

JOURNALS
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA.
SESSION, 1893.

Thursday, 26th January, 1893.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

This being the first day of the third meeting of the Sixth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable EDGAR DEWDNEY, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the Nineteenth day of December, 1892.

His Honour the Honourable *Edgar Dewdney*, Lieutenant-Governor, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It affords me much pleasure to meet you, in this, the first year of my term of office as Lieutenant-Governor.

The revenue continues to show healthy expansion, and the credit of the Province abroad occupies a high standard.

The industry of mining for precious metals has been greatly stimulated by new discoveries, and there is every prospect that the great mineral wealth of the Province will be rapidly developed.

The agricultural interests of the Province are in a thriving state, and the increasing attention given to the cultivation of fruits will add to the importance of that industry.

Exploratory and other surveys have been carried on in different parts of the Province during the past year, and it is satisfactory to know that the information obtained fully justifies the liberal appropriations which you wisely provided at your last Session.

Care has been taken that the productions of the Province shall be adequately represented at the Chicago World's Fair and at the Imperial Institute. You will be asked to provide the funds which must necessarily be expended for this purpose.

The attention of the Government of Canada has been called by my Ministers to its responsibilities in quarantine matters, and it is, so far, satisfactory to be able to announce that the Federal Government has undertaken to immediately equip and maintain a suitable Quarantine Station at Williams' Head.

The changes in the Public School system as applied to cities, which you adopted last Session, are working satisfactorily, and amendments will be submitted to you with the object of placing the control of the City Schools more completely in the hands of local governing bodies.

The boundaries of the Twenty-Mile Belt on each side of the Canadian Pacific Railway remain undefined, notwithstanding the endeavours of my Ministers to arrive at an adjustment of the question with the Dominion Government. In the meantime, the Government of Canada, claiming a boundary largely, as the Province maintains, in excess of a just limitation of the Railway Belt, are assuming the status of a freeholder by issuing grants in Her Majesty's name for lands in the disputed boundary, as well as for lands admittedly within the Belt. You will be asked to provide the necessary moneys for upholding the rights of the Province before the proper tribunals.

The time has arrived when the altered conditions of the Province demand a change in the method of popular representation in the Legislative Assembly, and a measure of redistribution will, therefore, be submitted to you.

Acting under the authority of the "Deep Sea Fisheries Act" of last Session, I have extended the time for the formation of the Commercial Company named in the Act to the thirty-first day of December, 1893, but, in so doing, I have taken care that the settlement of those portions of the Province affected by the Act shall not be retarded.

The condition of the labouring classes, and the relations between capital and labour, demand your serious attention, especially with a view to the prevention of strikes, with their disastrous consequences, not only to the parties directly in conflict, but also to the community at large. A Bill will be submitted to you, with a view to meet the objects desired, by the establishment of a Labour Bureau, and also of Boards of Conciliation and of Arbitration for the settlement of disputes between employer and employed.

You will be asked to consider a more perfect system of registering titles to real estate, and a Bill will be introduced under which the methods of dealing with land will be simplified, and the titles thereto will be guaranteed by the Government.

Bills will also be introduced to provide for the better protection of the public health, the establishment and maintenance of a Provincial Home for destitute persons, to regulate pawn-brokers, for the amendment of the "Insane Asylum Act," and to make certain provisions with respect to arbitration.

The estimates of revenue and expenditure for the ensuing year will be laid before you at an early date.

I now leave you to your deliberations, fully persuaded that an earnest determination to advance the best interests of the Province will characterize your proceedings.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

Mr. Speaker stated that the Honourable Colonel *Baker*, a Member for the *East Kootenay* Electoral District, had been re-elected to fill the vacancy caused by the acceptance of office of Minister of Education and Immigration under the Crown.

That *Hugh Watt*, Esq., had been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Hon. *John Robson*, a Member for the *Cariboo* Electoral District.

The Certificates of Election were read by the Clerk as follows:—

"SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

"26th January, 1893.

"*Thornton Fell*, Esq.,

"Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Victoria:

"Whereas a vacancy has occurred in the Legislative Assembly in consequence of the acceptance of office of the Honourable *James Baker*, a member for the *East Kootenay* Electoral District.

"And whereas on the 28th day of May, 1892, a writ for the election of a member to represent such District was duly issued to *Stephen Redgrave*, Esq., the Returning Officer of the said District.

"Now I do hereby certify that on the 13th day of June, A. D. 1892, the said writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate attached, whereby it appears that the Honourable *James Baker* has been, under and virtue of the said writ, elected a member to represent the said *East Kootenay* Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

[L.S.]

"HARVEY COMBE,

"Deputy Registrar Supreme Court of British Columbia."

"SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

" 25th January, 1893.

" *Thornton Fell, Esq.,*" *Clerk of the Legislative Assembly :*

"Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly in consequence of the death of the Honourable *John Robson*, a member for the *Cariboo* Electoral District.

"And whereas on the 21st day of July, 1892, a writ for the election of a member to represent such District was duly issued to *John Bowron, Esq.*, the Returning Officer of the said Electoral District.

"Now I do hereby certify that on the 14th day of September, 1892, the said writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate attached, whereby it appears that *Hugh Watt, Esq., M.D.*, has been, under and by virtue of the said writ, elected a member to represent the said District of *Cariboo* in the Legislative Assembly.

"JAMES C. PREVOST,

" *Registrar, Supreme Court.*"

[L.S.]

The Hon. Colonel *James Baker*, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. *T. Davie* and the Hon. *C. E. Pooley*.

