

Tuesday, 12th January, 1904.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. S. S. Osterhout.

The petition from *Fred. Buscombe* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate the Coast-Yukon Railway Company, was received. (No. 5.)

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act respecting the Constitution, Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes relating to the Administration of Justice.”

By the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to provide for the Proper Management of Gaols, and for the Organisation, Management and Discipline of the Provincial Police Force.”

On the motion of Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the names of the present holders of timber leases, with the number of acres held by each lessee, and the date of the lease and the date of expiry thereof.

Mr. *Cotton* presented the Second Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 12th, 1904.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petitions have been complied with :—

Petition No. 1—The Alberni and Cowichan Railway.

“ No. 3—The petition of the Corporation of the City of Vancouver.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. CARTER-COTTON,
Chairman.

The report was received.

Mr. *Houston* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions :—

1. What rate per line per insertion is paid weekly newspapers for advertising Government notices?

2. What rate per line per insertion is paid daily newspapers for advertising Government notices?

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

“The undermentioned rates, except in cases where a special arrangement is made :—

“1. Ten cents a line for the 1st insertion, and 5 cents a line for each subsequent insertion, for setting 12 lines to the inch.

“2. 1 insertion, 10 cents a line; 2 insertions, 15 cents a line; 3 to 5 insertions, 20 cents a line; 1 week, 25 cents a line; from 1 to 2 weeks, 35 cents a line; 2 to 3 weeks, 45 cents a line; 3 weeks to 1 month, 50 cents a line; each subsequent month, or portion, 25 cents a line, for setting 12 lines to the inch.”

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

What are the names of the newspapers in which delinquent tax sales were published during the year ending June 30th, 1903, and the amount paid each newspaper for each description or parcel of land so advertised?

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

“ Colonist	\$3.40	per parcel.
Columbian	2.00	“
Daily Province	3.00	“
Kootenaian	87	“
World	1.46	“
Cumberland News	90	“
Nanaimo Free Press	1.00	“
Fort Steele Prospector	75	“
Trail Creek News	1.60	“
Ashcroft Journal	55	“
Ladysmith Leader	1.12	“
Kootenay Mail	85	“
Vernon News	93	“
Daily News	1.50	“
Kamloops Standard	1.25	“
Atlin Claim	1.25	“
Outcrop	1.00	“
Sandon Paystreak	57	“
Slocan Drill	57	“
New Denver Ledge	57	“
Tribune	50	“
Lillooet Prospector	65	“
Chilliwack Progress	50	“
Rossland Miner	10	per line.
Similkameen Star	15	“ ”

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

1. How many convictions were secured on December 2nd last against the Wellington Colliery Co. for employing Chinamen below ground in its coal mines?
2. What fines were imposed?
3. Have these fines been paid?
4. Have any Chinamen been employed below ground by the said Company since December 2nd?
5. If so, have any further prosecutions been commenced or convictions secured against the said Company?
6. If so, how many?
7. If not, why not?

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

“1. None against the Wellington Colliery Co., as such. Up to 2nd December last (inclusive) 142 convictions were secured, as follows:—

Rex v. Little (Manager)	1
Rex v. Priest (Acting Manager)	76
Rex v. Matthews (Manager)	65

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“2. Twenty-five dollars and costs in each case.

“3. Rex v. Little, fine was paid July 28th. Rex v. Priest, one fine has been paid.

“4. Yes.

“5. Further prosecutions were commenced against Matthews, but have been stayed pending the decision of the Full Court upon the constitutionality of Rule 34. This question has been referred to the Full Court, has been argued, and is now standing for judgment.

“6 & 7.—Answered by the answer to question 3.”

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

1. Have any timber leases or licences or coal and oil prospecting licences for lands in Blocks 4,593 and 4,594, in East Kootenay, been signed by the Lieutenant-Governor?
2. If so signed, have they been delivered?
3. If not delivered, in whose keeping are they now?

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

- “1. No.
- “2 and 3. Answered by the answer to No. 1.”

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

1. What was the original estimate for the construction of the Highland Valley Road?
2. How much has been expended thereon?
3. What proportion of the work has been completed?
4. When and why was the work stopped?
5. What will it take to complete the work?
6. Is it their intention to provide in the Estimates for the completion of road this approaching season?

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

- “1. None.
- “2. \$2,862.75.
- “3. Four miles.
- “4. 10th October last, when all works were shut down.
- “5. \$2,000.
- “6. Yes.”

