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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

First Session,

Third Parliament.

Monday, 29th July, 1878.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Third Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable Albert Norton Richards, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the fifth day of July, 1878, the members having been duly sworn took their seats.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, Provincial Secretary, said—

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :—

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to announce that His Honour does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Honour hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, his reasons for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker *Frederick W. Williams*, Esquire, Member representing *Esquimalt* District, which motion was seconded by Mr. *John Evans*.

And the question being put by the Clerk, "That *Frederick W. Williams*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,"

Resolved, That *Frederick W. Williams*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

And the Clerk having declared *Frederick W. Williams*, Esquire, duly elected, he was taken out of his place by the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair, and the Mace was laid upon the table.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor again entered the House, and taking his seat on the Throne, the Speaker elect then spoke to the following effect:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:—

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

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

Then the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* said:

MR. SPEAKER,

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

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

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

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

It is with pleasure that I welcome your presence to-day for the despatch of legislative business. Summoned as you have been at an unusual period of the year, and doubtless at great personal sacrifice to many of you, I feel that your attendance on this occasion is evidence of the deep interest you take in the welfare of the country.

Several matters of importance will require your earnest attention.

I regret to state that the Railway question is still in a very unsatisfactory condition. By the advice of my Ministers, shortly after they assumed office, a telegram, followed by a despatch, was sent to the Secretary of State, strongly protesting against the steel rails being used or removed for purposes other than those for which they were designed when landed on the Island in 1875. To this protest I have received no reply. In considering these and other Railway papers, which will be laid before you, I would remind you that the time has come when delay in the construction of the work, both on the Mainland and Island, can no longer be justified; and it is therefore incumbent upon us to take measures much more decisive than the mere entry of protests, which, however firm and just, have been systematically disregarded by the Government of the Dominion.

I have not as yet been favoured by Her Majesty's Government with any definite answer in reply to the proposal which was made to them with respect to the completion of our Graving Dock, but I hope to be able during the session to place you in possession of their views on the matter.

The finances of the Province will, I feel assured, receive your most careful consideration. Estimates and measures, framed with a view to scrupulously maintain the Provincial credit and more closely equalize Revenue and Expenditure, will be submitted to you. That portion of the system of dual taxation, that has given rise to so much complaint in Municipalities, will be discontinued at the close of the present year.

I shall ask your approval of a measure aiming at a large extension of our Municipal institutions, so that the management of local affairs may be placed in the hands of those more immediately interested in them.

Your attention will be invited to the necessity of placing the representation of the Province on a more acceptable footing, without increasing the number of Representatives.

The cost of the Administration of Justice is much greater than it should be; and the interests of the Mainland require that resident Judges of the Supreme Court should be appointed to that portion of the Province.

The interesting problem of properly dealing with our Chinese population will, I trust, be solved this Session to the satisfaction of the Country.

The steady perseverance shown in the development of our mineral wealth is a subject for congratulation, and I have every confidence that such a course will eventually produce results highly beneficial to the Province. Such, at least, has been the experience of other Mineral Countries.

It is also with pleasure that I inform you that our Fisheries have so far met with unabated success, and that regulations for their protection have recently been made by the Dominion Government.

I shall now leave you, Gentlemen, confident that wisdom will govern your councils, and that the Province will be benefited by your deliberations.

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

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*,—

Resolved, That the House, at its rising do stand adjourned to Wednesday next, at 2 p.m

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

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to provide for employing prisoners without the walls of Common Gaols," was introduced.

The Bill was then read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the first day of August next.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*,—

Ordered, That His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech be considered on Wednesday next, at two o'clock.

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 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;

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.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* laid on the table a Financial Statement of the Province dated 27th June, 1878. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

And then the House adjourned, at 3.25 p. m.

Wednesday, 31st July, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

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

1. That an humble Address be presented to His Honour to thank him for his gracious speech at the opening of this the first session of the third Provincial Legislature, and to inform him that we are glad His Honour feels that we take deep interest in the welfare of the country, and that the several matters of importance to which His Honour alluded will receive our earnest attention.

2. That we unite with His Honour in his regret that the Railway question is still in a very unsatisfactory condition. That we are gratified to learn that by the advice of his Ministers, shortly after they assumed office, a telegram, followed by a despatch, was sent to the Secretary of State, strongly protesting against the steel rails being used or removed for purposes other than those for which they were designed when landed on the Island in 1875, and we regret that no reply has been received to this protest. That we thank His Honour for impressing upon us that the time has come when delay in the construction of the work, both on the Mainland and Island, can no longer be justified; and it is therefore incumbent upon us to take measures much more decisive than the mere entry of protests, which, however firm and just, have been systematically disregarded by the Government of the Dominion

3. That we hope that His Honour will soon be favoured by Her Majesty's Government with a definite answer in reply to the proposal which was made to them with respect to the completion of our Graving Dock, and we trust His Honour will be able during the session to place us in possession of their views on the matter.

4. That we assure His Honour that the finances of the Province will receive our most careful consideration, and we mark with satisfaction that Estimates and measures, framed with a view to scrupulously maintain the Provincial credit and more closely equalize Revenue and Expenditure, will be submitted to us, and that that portion of the system of dual taxation that has given rise to so much complaint in Municipalities will be discontinued at the close of the present year.

5. That we shall welcome a measure aiming at a large extension of our Municipal institutions, so that the management of local affairs may be placed in the hands of those more immediately interested in them.

