjourned, at 12.15 o'clock a. m., for want of a Quorum; the following Members being then present: the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*, and Messrs. *Evans*, *Fisher*, *Gordon*, *Mara*, and *Tolmie*; Mr. *Mara* acting as Speaker.

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Monday, 25th March, 1878.

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ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *Z. Guest* and others, which was *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

On the motion of Mr. *Armstrong*, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause a Return to be made to this House of all Fees received by any Officer of the Government, and applied to his own use and benefit.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriff's Act, 1873.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Douglas*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, it was Resolved,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour, in view of the fact being now under consideration of daily mail communication between the East and *Puget Sound*, to recommend to the Dominion Government the expediency of having established a daily mail service between *Victoria* and *Puget Sound*.

Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the Constitution Act, Chap. 42 of the Consolidated Statutes, 1877."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Mr. *Ash* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

What are the dates of purchase of the two parcels of land acquired for the purpose of constructing approaches from *Fort Street* to the *Victoria School Reserve*?

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

"The parcel of land opposite *Moss Street* was purchased on the 10th July, 1877.

"The parcel of land fronting on *Fort Street*, being a portion of Lot VII., *Spring Ridge* property, was purchased on the 30th September, 1877."

Mr. *W. M. Brown* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Have any timber leases or grants in the *Lillooet District* been applied for; and, if so, by whom and for what extent?

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

"No applications for timber leases have been received from *Lillooet District* since the 1st January, 1876.

"There has never been a lease for timber cutting purposes granted in *Lillooet District*."

The Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia."

Mr. *Walkem* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Evans*,—

That the Order of the Day, as to Bill No. 16, be discharged, and that it be deferred for fifteen days, for the purpose of proceeding with the Quartz Mining and other important legislative measures, as the Constitution Bill, which is the Order of the Day referred to, has not been submitted to the people for their consideration.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Order of the Day having been read by the Clerk, the Motion was out of order.

An appeal being made from Mr. Speaker's decision, the same was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith, R</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Pimbury.—12.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.</i>	<i>Gallagher.—11.</i>
<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	

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

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

And then the House adjourned, at 12.50 o'clock p. m., until 2.30 o'clock, p. m.



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

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Williams*, Chairman of the Committee, stated that he had left the Chair for want of a Quorum in the Committee.

And then the House adjourned, at 4.40 o'clock p. m.

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Tuesday, 26th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

*Ordered*, That the House will again resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia," on Thursday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Contractors, or their Agent, or the Engineers-in-Chief, or the Resident Engineer, in reference to the Dock at *Esquimalt*, since 4th March, 1877. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act for Dyking and reclaiming certain Lands at *Chilliwhack*, *Sumas*, and *Matsqui*," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

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

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

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

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Wednesday, 27th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Walkem* presented a Report from the Select Committee to which Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to Minerals, other than Coal, found in lodes or veins, and to amend the 'Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,'" was referred, which was *Ordered* to be printed.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consolidated Public School Act, 1876,'" was read a second time.

Mr. *Walkem* moved, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*,—

That, whilst this House approves of the change proposed in our educational system,

by abolishing the office of Deputy Superintendent, they are strongly opposed to the disestablishment of the High School, which is advocated by the Bill, as they feel deeply impressed with the conviction that it is sound State policy to afford, as far as possible, to all classes of the community the privileges of a higher standard of education than the mere rudimentary lessons taught by our common schools; be it therefore resolved,—

That the Educational Bill (No. 24) is not in accord with the opinions of this House, so far as the disestablishment of the present High School is contemplated or the growth of future High Schools is fettered or cramped by its provisions.

The Motion was resolved in the affirmative, on the following division:—

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Pimbury,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>
<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Brown, W M</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Humphreys—18.</i>
<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>		

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

*Tolmie,* *Smith, R.—2.*

*Ordered to be committed forthwith.*

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

*Ordered,* That the Report be considered on Friday next.

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

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Beaven* moved that Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to cancel certain Debentures, 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1876,'" be now read a second time.

The Motion was negatived, on the following division:—

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith, R</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Pimbury—12.</i>

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Brown, W M</i>	<i>Gallagher—11.</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* delivered a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read, and is as follows:—

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province of British Columbia, for the year ending 31st December, 1878, and he recommends these Estimates to the House of Assembly. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

*Government House,*

*March 27th, 1878.*

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return showing the amount assessed under the "Assessment Act, 1876," the amount collected and the amount due, together with the amount of School Tax collected in each electoral district for the year 1876; and, also, a Return showing the amount assessed under the "Assessment Act, 1876," and the amount collected during the year 1877, together with the amount of assessed taxes uncollected at the end of that year, and the amount of School Tax collected during 1877, for various electoral districts. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

And then the House adjourned, at 5.50 o'clock p. m.

Thursday, 28th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Report from the Committee appointed to enquire into the manner in which the *Howe Sound* Trail has been managed during the years 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, and 1877.

*Ordered*, That the Report and papers submitted therewith be printed. (*See Appendix*.)  
The Committee was discharged.

Mr. *Galbraith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gallagher*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will recommend to the Dominion Government the absolute necessity of establishing a monthly mail between *Victoria* and *Kootenay*, via *Spokane*, *Washington Territory*.