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

1. What was the particular public business which necessitated the visit of the Premier as well as the Attorney-General to Cassiar and Atlin?
2. Did *W. McNeill* accompany the Premier to Cassiar and Atlin?
3. If so, for what purpose?
4. Did Mr. *McNeill* take any part in addressing any public meetings?
5. What was the cost of Mr. *McNeill's* trip to Cassiar and Atlin?

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

“1. The Premier and Attorney-General visited the Northern District in their official capacities. They were accompanied by Mr. *W. McNeill* as Assistant to the Chief Commissioner. The business dealt with by the Ministers concerned matters relating to the administration of justice, public works, colonisation, mining and land disputes, and other matters of public interest.

“The points visited were Alert Bay, Malcolm Island, Rivers Inlet, Wanborough, Bella Bella, Lowe Inlet, Fort Simpson, Quathiaski Cove, Claxton, White Horse, Port Essington, Inverness, Metlakahtla, Naas Harbour, Bella Coola, Bennett, Caribo Crossing, McKee Creek Atlin and Discovery.

- “2. Answered by answer to No. 1.
- “3. Answered by answer to No. 1.
- “4. No.
- “5. \$224.50.”

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

1. Were any applications for coal and petroleum licences in Blocks 4,593 and 4,594, South-East Kootenay, made in July and August, 1900?
2. The names of the applicants?
3. Did the required fees accompany the applications?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. *J. E. Smart, John Watt, Alexander Watt, George Watt, Alfred F. Marcus, Robert Watt, Maggie L. Watt, Sarah M. Watt, Thomas Buell Watt, William Watt, Albert Wiegand, James A. Ford, and Manly Harshman.*
- “3. Yes.

“NOTE.—The applications were all in respect to lands in Block 4,593.”

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Insectivorous and other Birds," was committed.

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the law respecting the Qualification and Registration of Electors, the Regulation of Elections of Members of the Provincial Legislative Assembly, and the Trial of Controverted Elections," a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act,'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sale of Goods Act,'" was read a second time and committed.

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

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horticultural Board Act,'" was read a second time and committed.

Progress reported.
Committee to sit again to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, Private Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to enable the City of Vancouver to acquire any Lands and Interests in, on or adjoining the foreshore of a certain portion of False Creek, Vancouver," was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The report on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the third reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" 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 4 P.M.

Wednesday, 13th January, 1904.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *S. S. Osterhout*.

Mr. *W. R. Ross* presented a petition from *L. M. Proctor* and others, asking amendments to the Steam Boilers Inspection Act.

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Cotton* presented the Third Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 13th, 1904.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the under-mentioned Petitions have been complied with :—

No. 5.—The Coast-Yukon Railway.

No. 4.—The Vancouver Insurance Company.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. CARTER-COTTON,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act relating to the Attachment of Debts.”

By the Hon. Mr. *McBride*—Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act.’”

By Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*—Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act for the Protection of Deer upon Vancouver Island.”

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

1. Did *Justin Gilbert* act as stenographer in the Columbia and Western inquiry?

2. Will the Government make a thorough inquiry into the justice of the claims of *A. M. Jones* before making any additional payment?

3. Is it the intention of the Government to pay salaries to officials whilst engaged in other than Government work?

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

“1. *Justin Gilbert* acted as stenographer for *A. M. Jones*.

“2. Yes.

“3. No.”

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

1. How many lessees of timber lands are in arrears on account of their leases?

2. What amounts are owing by each lessee?

3. What steps, if any, have the Government taken to enforce payment?

4. When did the Government take action?

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

“1. 19.

“2. B. C. Land and Investment Co., Ltd	\$ 1,413 90
Harrison River Mills Timber and Trading Co.	17 00
Andrew Haslam	2,096 15
Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Co	179 55
Brunette Saw-Mill Co.	2,582 40
North Pacific Lumber Co.	928 00
G. O. Buchanan	426 00
Davies-Sayward Mill and Land Co., Ltd	1,069 40
Nelson Saw-Mill Co	960 00
F. Seaman	280 00
Toronto and B. C. Lumber Co	19,107 60
Bank of British North America, Victoria	2,112 00

Pacific Coast Lumber Co	1,789 00
Hamilton Lumbering and Manufacturing Co., Ltd.....	3,736 80
J. M. Mackinnon and W. R. Robertson.....	9,282 60
Bank of British North America, Vancouver	339 10
John Hanbury.....	429 75
A. Barnett.....	124 80
A. J. Keith	1,386 80

"The above amounts represent the rentals payable in advance to the respective dates of the leases in 1904.