Hugh Watt, Esq., having been duly sworn, was introduced by Hon. *J. H. Turner* and *S. Rogers, Esq.*

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

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

Ordered, That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills ;
2. On Public Accounts ;
3. On Printing ;
4. On Railways ;
5. On Mining ;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for papers, persons, and records.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

On the motion of the Hon. *T. Davie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*,—

Resolved, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration on Monday next.

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

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of rules, orders, and regulations issued by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, under the authority of the "Health Act," together with an account of all sums expended in connection therewith.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year ended 30th June, 1892.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Papers relating to representations made to the Dominion Government respecting Quarantine matters.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act.'" "

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 3:20 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 30th January, 1893.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. *Hugh Watt* moved, seconded by Mr. *H. Croft*,—

1. That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, to thank His Honour for his gracious Speech at the opening of the Third Session of the Sixth Provincial Parliament, and further to assure His Honour that we are glad to meet him, in this, the first year of his term of office as Lieutenant-Governor.

2. That we are pleased to learn that the revenue continues to show healthy expansion and that the credit of the Province abroad occupies a high standard.

3. That we learn with satisfaction that the industry of mining for precious metals has been greatly stimulated by new discoveries, and that there is every prospect that the great mineral wealth of the Province will be rapidly developed.

4. That it is gratifying to us to hear that the agricultural interests of the Province are in a thriving state, and that the increasing attention given to the cultivation of fruits will add to the importance of that industry.

5. That we receive with satisfaction the intimation that exploratory and other surveys have been carried on in different parts of the Province during the past year; and it is equally satisfactory to us to know that the information obtained fully justifies the liberal appropriations which we provided at our last Session.

6. That we are glad to learn that care has been taken that the productions of the Province will be adequately represented at the Chicago World's Fair and at the Imperial Institute, and His Honour may rest assured that we will cheerfully consider a request to provide the funds which must necessarily be expended for this purpose.

7. That we are pleased to hear that the attention of the Government of Canada has been called by His Honour's Ministers to its responsibilities in quarantine matters; and we receive with satisfaction the announcement that the Federal Government has undertaken to immediately equip and maintain a suitable Quarantine Station at Williams' Head.

8. That it affords us satisfaction to learn that the changes in the Public School system as applied to cities, which we adopted last Session, are working satisfactorily, and we note that amendments will be submitted to us with the object of placing the control of the City Schools more completely in the hands of local governing bodies.

9. That we note that the boundaries of the Twenty-Mile Belt on each side of the Canadian Pacific Railway remain undefined, notwithstanding the endeavours of His Honour's Ministers to arrive at an adjustment of the question with the Dominion Government. We also note that in the meantime, the Government of Canada, claiming a boundary largely, as the Province maintains, in excess of a just limitation of the Railway Belt, are assuming the status of a freeholder by issuing grants in Her Majesty's name for lands in the disputed boundary, as well as for lands admittedly within the Belt. We will cheerfully consider the advisability of providing the necessary moneys for upholding the rights of the Province before the proper tribunals.

10. We agree with His Honour that the time has arrived when the altered conditions of the Province demand a change in the method of popular representation in the Legislative Assembly, and we note that a measure of redistribution will be submitted to us.

11. That we note that, acting under the authority of the "Deep Sea Fisheries Act" of last Session, His Honour has extended the time for the formation of the Commercial Company named in the Act to the 31st day of December, 1893, and we are pleased to hear that in so doing His Honour has taken care that the settlement of those portions of the Province affected by the Act shall not be retarded.

12. That we agree with His Honour that the condition of the labouring classes, and the relations between capital and labour, demand our serious attention, especially with a view to the prevention of strikes, with their disastrous consequences, not only to the parties directly in conflict, but also to the community at large, and we will attentively consider a Bill which will be submitted to us, with a view to meet the objects desired, by the establishment of a Labour Bureau, and also of Boards of Conciliation and of Arbitration for the settlement of disputes between employer and employed.

13. That we will readily comply with the request to consider a more perfect system of registering titles to real estate, under which the methods of dealing with land will be simplified and the titles thereto will be guaranteed by the Government.

14. That we will give our attentive consideration to measures to provide for the better protection of the public health, the establishment and maintenance of a Provincial Home for destitute persons, to regulate pawnbrokers, for the amendment of the "Insane Asylum Act," and to make certain provisions with respect to arbitration.

15. That we are grateful to His Honour for the assurance that the estimates of revenue and expenditure for the ensuing year will be laid before us at an early date.

Resolution proposed and agreed to.

The said Address was read a second time, taken as read, and agreed to.

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

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

That the Resolution to present an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Honour for his gracious Speech, be referred to a Select Committee, composed as follows:—

The Honourable the Attorney-General, the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, the Honourable the Minister of Finance, the Honourable the President of the Executive Council, the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and Messrs. *Watt* and *Croft*.

The Honourable Attorney-General, from the Select Committee, reported an Address, which read as follows:—

To the Honourable EDGAR DEWDNEY, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia:

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

We are pleased to learn that the revenue continues to show healthy expansion, and that the credit of the Province abroad occupies a high standard.

We learn with satisfaction that the industry of mining for precious metals has been greatly stimulated by new discoveries, and that there is every prospect that the great mineral wealth of the Province will be rapidly developed.

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We are grateful to Your Honour for the assurance that the estimates of revenue and expenditure for the ensuing year will be laid before us at an early date.

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

That the Address in reply to the Speech be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by such Members as are of the Executive Council.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Grant* in the Chair.

The Committee reported the Bill complete without amendment.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Twenty-first Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province for the year 1891-92.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:10 o'clock, p. m.