6. That we recognize the necessity of placing the representation of the Province on a more acceptable footing, without increasing the number of Representatives.

7. That we are aware that the cost of the administration of Justice is much greater than it should be; and that the interests of the Mainland require that resident Judges of the Supreme Court should be appointed to that portion of the Province.

8. That we will apply ourselves to the interesting problem of properly dealing with our Chinese population, and we trust with His Honour that it will be solved this Session to the satisfaction of the country.

9. That the steady perseverance shown in the development of our mineral wealth is a subject for congratulation, and we unite with His Honour in his expression of confidence that eventually highly beneficial results will be produced, as in other mineral countries.

* 10. That it is with pleasure we hear from His Honour that our Fisheries have, so far, met with unabated success, and that regulations for their protection have recently been made by the Dominion Government.

11. That we thank His Honour for his gracious announcement of confidence that wisdom will govern our councils, and that the Province will be benefited by our deliberations.

The several clauses being, on motion, taken as again read were agreed to.
And it was *Resolved* accordingly.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, 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 Minister of Finance, and Messrs. *Wilson* and *Galbraith*.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, from the Select Committee, reported an Address, which read as follows:—

To the Honourable ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS, *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 first Session of the third term of our Legislature.

We are glad Your Honour feels that we take a deep interest in the welfare of the country, and that the several matters of importance to which Your Honour alluded will receive our earnest attention.

We unite with Your Honour in your regret that the Railway question is still in a very unsatisfactory condition. We are gratified to learn that by the advice of your Ministers, shortly after they assumed office, a telegram, followed by a despatch, was sent to the Secretary of State, strongly protesting against the steel rails being used or removed for purposes other than those for which they were designed when landed on the Island in 1875, and we regret that no reply has been received to this protest. We thank Your Honour for impressing upon us that the time has come when delay in the construction of the work, both on the Mainland and Island, can no longer be justified; and it is therefore incumbent upon us to take measures much more decisive than the mere entry of protests, which, however firm and just, have been systematically disregarded by the Government of the Dominion.

We hope that Your Honour will soon be favoured by Her Majesty's Government with a definite answer in reply to the proposal which was made to them with respect to the completion of our Graving Dock, and we trust Your Honour will be able during the session to place us in possession of their views on the matter.

We assure Your Honour that the finances of the Province will receive our most careful consideration, and we mark with satisfaction that Estimates and measures, framed with a view to scrupulously maintain the Provincial credit and more closely equalize Revenue and Expenditure, will be submitted to us, and that that portion of the system of dual taxation that has given rise to so much complaint in Municipalities will be discontinued at the close of the present year.

We shall welcome a measure aiming at a large extension of our Municipal institutions, so that the management of local affairs may be placed in the hands of those more immediately interested in them.

We recognize the necessity of placing the representation of the Province on a more acceptable footing, without increasing the number of Representatives.

We are aware that the cost of the administration of Justice is much greater than it should be; and that the interests of the Mainland require that resident Judges of the Supreme Court should be appointed to that portion of the Province.

We will apply ourselves to the interesting problem of properly dealing with our Chinese population, and we trust with Your Honour that it will be solved this Session to the satisfaction of the country.

The steady perseverance shown in the development of our mineral wealth is a subject for congratulation, and we unite with Your Honour in your expression of confidence that eventually highly beneficial results will be produced, as in other mineral countries.

It is with pleasure we hear from Your Honour that our Fisheries have, so far, met with unabated success, and that regulations for their protection have recently been made by the Dominion Government.

We thank Your Honour for your gracious announcement of confidence that wisdom will govern our councils, and that the Province will be benefited by our deliberations.

The Address was *Ordered* to be printed and to be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to fully enquire into and report upon the condition of the Civil Service, with power to call for persons, books, papers, and accounts, the Committee to consist of the Honourable Mr. *Beaven*, Messrs. *Wilson*, *J. W. Williams*, *McGillivray*, *Galbraith*, and *Mara*.

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

That this House is of opinion that Chinese should not be employed upon the Public Works of the Province, and that a clause should be inserted in the specifications of all contracts awarded, to the effect that Contractors will not be permitted to employ Chinese labour upon the work, and that in the event of their doing so the Government will not be responsible for payment of Contract.

Messrs. *Wilson*, *Williams*, *Gallagher*, *Smithe*, and *Mara* were nominated to form the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Messrs. *Ash*, *Drummond*, *Evans*, *W. M. Brown*, and *E. Brown* were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Messrs. *Smithe*, *Bennett*, *McGillivray*, *Humphreys*, and *Helgesen* were nominated to form the Committee on Printing.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock, p.m., on Friday next.

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

Friday, 2nd August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *McGillivray* presented a Petition from *Arthur J. Watson* and others, which was read and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

Pursuant to Order, the Address in reply to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech being again read, the said Address was agreed to.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* delivered to Mr. Speaker two Messages from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Messages were read by Mr. Speaker, and are as follows :

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the better collection of Provincial Taxes from Chinese."

Government House,
Victoria, 1st August, 1878.

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Act, 1876,'"

Government House,

Victoria, 2nd August, 1878.

Ordered, That the said Messages of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be referred to a Committee of the Whole House, to report on Monday next.