"3. A demand for payment is made every six months. The last demand was made in July, 1903.

"Notices requesting payment of arrears are again being prepared now."

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

1. What amount of debentures have been issued and sold under the Treasury Debenture Act, 1903, and to whom sold?
2. What price was obtained for said debentures?
3. What were the numbers of the debentures sold?
4. At what rate of interest were they issued?
5. Was any commission paid or promised on the sale of said debentures, and, if so, the amount of commission, and to whom paid?
6. How were the moneys realised applied?

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

"1. \$1,000,000 sold to three Canadian life insurance companies; debentures will not be issued until 1st of March, 1904.

"2. Par.

"3. 1 to 1,000, inclusive.

"4. 5 per cent. per annum.

"5. No.

"6. Money will not be received until after the date of issue—1st March, 1904."

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

What was the amount received for the year ending June 30th, 1903, under each of the following heads:—

	Victoria.	Vancouver.
Revenue Tax		
Income Tax		
Personal Property Tax.....		
Probate Fees		
Succession Fees		
Marriage Licences.....		

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

	Victoria.	Vancouver.
Revenue Tax	\$11,133 00	\$14,661 00
Income Tax.....	* 15,453 90	6,341 45
Personal Property Tax.....	22,760 74	20,070 45
Probate Fees	3,773 17	1,127 92
Succession Fees	3,737 05	1,017 30
Marriage Licences.....	1,310 00	1,720 00

* In the amount derived from Income Tax in Victoria is included the Income Tax paid by Insurance Companies, amounting to \$6,652.37.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

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

The Report on Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act for the Protection of Insectivorous and other Birds,” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Sale of Goods Act,’” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the law respecting the Qualification and Registration of Electors, the Regulation of Elections of Members of the Provincial Legislative Assembly, and the Trial of Controverted Elections,” was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act respecting the Constitution, Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes relating to the Administration of Justice,” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to provide for the Proper Management of Gaols, and for the Organisation, Management and Discipline of the Provincial Police Force,” was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4 o'clock, P.M.

Thursday, 14th January, 1904.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *S. S. Osterhout*.

The petition from *L. M. Proctor* and others, asking amendments to the Steam Boilers Inspection Act, was received.

Dr. King presented a similar petition from *H. Cameron* and others.

Received.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act respecting Sanitary Drainage Companies.”

By the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Bills of Sale Act.’”

Mr. *McNiven*, moved, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all papers and correspondence referring to the appointment of a Board of Arbitration *re* Government House contract, with instructions given to such Board of Arbitration; also copy of detailed claim of contractor; the reports of the Architect and Building Inspector thereon; also the report and findings of the Board of Arbitration; the cost of the arbitration to the Government and the amount paid, or to be paid, to the individual arbitrators and the total amount claimed by them?

The motion was withdrawn by leave.

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

Is it the intention of the Government to provide for the completion of the Chimney Creek Bridge and approaches thereto before high water in May or June next?

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

“Yes.”

Mr. *Ross* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. Has the Government any information regarding the recent coal mine disaster at Michel?
2. If so, how many lives were lost?
3. What was the cause?
4. Does the Government contemplate taking further immediate steps looking towards increased precautions for safety in coal mines, especially with regard to inspection?

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

“1. The following information has been received:—

‘Telegram, dated January 12th-13th, 1904, from *Thos. R. Stockett* to the Minister of Mines:—

‘Local explosion of fire damp lower No. 3 Mine, Michel, Friday afternoon; seven fatalities and one injured; cause of explosion not yet known. *McGregor* inspected mine Saturday night.’

‘Telegram, dated January 13th, 1904, from *Archibald Dick* to Minister of Mines:—

‘Explosion in No. 3 Mine, Michel; seven killed; inquest adjourned to January 18th; going down to-morrow; will wire particulars after examining. Did not know of accident until last night.’

“2. Answered by answer to No. 1.

“3. Answered by answer to No. 1.

“4. Yes.”

The Report on Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act 1902,’” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to provide for the Proper Management of Gaols, and for the Organisation, Management and Discipline of the Provincial Police Force,” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the law respecting the Qualification and Registration of Electors, the Regulation of Elections of Members of the Provincial Legislative Assembly, and the Trial of Controverted Elections,” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:48 o'clock, P.M.

 Friday, 15th January, 1904.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *S. S. Osterhout*.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented a Return showing what lands in Cowichan District were assessed as wild land for the years 1902 and 1903, by whom such taxes were paid and the amounts so paid.