A debate arose, which was adjourned to Monday next.

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

Whereas the reproduction of salmon, herring, and other valuable fish is most seriously retarded by the highly pernicious practice now pursued by Indians, in annually taking and using for food the spawn of such fish in great quantities:

And whereas valuable fish of the smaller species, which mainly constitute the food of salmon, halibut, and cod, are also recklessly destroyed by being taken in nets, with unnecessarily small meshes, and cast on our fishing beaches to rot or decay:

And whereas such practices should be discountenanced and stopped; be it therefore resolved,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to place the matter before the Dominion Government, with a view to immediate steps being taken to prevent the destruction complained of, especially as many of the larger and more valuable fish have already deserted harbours where the practices alluded to have been carried on.

Mr. *Smith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licence Amendment Act, 1875,' and the Acts thereby amended."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Gordon*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to draw the attention of the Dominion Government to the very great necessity that exists for mail communication between the city of *Nanaimo* and the town of *Wellington*, and that His Honour be requested to urge the early attention of the Dominion Government thereto, with the object of securing mail facilities between two important centres of population.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause application to be made to the Dominion Government for extension of telegraphic communication from the Port of *Victoria* to *Cape Beale Light-house*, or some more fitting point at the entrance of *Fuca Strait*, whence, during fog, calm, or foul wind, sailing ships bound for any of the seaports of British Columbia could telegraph for aid of steam-tugs; and whereby the commercial interests of the Province generally would be largely benefited.

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

That it is not advisable to withdraw the premium for the destruction of Wolves and Panthers in settled districts, as such withdrawal tends to materially interfere with the permanent and satisfactory settlement of our farming lands.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House a Return of all Fees and charges had and received, for their own use and benefit, by officers of the Supreme Court of the Province, in Admiralty causes, since Confederation; and, also, a Return specifying the several causes tried in the Admiralty Court during the same period, and the several sums of money paid in each cause to the Judge of the said Admiralty Court.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Return may be sent down to this House showing the acreage in each section of land in *Victoria* District; the quantity deducted from each section for roads, rock, and swamp respectively; and the name of the original purchaser thereof.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that he will cause to be sent down to this House a Return of all Road Tax due in the several electoral districts.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*,—

Whereas Clause 27 of the "Public Works Act, 1872," provides that "It shall be the duty of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to invite tenders by public advertisement, or when such a course is impracticable, then by public notice, for the construction and repair of all public works, except in case of pressing emergency, where delay would be injurious to the public interest, or where, from the nature of the work, it can be more expeditiously and economically executed by the officers and servants of his department :"

And whereas the Provincial Legislature, on the 20th December, 1872, affirmed that "All public works in the Province shall be done by contract when practicable :"

This House is therefore of opinion that the Government, in carrying out the public works of the Province, should have adhered more strictly to the terms of the Statute and Resolution of this House.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*,—

That the three last lines of the Motion be struck out, and the following be inserted in lieu thereof :—"This House is therefore of opinion that the Government, in carrying out the public works of the Province, should adhere strictly to the terms of the Statute and Resolution of this House."

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

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of copies of correspondence, Orders in Council, and documents relating to the Royal Commission, referred to in the Address passed on the 4th March, instant. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act for Dyking and reclaiming certain Lands at Chilliwack, Sumas, and Matsqui," was considered.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* moved, in amendment, that the following words be added to Clause 33 of the Bill:—

"And all moneys which shall become payable under the provisions of this Act to the said E. L. Derby shall, on notice of any amount having been awarded as damages against the said E. L. Derby for any injury done by him to the property of any person or persons in the course of prosecuting the said work, be charged as a first charge with the amount so awarded, in the hands of the person or persons liable to pay the same, up to and until such moneys shall have been paid by the party or parties liable to pay the same.

"And any lands to which he may become entitled under the provisions of this Act, shall be in like manner charged in the hands of the said E. L. Derby, or his assigns, with such amount or amounts as shall be so awarded."

The Amendment was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p. m., until two o'clock to-morrow.

Friday, 29th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, seconded by Mr. *E. Brown*,—

That this House, after consideration of the correspondence laid before it, on the subject of additional buildings in connection with the Lunatic Asylum, *New Westminster*, is of opinion that no further outlay on building is expedient at the present time; and that as it has been shown that the whole of the existing accommodation is needed for the patients now maintained by the Province, it is advisable that a non-resident Medical Officer at the old salary (\$400 per annum), assisted by a Visiting Committee to be appointed by the Government, should have the superintendence of the establishment.

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.</i>	<i>Gallagher,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Brown, E.—12.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Smith, R.</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Pimbury.—11.</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	

Mr. *Ash* moved, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*,—

That this House is of opinion that the Fees of Court, and costs of litigation, fixed under authority of the "Supreme Court Fees Ordinance, 1870," and the "County Court Fees Ordinance, 1867," should be on a uniform scale, applicable to the whole Province; and that such scale, as far as is practicable or expedient, should conform to that established in the Province of *Ontario*.

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

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

*Ordered*, That the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the Estimates therewith transmitted, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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