Mr. *Vernon* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highways Nuisances Removal Act, 1878.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to make further provision for the Administration of Justice."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act relating to Municipalities."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Vernon*, seconded by Mr. *Smithe*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down, in a printed form, copies of correspondence (if any) between the Government or any member thereof, and any person or persons that may have made propositions for dyking certain portions of the *Fraser* lands since June 27th, 1878.

Mr. *Galbraith* asked the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* the following question:—

What action, if any, has the Government, taken in regard to a Resolution of this House passed the 9th of April, 1878, asking His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to urge upon the Dominion Government the absolute necessity of establishing a monthly mail between *Victoria* and *Kootenay*, via *Spokane*, *Washington Territory*, or via *Osoyoos Lake*?

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

"The Resolution was forwarded to *Ottawa* on the 30th April. A despatch was received from the Dominion Government on 3rd May, acknowledging the receipt. No information since that date."

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented the Fifth Annual Report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Standing Orders were suspended.

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

That the Public Accounts, up to date, be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to provide for employing prisoners without the walls of Common Gaols," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Drummond*, 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.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 3.30 p. m.

Monday, 5th August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Helgesen*, seconded by Mr. *J. W. Williams*, it was *Resolved*—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House a Return of all correspondence between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, on the subject of the Graving Dock, since the 19th day of February, 1878.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Return be made to this House of all correspondence held between the Provincial and Dominion Governments, during the current year, on the subject of the Railway Reservation of the *East Coast* of Vancouver Island.

Mr. *McGillwray* asked the Honourable Mr. *Beaven* the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum on the Estimates to be appropriated to the use of Agricultural Societies?

The question was withdrawn by leave of the House.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* delivered to Mr. Speaker two Messages from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Messages were read by Mr. Speaker, and are as follows:—

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Insurance Companies."

Government House,

Victoria, 1st August, 1878.

A. N. RICHARDS,

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, a Bill intituled "An Act relating to the Municipal and Licence Acts."

Government House.

Victoria, 5th August, 1878.

Ordered, That the said Messages of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be referred to a Committee of the Whole House, to report on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, transmitting a Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to provide for the better collection of Provincial Taxes from Chinese."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *E. Brown*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the better collection of Provincial Taxes from Chinese," be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, transmitting a Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Act, 1876.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Abrams*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Act, 1876,'" be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Wednesday next.

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

Wednesday, 7th August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Smithe*, seconded by Mr. *Bennett*, it was *Resolved*,—

That copies of correspondence (if any) between the Dominion and Provincial Governments relating to the disallowance of the County Courts Act of last Session, be laid before this House.

Mr. *Smithe* moved, seconded by Mr. *Pimbury*,—

That in the opinion of this House, the Government ought to bring down a Bill this Session to provide for the imposition of a compulsory mining licence of twenty dollars per annum, upon every Chinese person following the occupation of gold mining in the Province of British Columbia, in lieu of the Bill (No. 5) now before the House; and this House further recommends that between this and the next Session of the Legislature the Government prepare carefully a Bill to further deal with the Chinese question.

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

Strike out all the words after "That" and insert the following: "the Chinese question be not now considered, but be deferred until the Chinese Tax Bill (No. 5) be considered.

The Amendment was put and carried.

Motion as amended put and carried.

Mr. *Harris* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following Question—

Have there been any complaints with respect to the management of the Lunatic Asylum?

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

"No official information has reached the Government complaining of the management in the Lunatic Asylum."

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, transmitting a Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act relating to the Municipal and Licence Acts."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bennett*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill intituled "An Act relating to the Municipal and Licence Acts" be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance presented a Statement of the Expenditure for the six months ended 30th June, 1878.

Ordered to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to provide for the better collection of Provincial Taxes from Chinese," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned, at 5.45 p. m.

Thursday, 8th August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to provide for the better collection of Provincial Taxes from Chinese."

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

Ordered, That the report be considered on Monday next.

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

That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Walkem* moved that Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Act, 1876,'" be now read a second time.

Mr. *Mara* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Vernon*,—

To strike out all the words after "That" and insert the following:—"Whilst we regret that it is necessary, in the present financial condition of the Province, to collect tolls on the *Cariboo* Trunk Road, this House is of opinion that the tolls should be imposed in a just and equitable manner, and that Bill (No. 6) be not now read a second time, but that it be referred to a Select Committee to enquire fully into the question, and report to this House the amount of tolls to be levied, and the place where such tolls should be collected."

Amendment put and negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Smithe,
Mara,

Bennett,
Vernon,

McGillivray,
Harris,

Pimbury—7.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Walkem,
Beaven,
Humphreys,
Galbraith,

Abrams,
Brown, E.
Brown, W. M.
Helgesen,

McIlmoyl,
Cowan,
Drummond,
Evans,

Saul,
Williams, J. W.
Wilson—15.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

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. 8) intituled "An Act relating to the Municipal and Licence Acts," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Friday next.

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

And then the House adjourned, at 5.45 p. m.

Friday, 9th August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Bennett*, seconded by Mr. *Mara*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking for copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any members thereof, and *C. O'Keefe*, and the Government, or any members thereof, and the Indian Commissioners, relating to the award by the Commissioners to the Indians of certain lands at *Okanagan*, claimed by *C. O'Keefe*.

Mr. *McIlmoyle* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act respecting the Trespasses Summary Remedy Act."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Mara* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the following question:—

What course the Government intend to pursue with regard to a Ferry at *Savona*?

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

"The Government have not yet decided."