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

1. Of what nature are the Crown grants that may be issued by the Government under the "Vancouver Island Settlers' Act, 1903"?
2. If merely a quit claim deed, will they be of any benefit to the settlers obtaining them?
3. Are those settlers who have accepted titles from the E. & N. Ry. Co. entitled under said Act to receive a Crown grant?

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

- "1. Each application for Crown grant will have to be carefully considered before it can be determined what, if any, title the Crown can grant.
 "2. Answered by reply to question 1.
 "3. Answered by reply to question 2."

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

1. Has a sum of money been granted or promised for the purpose of constructing a shed at Ganges Harbour?
2. If so, how much?
3. Have Government employees been instructed to build said shed?
4. Who applied for said grant?
5. Have all workmen in the Islands constituency been paid for work done previous to October 3rd, 1903?

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

- "1. Yes, to extend shed on wharf.
 "2. \$100.
 "3. Yes.
 "4. The President of Creamery Co.
 "5. All vouchers received for services rendered have been paid."

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

1. How much time, for which the Government paid him salary, was used by *Justin Gilbert*, official stenographer, in taking down the proceedings in the Columbia Western inquiry, and how much in transcribing his notes of such inquiry, respectively?
2. Does the Government purpose continuing to pay this officer salary for the time he is occupied in private work?
3. What means has the Government taken to ascertain the correctness of the charge by *A. M. Jones* of \$2,293 for stenographic work in this inquiry?

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

"1. *Justin Gilbert* was engaged twenty-two days in taking notes of the proceedings of the Columbia and Western Railway investigation, during which time he secured and paid for the services of a competent stenographer to act in his place at the Law Courts. This arrangement was authorised by a Member of the Government of the day. The time occupied by Mr. *Gilbert* in transcribing his notes extended from the 21st of April to the end of August.

- "2. No.
 "3. The Bill of *A. M. Jones* is being taxed."

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

1. Is Mr. *J. J. Johnston*, of New Westminster, in the employ of the Government?
2. If so, in what capacity and at what remuneration?
3. How long has Mr. *Johnston* been in the Government employ?
4. Is the Rev. Mr. *Vert*, of New Westminster, in the employ of the Government?
5. If so, in what capacity and at what remuneration?
6. How long has Mr. *Vert* been in the Government employ in his present position?
7. Has Mr. *Vert* been employed by the Government in other than his present position at any time since June 1st last?
8. If so, in what capacity, and what has been his remuneration?
9. Is it the intention of the Government to supersede Mr. *Johnston* by appointing Mr. *Vert* to the position now occupied by Mr. *Johnston*?
10. If so, does the Government consider Mr. *Vert* competent to fill the position?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Clerk. \$85 per month.
- "3. Nearly ten years.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Temporary clerk at \$3 per day.
- "6. About ten days.
- "7. Yes.
- "8. Temporary clerk to Collector of Voters at \$3 per day.
- "9. The Government has not considered the matter.
- "10. Answered by answer to No. 9."

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the motion "That a Supply be granted to His Majesty."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier,—
Resolved, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

The Resolution was reported to the House and adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier,—
Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the law respecting the Qualification and Registration of Electors, the Regulation of Elections of Members of the Provincial Legislative Assembly, and the Trial of Controverted Elections," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Cotton*, Private Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Coast-Yukon Railway Company," was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Railway Committee.

The Hon. the Premier presented the report submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by the Hon. Chas. Wilson and the Hon. R. F. Green on their mission to Ottawa as a Delegation from the Province of British Columbia.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 o'clock, P.M.

Monday, 18th January, 1904

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*, Ph. D.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 33) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Health Act.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *McBride*—Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Schools Act.’”

By Mr. *Bowser*—Bill (No. 35) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Counties Definition Act.’”

By Mr. *Oliver*—Bill (No. 36) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Poison Act.’”

By Mr. *Cameron*—Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Incorporation Act.’”

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* presented a petition from the Vancouver Land and Improvement Company opposing Private Bill introduced by Vancouver City, *re* False Creek lands.

Laid on the table.

On the motion of Mr. *Evans*, seconded by Mr. *Murphy*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all lands sold in the E. & N. Railway Belt by the E. & N. Railway Company.

Also, a Return of all lands which were originally in the E. & N. Railway Grant which are at present paying taxes to the Provincial Government, excluding lands in municipalities.

On the motion of Mr. *Evans*, Private Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Alberni and Cowichan Railway Company,” was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Railway Committee.

Mr. *Paterson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions :—

1. What amount has been paid for travelling expenses of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture since 1900, inclusive?
2. What amount has been paid to, and for travelling expenses of, lecturers for Farmers' Institutes throughout the Province since 1900, inclusive?
3. What amount has been paid for the purpose of assisting in the importation of stock?
4. How many creamery companies have received assistance from the Government, and to what amount?

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

“1. \$2,810.45 for the fiscal years ending 30th June, 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1903.

“2. \$3,435.55 for the same period.

“3. \$700.

“4. Four creamery associations have received loans, under the ‘Dairy Associations Act,’ from the Government, amounting to \$6,200, of which amount \$600 was repaid by the Cowichan Creamery Association.”

Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the law respecting the Qualification and Registration of Electors, the Regulation of Elections of Members of the Provincial Legislative Assembly, and the Trial of Controverted Elections,” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia transmits herewith:—

Estimates of sums required for the Service of the Province for the financial year ending 30th June, 1905;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure (No. 2) for the financial year ending 30th June, 1904; and

Schedule A, Unprovided Items of Expenditure for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1903, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
18th January, 1904.

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

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting certain Contracts of Insurance," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting Sanitary Drainage Companies," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Steam Boilers Inspection Act, 1901,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Deer upon Vancouver Island," a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Hon. the Premier presented:—

Return under sub-section (3) of section 2 of chapter 157 of the Revised Statutes, namely, "The Probates Recognition Act."

Return under section 21 of the "Provincial Elections Act," and section 12 of the "Redistribution Act, 1902."

Statement of Commons established showing the revenue collected for the fiscal year ended the 30th day of June, 1903.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Corporation of the City of Rossland, or the Mayor or any of the Aldermen thereof, and the Government during the month of October, 1903, with respect to the dismissal of the Police Magistrate at Rossland and the appointment of his successor.

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, 19th January, 1904,

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*, Ph. D.

Dr. *Young* presented a petition from "The Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway Company," opposing Private Bill to incorporate the Coast-Yukon Railway Company. (No. 5A.)
Received and referred to the Railway Committee.

The Hon. the Premier presented a petition from the Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon Railway Company and others, opposing Private Bill of Vancouver City, *re* False Creek lands. (No. 3A.)
Received and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day for Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *McBride*,—

"That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."

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

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act respecting the Constitution, Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes relating to the Administration of Justice," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting Sanitary Drainage Companies," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act relating to the Attachment of Debts," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Health Act,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act,'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Garden*, Private Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Vancouver Insurance Company," was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3:30 o'clock to-morrow.

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

Wednesday, 20th January, 1904.

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

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*, Ph. D.

The following petitions were laid on the table :—

By Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*—From the Centre Star Mining Co. and others, asking amendments to the “Steam Boilers Inspection Act.”

By Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*—From the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company, Ltd., for leave to present a petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act.

Mr. *Oliver* presented a petition from *Thomas Hooper* and *A. Maxwell Muir*, asking for an investigation into all matters relating to the construction of Government House and the arbitration held in connection therewith.

Mr. *Williams* presented a petition from *Jno. Gribble* and others, residents of Cranberry District, asking for grant of money for road construction.

On the motion of Mr. *Brown*, Bill (No. 38) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Registry Act,’” was introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply,” was resumed.

Dr. *King* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Jones*, to add after the word “Chair” the following words :—

“But this House censures the Government of the day for want of policy and unbusiness-like methods in dealing with coal and oil prospecting licences.”

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

The report on Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the law respecting the Qualification and Registration of Electors, the Regulation of Elections of Members of the Provincial Legislative Assembly, and the Trial of Controverted Elections,” was considered.

The following amendments were made on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wilson* :—

In section 8, line four, strike out the words “be incapable” and insert them after the word “consent,” in the sixth line.

In section 10, sub-section (g), line eight, strike out “com-” and substitute therefor the word “completed.”

In section 12, line five, strike out “Collector” and substitute “Registrar.”

In section 23, line nine, strike out “lists” and substitute “list.”

In section 142, line two, to strike out the word “immediately.”

In Form A, line two of clause 3, strike out “to the day of , 19 ,” and substitute therefor “to the date of this application.”

In Form A, marginal note, strike out “Collector” where it occurs and substitute therefor “Registrar.”

Mr. *Hall* moved to insert the words “or female” between the words “male” and “of,” in line one of section 4.