Mr. *Galbraith* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following question:

What action (if any) has the Government taken in regard to a Resolution of this House, passed February 22nd, 1878, praying that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor will cause the Dominion Government to be informed of the pressing need for the establishment of such agencies as exist in other parts of the Dominion amongst certain Indian tribes of this Province?

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

"The Resolution was transmitted to the Dominion Government on the 18th day of March, 1878. An acknowledgment of the receipt of the Resolution was received by the Provincial Government on the 2nd April, last. No further information has been received."

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act relating to the Municipal and Licence Acts."

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highways Nuisances Removal Act, 1878,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the Legal Professions."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 5 p. m.

Monday, 12th August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

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

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

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

That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to provide for the better collection of Provincial Taxes from Chinese," was considered.

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. 3) intituled "An Act to make further provision for the Administration of Justice," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to afford Owners and Occupiers of land a summary remedy in certain cases of Trespass,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Drummond*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without 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 p. m.

Tuesday, August 13th, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Statement of Expenditure for the half-year ended 30th June, 1878, being either arrears of 1877, or in excess of vote to 30th June, 1878, or for which no vote was taken. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to make further provision for the Administration of Justice," was considered.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to afford Owners and Occupiers of land a summary remedy in case of Trespass,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Resolved, That the House at its rising do stand adjourned until Monday next, at 2 o'clock.

And then the House adjourned at 3 p.m.

Monday, 19th August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the condition of the Civil Service, which was read and ordered to be printed and published with the Journals of this Session. (*See Appendix.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of all correspondence between the Government, or any members thereof, and *C. O'Keefe*, and the Government, or any members thereof, and the Indian Commissioners, relating to the award by the Commissioners to the Indians of certain lands at *Okanagan*, claimed by *C. O'Keefe*. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :

A. N. RICHARDS.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I thank you for your dutiful and loyal Address, and for the assurance that the important subjects submitted to you will receive your attention.

Government House,

19th August, 1878.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Statement, as Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, of the Expenditure of the Lands and Works Department for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any person or persons who have made propositions for dyking certain portions of the *Fraser* lands since June 27th, 1878.

Ordered, That the said correspondence be referred to the Printing Committee.

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

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the motion,—

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to regulate the Fees of Courts of Justice and of practitioners thereof."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Mara* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Members' Indemnity Act, 1875.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act, 1876."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced.

Ordered to be read a first time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 16) intituled the "Constitution Amendment Act, 1878."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced.

Ordered to be read a first time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 17) intituled the "Mineral Amendment Act, 1878."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Ash* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Have the Dominion Government replied to the Address of the House of the 25th February last, on the subject of the transmission of the Judge's notes with an application for the remission of a sentence?

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

"That a reply to the Address referred to has been received from the Dominion Government."

Mr. *McGillivray* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

What was the reason for ordering Mr. *Murchison*, Contractor, to stop work on the Coast Meridian Road Contract in *New Westminster* District? And if it is the intention of the Government to order Mr. *Murchison* to complete his contract, or to indemnify him for what work he has already done?

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

"The Coast Meridian Road Contract was stopped on account of the sum of money appropriated for *New Westminster* District having been exceeded. The work was also a new one, and was therefore undertaken in direct violation of the agreement entered into between the Government and the House in April last."

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

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

A. N. RICHARDS.

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

Government House,

Victoria, 17th August, 1878.

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

On the Order of the Day being read for the Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act relating to certain Ordinances and Acts,"

Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendments to Sections 1 and 12 of the Bill, inserting the words "Physician, Surgeon, and Land Surveyor," were out of order.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker's ruling be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Wednesday next.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the Legal Professions," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *McGillivray*, 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 5.45 p. m.

Tuesday, 20th August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of all correspondence between the Dominion and Provincial Governments on the subject of the Graving Dock, since the 19th day of February, 1878. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, a Bill intituled "An Act relating to the Crown Lands in British Columbia."

Government House,

Victoria, 19th August, 1878.

Ordered, That the said Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to report on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,292 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Interest, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now considered.

Pursuant to Order, the First Report of Resolution from the Committee of Supply was considered.

Report adopted.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty the sum of \$26,292.50 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of British Columbia.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now considered.

Report adopted.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,818 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Sinking Fund, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$460 82 be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Premium and Exchange, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$863 60 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Discount and Commission, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$775 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Lieutenant-Governor's Office, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Mines' Department, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee to-morrow

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned till 2 p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, 21st August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Smithe* moved, seconded by Mr. *Mc Gillivray*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to convey the following Resolution to the proper authority at *Ottawa*, with a request that a copy thereof be transmitted to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

That whereas the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia views with satisfaction the greatly increased interest manifested in England's Colonial Possessions by representative men of all parties within the British Isles;

And whereas it is believed that the perpetuation of the power and prestige of the Anglo-Saxon race, under British rule, depends upon the closer union of the wide-spread and diversified component parts of the Empire; be it therefore Resolved,—

That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly desirable that the Government of the Dominion of Canada should submit to the notice of the Imperial Government, in such manner as may be thought most expedient, the necessity for the establishment of such judicious federal relations between Great Britain and Canada as will conduce to the greater prosperity and well-being of Her Majesty's subjects in these Dominions, and tend to develop a system of general federation of the Empire

On the motion of Mr. *Ash*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill No. 8) intituled "An Act relating to certain Ordinances and Acts was considered.