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Drury,
Brown,
McNiven,
Jones,

Evans,
Tanner,
Davidson,
Oliver,

Munro,
Wells,
Hall,
Cameron,

Hawthornthwaite,
Williams,
Wilson,
Clifford—16.

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>King,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Grant—20.</i>

Mr. *Williams* moved to amend section 64, sub-section (1), line six, and sub-section (3), line two, by striking out the words "two hundred" and substituting the word "fifty" in each case. A debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Hon. Minister of Finance presented a Return of an abstract of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Province for the half-year ending 31st December, 1903.

Ordered to be printed.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act respecting the Constitution, Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes relating to the Administration of Justice," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

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

Thursday, 21st January, 1904.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*, Ph. D.

The following petitions were read and received:—

From the Centre Star Mining Co. and others, asking amendments to the "Steam Boilers Inspection Act."

From the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Co., Ltd., for leave to present a petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act.

From *Thomas Hooper* and *A. Maxwell Muir*, asking for an investigation into all matters relating to the construction of Government House and the arbitration held in connection therewith.

The petition from *Jno. Gribble* and others, residents of Cranberry District, asking for grant of money for road construction, was ruled out of order.

Mr. *Cotton* presented the Fifth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 21st, 1904.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

They have considered the petition of the City of Vancouver for an Act to amend the Incorporation Act, and find that Rule 59, as to particularity in the publication, has not been strictly complied with, but the petitioners having agreed to amend the said petition by the

elimination of the request for powers to operate telephone and electric light enterprises, your Committee are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioners, as so amended, should be granted.

That the preamble of Bill (No. 50), being An Act to enable the City of Vancouver to acquire certain lands, has not been proved.

F. CARTER-COTTON,
Chairman.

Laid on the table.

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

1. What was the estimated cost of Chilliwhack dyke, upon which the people petitioned for its construction ?
2. What has it cost to date ?
3. What was the amount of Mr. *Cruickshanks'* contract, and how much was he paid ?
4. What was the amount of *McLean Brothers'* contract, and how much were they paid ?
5. Have *McLean Brothers* been paid in full ? If not, what amount is in arrears ?
6. Does Government intend replacing wing-dam washed out last year ?
7. Does Government contemplate further protection works this season ?
8. Does Government intend taking any action upon Mr. *Benson's* report ?

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

- "1. \$155,000.
- "2. \$263,878.07, including protection works.
- "3. \$27,900 lump sum contract. Extras, \$4,348.15. Total, \$32,248.15.
- "4. Schedule rate contract. Tender, \$126,602.83 (aggregate). Paid on contract, \$145,924.39. Total payment to *L. McLean*, inclusive of work outside contract and protection works, \$186,463.42.
- "5. With the exception of a sum of \$150 and a claim now in course of adjustment.
- "6. The outer end of wing-dam carried away last year will not be replaced, but the end of part remaining will be protected with mattress.
- "7. Yes.
- "8. The matter is under consideration."

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

1. Is it the intention of the Government to cancel the Columbia and Western Reserve ?
2. If so, when ?

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

- "1. The matter is under consideration.
- "2. Answered by the reply to No. 1."

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

Is it the intention of the Government to bring down legislation dealing with dyking matters this Session ?

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

"No."

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

1. What amount, if any, has been paid, or to be paid, to the Chief Commissioner as travelling expenses in connection with his recent visit to Kootenay ?
2. Did the Hon. Chief Commissioner attend the Conservative Convention held at Nelson on January 6th last ?
3. Is it usual for Ministers to receive travelling expenses to attend party conventions ?
4. Do Ministers receive travelling allowances when travelling on passes ?

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

- “ 1. None.
- “ 2. As this is a private matter, I do not think that it concerns this House.
- “ 3. I have no personal knowledge of the custom followed in such cases.
- “ 4. It is not the custom of this Government to receive moneys for fare when travelling on passes.”

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions :—

1. What was the total amount paid to *J. R. Anderson*, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, as travelling expenses for the year ending the 30th of June last, and the six months ending the 31st day of December last, respectively ?
2. What amount has been paid for assistance to the Deputy Minister for the same periods ?
3. Does the Deputy Minister furnish a detailed statement of his travelling expenses ?

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

- “ 1. \$637.70 and \$432.40, respectively.
- “ 2. \$551 and \$445.50, respectively, for temporary assistance.
- “ 3. Yes, with the exception of travelling allowance for maintenance, which is fixed by Order in Council at the rate of \$4 per day.