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 again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,240 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Treasury Department, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Lands and Works Department, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, Attorney-General's Department, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Registrar-General's Department, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow. And then the House adjourned, at 5.55 p. m.

Thursday, 22nd August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly, for reconsideration, a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Act, 1876,'" and suggests to the Assembly the advisability of adding the enclosed clause thereto.

"2. Provided that all plant and material used in the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway shall be exempted from such toll, under and subject to such regulations as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may prescribe."

Government House,

Victoria, 22nd August, 1878.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Act, 1876,'" be recommitted.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Mr. *Helgesen* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the law respecting Retail Liquor Licences."

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. *Smithe*, seconded by Mr. *Vernon*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to send down to this House copies of all correspondence (if any) which has taken place between the Government and the Commission appointed to enquire into the truth of the allegations of the Members for *Kootenay*:—"That the Leader of the Government had, through his *Kootenay* agents or otherwise, and alone "or in connection with any other Members of the House" (of Assembly) "virtually "endeavoured to influence the representatives or electors of the district by offering him, "Mr. *Gallagher*, \$1,000 and the Government constablenesship, filled by *George A. Kelly*, "worth \$1,400 a year, and, inside of three months, the best position in the gift of the "Government." Also, copies of all the correspondence which has taken place between the Commission and Mr. *Elliott* in regard to the enquiry.

On the motion of Mr. *Smithe*, seconded by Mr. *Mara*, it was *Resolved*,—

That all Returns asked for by the House, and not brought down before the close of the Session, be printed and published with the other sessional papers.

On the motion of Mr. *Drummond*, seconded by Mr. *Wilson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House a Return shewing what moneys were voted in aid of immigration, the amounts (if any) expended for that purpose, to whom paid, dates of payment, and dates of Orders in Council authorizing payments, together with copies of applications for aid.

Mr. *Drummond* moved, seconded by Mr. *Wilson*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House a Return of the names of the

Voters of the *Yale* and *Cowichan* Districts who received public moneys in the years 1877 and 1878, with the amount of money paid to them (if any) set opposite their respective names.

Mr. *Mara* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Smithe*,—

To strike out the words "of the *Yale* and *Cowichan* Districts" and insert the following: "in the several Districts of the Province," and add the following: "stating in detail in what capacity they acted, and for what services such moneys were received."

The proposed Amendment was put and negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Bennett,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Pimbury,</i>	<i>Vernon</i> —7.
<i>Brown, E.</i>	<i>McGillivray,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Saul,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>	<i>Williams, J. W.,</i>
<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>	<i>McIlmoyl,</i>	<i>Wilson</i> —13.
<i>Abrams.</i>			

The original motion of Mr. *Drummond* was put and carried on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Saul,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>	<i>Williams, J. W.</i>
<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>	<i>McIlmoyl,</i>	<i>Wilson</i> —13.
<i>Abrams,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Brown, E.,</i>	<i>McGillivray,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>
<i>Bennett,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Pimbury,</i>	<i>Vernon</i> —8.

On the motion of Mr. *Smithe*, seconded by Mr. *Vernon*, it was *Resolved*,—

That copies be sent down to this House of all correspondence between the Government or any and every department thereof and *F. Foord*, Esq., J. P., relating to his non-return of convictions and non-payment of fines, as required by the "Justices of the Peace and Coroners Oaths Act, 1874," Sections 5 and 7.

Mr. *E. Brown* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following question:

Have the Government any intention of establishing a High School in *New Westminster* this year? If not, are they prepared to procure the services of a competent teacher, provided the residents of *New Westminster* find the necessary accommodation?

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

"The Government have not, as yet, come to any decision on this matter, but they will give the subject their best attention as soon as possible."

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following Question:—

Inasmuch as Dr. *Jones* was induced to leave *Cariboo* and come down to *New Westminster* specially to take charge of the Lunatic Asylum as Medical Superintendent; and inasmuch as his appointment was recommended by a majority of the members of the medical profession in the Province, who represented him as being well qualified to fill the position, it would not be unnatural to suppose that some consideration had been extended to him; was, therefore, the office of medical attendant of the Asylum offered to him by the Government at the time when, or at any time before or after, the change of policy respecting the Asylum, consequent on a vote of this House, was carried into effect; if not, why not?

Mr. Speaker ruled the question out of order.

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following Question:—

What reason induced the Government to cancel the appointment of *T. J. Skinner*, Esq., and appoint *F. Foord*, Esq., in his stead, to hold a Court of Appeal under the "Assessment Act, 1876," for the District of *Salt Spring* and adjacent Islands?

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

"The Government considered the change advisable in the interests of the District."

Mr. *McGillivray* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following Question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to record in favour of all applicants who have applied for Crown Land to pre-empt or purchase previous to the Minute in Council reserving Crown Lands from *Burrard Inlet* upwards, for Railway purposes; but said lands were not open for pre-emption or purchase previous to the above said date?

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

"Provision has been made in the Minute of Council to meet the cases referred to by the Honourable Member."

The several Resolutions of the Committee of Supply, from 2 to 10 inclusive, having been read a second time, were agreed to.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$850 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Legislation, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Registration of Voters, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, Assay Office, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,470 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Lunatic Asylum, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,849 98 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Revenue Service, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Supreme Court, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$708 32 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Sheriffs, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$450 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, County Court, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,826 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *Victoria*, for the half year ending 31st December, 1878.
20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$422 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *Esquimalt* and *Victoria* Districts, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,523 65 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *New Westminster*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$435 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *New Westminster* District, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,202 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *Kootenay*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,675 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *Cariboo*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,836 33 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *Cassiar*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$640 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *Yale*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, Police and Gaols, *Kamloops*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Friday, 23rd August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly, for consideration, a Bill intituled "An Act relating to the British Columbia Loan Acts, 1874 and 1876."

Government House,
22nd August, 1878.

Ordered, That the said Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House to report thereon.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Evans*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to the British Columbia Loan Acts, 1874 and 1876," be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The several Resolutions of the Committee of Supply, from 11 to 28 inclusive, having been read a second time, were agreed to.

The House then proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, Police and Gaols, *Okanagan*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,662 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *Nanaimo*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Indemnity to Members, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Mileage, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$675 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Registration of Voters (other than Salaries) for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,375 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Elections, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Contingent Fund, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$950 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Journals and Statutes Binding, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Assay Office, *Cariboo*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Printing Office, *Victoria*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,180 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Lunatic Asylum, *New Westminster*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital, *Victoria*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,479 16 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital, *New Westminster*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital, *Cariboo*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital, *Nanaimo*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital, *Cassiar*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital Allowance, Medicines, &c., for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,725 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,330 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, Superintendent of Education, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,995 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *Victoria City District*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,855 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *Victoria District*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *Esquimalt District*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,350 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *Cowichan District*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,450 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *Nanaimo District*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *Comox District*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$960 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *New Westminster City District*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,090 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *New Westminster* District, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,490 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *Hope-Yale* District, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,020 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *Lillooet* District, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,080 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *Cariboo* District, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Freight on Remittances, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

61. *Resolved*. That a sum not exceeding \$575 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Travelling Expenses of Officers on Duty, for the half year ending 31st December, 1878.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$275 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Keep of Horses, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

63. *Resolved*. That a sum not exceeding \$24.25 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Rent, Government House, *Victoria*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Rent of Boat House, *Nanaimo*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Monday, 26th August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Galbraith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 21) 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 Wednesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act relating to the Protection of Game."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Galbraith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act (1876) Amendment Act, 1878.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following Question:—

Was the office of medical attendant of the Lunatic Asylum offered by the Government to Dr. *Jones* (the late Medical Superintendent), at the time when, or at any time before or after, the change of policy respecting the Asylum, consequent on a vote of this House, was carried into effect; if not, why not?

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

“The office was not offered to Dr. *Jones*, but a permanent resident of *New Westminster* was appointed in deference to the expressed opinion of the House last Session.”

Mr. *Wilson* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following Question:

What has been the cost of revising and consolidating the Statutes by the late Government, including the cost of printing, paper, binding, &c., &c.? How many copies have been printed? Have the Consolidated Statutes any legal value; if not, what steps are necessary to make them law?

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

“The cost of the Statutes, including many extra separate copies of the Land, Mining, and other Acts, was \$4,724.09; the number printed was 1,500, 500 of which have been bound. I am of opinion that the Consolidated Statutes require a special Act of the Legislature to make them law.”

Mr. *Wilson* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following Question:

What is the estimated annual cost to this Province of the Indian Reserve Commission; and at what date will its labours probably terminate?

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

“The cost of the Indian Reserve Commission, as at present organized, is defrayed by the Dominion Government. I am unable to state when its labours will terminate.”

Mr. *Wilson* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following Question:—

What amount did the late Government expend on the *Cowichan Road*? What is its length? Are there any agricultural lands adjoining it? What (if anything) has it developed?

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

“The late Government expended \$13,593 57 on the *Cowichan-Goldstream road*. The length of this road is 27½ miles. The line between *Cowichan* and *Goldstream*, to quote the Surveyor’s language, ‘will not open up any agricultural land, with the exception of a piece of swamp at the head of *Shawnigan Lake*, and therefore it is not likely that there will be any settlers along the line of road.’ The whole road is not completed.”

The several Resolutions of the Committee of Supply, from 29 to 64 inclusive, having been read a second time, were agreed to.

The House then proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,902 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$324 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Government House, *Victoria*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,349 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Roads, Streets, and Bridges, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,857 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Surveys, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,066 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Graving Dock, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Advertising, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,790 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Stationery, for the half year ending 31st December, 1878.
72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$850 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Postage, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$425 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Telegrams, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,025 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Fuel and Light, for the half-year ending 31st December 1878.
75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Library, Legislative and Departmental, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Fees to Registrars, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Refunds (Drover's License), for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned till 11 a.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.50 p. m.

Tuesday, 27th August, 1878.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

The several Resolutions of the Committee of Supply, from 65 to 77 inclusive, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$995 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Royal Commission (re-vote), for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$507 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Consolidation of Statutes, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Aid to Quartz Mill (re-vote), for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,025 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous not detailed, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Fire Department, *Barkerville* (re-vote), for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Fire Department, *Lightning Creek* (re-vote), for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.
84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Allowance to Officer, *Kootenay*, for the half year ending 31st December, 1878.
85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$86,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Debentures, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

86. *Resolved*. That a sum not exceeding \$4,085 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Revenue Services, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for 2.30 o'clock p. m. to-day.

The several Resolutions of the Committee of Supply from 78 to 86 inclusive, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province, a sum not exceeding \$313,133 61 to meet the further Supply to that amount granted to Her Majesty.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

The Resolution having been read a second time was agreed to.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government, and for other purposes, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878," was then introduced and read a first time.