On the motion of Mr. *Garden*, Private Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900,’” was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to further amend the ‘Steam Boilers Inspection Act, 1901,’” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Green*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee of five Members of this House, consisting of Messrs. *Clifford*, *Ross*, *Young*, *McInnes* and *Munro*, be appointed to inquire into the conduct of the architects employed in connection with the construction of Government House, at the City of Victoria, and into all matters in relation to the construction of said building, and into the charges made by Messrs. *Thomas Hooper*, *Maxwell Muir* and *W. T. Dalton*, in a memorandum attached to the award made by them as to the amount due by His Majesty to *Richard Drake* for extra work done and extra materials furnished in connection with the construction of said building; that said Committee have power to summon witnesses and to call for papers, documents and records, and that the said Committee report their findings and the evidence to the House.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to provide an additional sum for the completion of the New Westminster Bridge across the Fraser River,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

21st January, 1904.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 39) intituled “An Act to provide an additional sum for the completion of the New Westminster Bridge across the Fraser River,” and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first and second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Deer upon Vancouver Island," was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Poison Act,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Incorporation Act,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

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

Friday, 22nd January, 1904.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*, Ph. D.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *McBride*, Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to remove doubt as to the validity of the Election of a Member to represent the Lillooet Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly," was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Jones*, seconded by Mr. *Murphy*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Return be made to the House showing the number of non-residents of the Province who hunted big game in the Lillooet District during the year 1903, and the number of licences issued from the Government Office at Lillooet during such period?

Dr. *King* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions.—

1. What amount of royalty was due the Government by the Carbon Creek Lumber Co. on August 1st, 1903?
2. Has such royalty been collected?
3. If not, why not?

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

"1. \$523.95.

"2. No.

"3. The Assistant Timber Inspector made a seizure of property to secure payment of the royalty, but it was found that such procedure would inflict a hardship upon innocent persons and the property was relinquished."

Mr. *Murphy* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. How many (a) hydraulic mining, (b) creek, (c) dredging leases are now in existence in Cariboo District?

2. What amount of yearly rental accrues from each of said classes of leases?

3. On how many of each of said classes of leases was the rental in arrears on the 1st day of November last?

4. For what length of time on each lease so in arrears has the rental been in arrears?

5. In whose names do the leases so in arrears stand?

6. Why have not the leases so in arrears been cancelled?

7. On how many mining leases in Cariboo District has the forfeit money, in lieu of work, been paid?

8. How many mining leases are there in Cariboo District on which neither the forfeit money has been paid nor the required amount of work been done?

9. In whose names do such leases stand?

10. Why have such leases not been cancelled?

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

"1. (a) 191; (b) 195; (c) 35.

"2. (a) \$10,720; (b) \$16,575; (c) \$3,555.

"3. Returns are quarterly; on 31st December last; (a) 77; (b) 81; (c) 18.

"4. Returns do not disclose the information.

"5. 176 are in arrears for rental; their names appear in the annexed list.

"6. The matter is now under consideration.

"7. Returns do not disclose the information.

"8. Returns do not disclose the information.

"9. Answered by answer to No. 8.

"10. The matter is now under consideration.

No. of Lease.

67	Joseph H. Berry.
68	"
76	Willow River Mining Co.
209	Maud Hydraulic Co.
210	"
211	"
212	C. S. Briggs.
213	Montreal & B. C. P. P. Co., Ltd.
214	H. E. C. Carry.
215	"
216	"
217	"
218	"
220	George Davies.
317	Peter Sullivan <i>et al.</i>
324	C. J. Seymour Baker.
326	"
345	J. Moore.
381 to 388	B. C. Development Association.
390	C. J. Seymour Baker.
397	J. C. McLagan.
398	T. A. Grigg.
408	F. J. Coulthard.

No. of Lease.