Ordered that the Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 12.40 p. m., until 2.30 o'clock p. m.

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

Mr. *Wilson* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Report was read, received, and ordered to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

Mr. *Smithe* presented a minority Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Report was read, received, and ordered to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to the British Columbia Loan Acts, 1874 and 1876," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, transmitting a Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act relating to the Crown Lands in British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cowan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommend that a Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act relating to the Crown Lands in British Columbia," be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the Legal Professions."

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

Ordered, That the report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to enable the Lieutenant-Governor to establish a Tariff of Costs and make Rules and Orders in the Supreme and County Courts," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876,'" was read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by creating a new Electoral District, and providing for a redistribution of seats in the Districts of *Nanaimo*, *Cowichan*, and *Kootenay*," was read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Members' Indemnity Act, 1875,'" "

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill was out of order.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1878,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

And then the House adjourned, at 5.55 p. m.

Wednesday, 28th August, 1878.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill No. 20, intituled "An Act relating to the British Columbia Loan Acts, 1874 and 1876," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Vernon* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What was the amount of real estate tax for which each Municipality in the Province was assessed on the Assessment Roll for 1877?

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

"The amount of real estate tax on the *Victoria City* roll for 1877, is \$7,884 79; this is the only roll in the Treasury Department that shows separately the assessment on real estate in Municipalities, the amounts, however, in other Municipalities can only be trifling."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill No. 10, intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the Legal Professions" was considered.

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 Report on Bill No. 13, intituled "An Act to enable the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to establish a Tariff of Costs in the Supreme and County Courts" was considered.

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. 18, intituled "An Act relating to the Crown Lands in British Columbia" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 24, intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

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. 15, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now considered.

Report adopted.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 17, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1878,'" was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 19, intituled "An Act to amend the law respecting Retail Liquor Licences," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

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. 21, intituled "An Act to amend the 'School Tax Act, 1876,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

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. 22, intituled "An Act relating to the Protection of Game," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

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 5.55 p. m.

Thursday, 29th August, 1878.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Beaven*,—

That in the opinion of this House an humble Address, to the following or to the like effect, respecting the violation by Canada of her Railway engagements with this Province, be presented to Her Majesty:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:—

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in the First Session of the Third Parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty for the purpose of representing—

1. That, on the 31st day of July, 1874, the Government of this Province humbly presented a Petition to Your Majesty, alleging (amongst other matters) that the main inducement which led British Columbia to enter the Dominion of Canada, on the 20th day of July, 1871, was the Agreement by the latter to commence in two and complete in ten years from that date the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway; and that this Agreement has been violated by Canada. The Petitioners therefore prayed that Your Majesty would, under the circumstances set forth in the Petition, be graciously pleased to cause justice to be done to British Columbia. To this Petition your present Petitioners (the Legislative Assembly) beg leave to refer Your Majesty.

2. That after protracted negotiations on the subject between Your Majesty's Right Honourable Secretary of State for the Colonies (the Earl of Carnarvon) and the Dominion Government, His Lordship was pleased to signify his conclusions upon the question in dispute, in the following language, addressed to His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada:—

"(1.) That the Railway from Esquimalt to Nanaimo shall be commenced as soon as possible, and completed with all practicable dispatch.

"(2.) That the surveys on the Mainland shall be pushed on with the utmost vigour.

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"It would be distasteful to me, if, indeed, it were not impossible, to prescribe strictly any minimum of time or expenditure with regard to work of so uncertain a nature; but, happily, it is equally impossible for me to doubt that your Government will loyally do its best in every way to accelerate the completion of a duty left freely to its sense of honour and justice.

"(3.) That the waggon road and telegraph line shall be immediately constructed. There seems here to be some difference of opinion as to the special value to the

“Province of the undertaking to complete these two works; but after considering what has been said, I am of opinion that they should both be proceeded with at once, as indeed is suggested by your Ministers.

“(4.) That 2,000,000 dollars a year and not 1,500,000 dollars, shall be the minimum expenditure on railway works within the Province from the date at which the surveys are sufficiently completed to enable that amount to be expended on construction. In naming this amount, I understand that, it being alike the interest and the wish of the Dominion Government to urge on with all speed the completion of the works now to be undertaken, the annual expenditure will be as much in excess of the minimum of 2,000,000 dollars as in any year may be found practicable.

“(5.) Lastly, that on or before the 31st December, 1890, the railway shall be completed and open for traffic from the Pacific seaboard to a point at the western end of Lake Superior, at which it will fall into connection with the existing lines of railway through a portion of the United States, and also with the navigation on Canadian waters. To proceed, at present, with the remainder of the railway extending, by the country northward of Lake Superior, to the existing Canadian lines, ought not, in my opinion, to be required, and the time for undertaking that work must be determined by the development of settlement and the changing circumstances of the country. The day is, however, I hope, not very distant when a continuous line of railway through Canadian territory will be practicable, and I therefore look upon this portion of the scheme as postponed rather than abandoned.” [Vide despatch, Lord Carnarvon to Lord Dufferin, 17th November, 1874.]

3. That the Dominion Government, one month later, assented to these proposals; and stated, in effect, that they would be carried out, as they upheld in the main their own policy on the question, and violated neither the letter nor the spirit of any parliamentary provision. The Settlement thus effected was intended and supposed to be final and conclusive. [Vide despatch, Lord Dufferin to Lord Carnarvon, 18th December, 1874.]