409	R. H. Campbell.
410	H. M. Campbell.
411	M. C. Drysdale.
412	H. F. Fortman.
413	A. H. Millberry.
414	John Parker.
415	J. O. Whitney.
416	R. F. Robinson.
417	R. Herold, Jr.
418	D. Drysdale.
419	W. A. Frederick.
437	John Stevenson.
438	Ada J. B. Mason.
463	Victoria Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Co.
464	"
465	Veith & Borland.
568	E. R. Knight.
569	Jane I. Clarke.
584	Fred. Williams.
585	R. T. Bradley.
586	R. T. Reid.
587	L. J. Russell.
588	E. Medlicott.
596	Cariboo Exploration Co.
597	B. A. Lasell.
598	J. Wendle.
599	B. A. Lasell.
600	E. Dumarais.
601	B. A. Lasell.
602	"
603	"
604	Joseph Wendle.
605	B. A. Lasell.
606	L. F. Cochran.
607	B. A. Lasell.
613	H. Shaker.
614	" [Ltd.
625	Cariboo Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Co.,
626	" "
627	" "
710	W. A. Johnston.
711	J. Dyar. [Ltd.
716	Lightning Creek Gold Gravels & Drainage Co.,
722	E. A. Carew-Gibson <i>et al.</i>
729	Hauser Bros.
730	Hauser & McCormick.
734	McGregor & Thompson.
740	James Champion.
741	"
742	John Pinkerton.
743	Joseph Stirskey <i>et al.</i>
746	Chas. E. Polleys.
751	Hans. Helgesen.
754	Cariboo Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Co., Ltd.
755	" "
757	" "
758	" "
766	George A. Veith.

No. of Lease.

767	C. O'Neill.
770	Cariboo Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Co., Ld.
775	Fook Sang Lung.
813	P. Carry <i>et al.</i>
814	W. Wormald.
815	N. F. Murray.
818	Cariboo Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Co., Ld.
821	Gus Lange.
822	J. A. Knight.
823	Cariboo Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Co., Ld.
825	P. Drummond.
826	"
827	C. J. Fleet.
836	Stuart Henderson.
837	W. H. Emerson.
845	W. Miller.
847	C. J. S. Baker.
848	C. A. Helgesen.
849	Joseph Wendle <i>et al.</i>
850	Dan Hayes and P. McKenna.
851	N. F. Murray.
877	"
878	E. L. Page.
879	Henry Boursen.
880	N. F. Murray.
881	D. L. Page.
882	Henry Boursen.
883	N. F. Murray.
884	D. L. Page.
885	Henry Boursen.
887	George Veith <i>et al.</i>
888 to 890	Willow River Mining Co.
892 to 901	Discovery Gold Mining Co.
903	James Craddock.
904	Alex. Sim.
905	R. McLaren.
907	H. B. Grosvenor.
908 to 916	John B. Page, Trustee.
919	D. Hayes and F. Vandercide.
920	John Patterson.
921	C. H. Dunlevy.
922	S. Dunlevy.
923	G. L. Berry.
924	Angus Popplewell.
925	Michael Callanan.
926	H. A. Stephenson.
927	Cariboo Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Co., Ld.
929	A. McAdam <i>et al.</i>
930	"
931	James Delhanty.
932	Dan. Hayes.
933	J. D. Peebles.
934	Cariboo Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Co., Ld.
935	A. Stott <i>et al.</i>
937	W. Ogden.
938	Cariboo Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Co., Ld.
939	"

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply," and the amendment thereto moved by Dr. *King* on the 20th inst., as follows:—

To add after the word "Chair" the following words:—

"But this House censures the Government of the day for want of policy and unbusiness-like methods in dealing with coal and oil prospecting licences," was resumed.

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Mr. *McNiven*, that all the words of the amendment after the first word "But" be struck out, and the following words be substituted therefor:—

"Whereas a large number of bonâ fide prospectors have located coal and petroleum lands in Blocks 4,593 and 4,594, and have made application under authority of the Statutes of this Province for licences to prospect for coal and petroleum within said blocks:

"And whereas said applications have been pending for a long time without any action having been taken by the Government:

"And whereas the Honourable the Premier has stated on the floor of this House on the fourth day of December last, in answer to questions that day put to him, that the Lieutenant-Governor had not interfered in any way with the issuing of the said licences:

"And whereas the Premier has stated, as appears by answers to questions made by the Hon. Member for Alberni on December 7th last past, that he has no reason to believe that chapter 8, British Columbia Statutes, 1903, will be disallowed:

"And whereas it is competent for the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to deal with said applications hereinbefore referred to, and grant such of them as ought to be granted, subject to the rights of all and any claimants thereto:

"Therefore, be it Resolved, That this House is of opinion that said applications should be dealt with without further delay."

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

Mr. *Clifford* presented the First Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
22nd January, 1904.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Coast-Yukon Railway Company," is proved, and the Bill is hereby recommended to the House as amended.

CHAS. W. D. CLIFFORD,
Chairman.

The report was received.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act respecting the Constitution, Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes relating to the Administration of Justice," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:55 P.M.