4. That, owing to the almost total disregard of the above Settlement by the Dominion, and the consequent serious and recurring loss inflicted upon the Province, the Legislative Assembly, early in the Session of 1876, unanimously passed an humble Address to Your Majesty, setting forth the several grounds upon which their complaint was based, and praying that Your Majesty would be graciously pleased to cause the Dominion Government to be moved to carry out the terms above mentioned. To this Address, Your Petitioners humbly beg leave to refer Your Majesty.

5. That, in December of the same year, Your Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies (Lord Carnarvon) was pleased to inform the Province that it might be fairly expected that, between the Spring of 1877 and that of 1878, many doubtful points connected with the route of the Railway would be more clearly defined; and His Lordship further intimated that, as it was his belief that “after the delay of a single summer *** British Columbia” would experience no “obstacle to the active prosecution of the undertaking,” the Province should not refuse to submit to the work of construction being deferred for that period. [Vide despatch, Lord Carnarvon to Lord Dufferin, 18th December, 1876.]

6. That the Provincial Government, on the 26th March, 1877, without prejudice to any of the rights of the Province, conceded the delay mentioned, in deference to His Lordship's wishes.

7. That, although the time so conceded expired some months ago, the Dominion Government have not carried out their agreement, nor have they fulfilled any of the conditions of the Settlement of 1874 with respect to the active prosecution of Railway construction in the Province.

8. To repeat the language of the Minute of the Provincial Government, approved of on the 26th March, 1877, Your Petitioners exceedingly regret to state, “that the succession of failures on the part of the Dominion Government to fulfil the several Railway agreements solemnly entered into with this Province, has produced a feeling of disappointment and distrust so widespread and intense as to severely and injuriously affect the commercial and industrial interests” of the Province “and seriously retard its general prosperity.”

9. Under these circumstances, and with a view to prevent, if possible, the repetition in the future of the disasters of the past, Your Petitioners, with great regret, feel com-

pelled, in defence of the interests of the people of the Province at large, to resort to the unavoidable alternative forced upon them by the conduct of the Dominion Government in this matter, and to therefore humbly pray that, in the event of the Dominion Government failing to carry into effect the terms of the Settlement of 1874, on or before the first day of May next, Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to see fit to order and direct—

That British Columbia shall thereafter have the right to exclusively collect and retain her Customs and Excise duties and to withdraw from the Union; and shall also, in any event, be entitled to be compensated by the Dominion Government for losses sustained by reason of past delays and the failure of the Dominion Government to carry out their Railway and other obligations to the Province.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c., &c., &c.

The debate, on the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, was adjourned until 2.30 o'clock, p.m.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock, p.m.

And then the House adjourned, at 1 p.m. until 2.30 p.m.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

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

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, a Supplementary Estimate of additional expenditure for the year ending 31st December, 1878.

Government House,
29th August, 1878.

ENCLOSURE.

“An Act for granting certain further sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878, and for other purposes.”

Ordered, That the said Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be forthwith referred to the Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved,—That Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act for granting certain further sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878, and for other purposes,” be introduced.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *McGillivray*, Acting Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The Resolution being read a second time, was agreed to.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved,—That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province a sum not exceeding Ten thousand dollars, to meet the further Supply to that amount granted to Her Majesty.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, Chairman of the Committee reported the Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act for granting certain further sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878, and for other purposes," was introduced, and read a first and second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *McGillivray*, 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 adjourned debate on the Honourable Mr. *Walkem's* Motion, on the subject of the violation by Canada of her Railway engagements with this Province, was resumed.

Mr. *Smithe* moved, seconded by Mr. *Pimbury*, in amendment to the Honourable Mr. *Walkem's* Motion,—

That clause 9 be struck out and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—

"That under the circumstances therefore, and in view of the inability of British Columbia, of itself, to compel Canada to carry out its Railway obligations to this Province, to which, by every consideration of justice and sense of honour, it is bound, your petitioners humbly pray that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to move to urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity, at this late date, for carrying into immediate effect its agreement to build the Railway from *Esquimalt* to *Nanaimo*, and to urge also the importance of hastening commencement of construction on the Mainland, so that in both sections of the Province, the feeling of uncertainty produced and injury inflicted by the constantly recurring and long continued delays which have been experienced in the commencement of that important work shall be completely and permanently allayed.

"And Your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray, etc."

And the question being put—"That the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question,"—the Motion was carried on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>	<i>Saul,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Williams, J. W.</i>
<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>	<i>Wilson—15.</i>
<i>Abrams,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>McIlmoyl,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Harris,</i>	<i>McGillivray,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>
<i>Bennett,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Pimbury—9.</i>
<i>Brown, E.</i>			

* On motion, the debate on the original Motion was adjourned till eleven o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Friday, 30th August, 1878.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The adjourned debate on the Honourable Mr. *Walkem's* Motion, on the subject of the violation by Canada of her Railway engagements with this Province, was resumed.

Mr. *Ash* moved, seconded by Mr. *Harris*, in amendment to the Honourable Mr. *Walkem's* Motion,—

That all words after "That" be struck out, and the following be substituted:—
 "a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to inform the Dominion Government that this House regards the decision of the Right Honourable Earl Carnarvon, given in 1874, as a binding settlement of all questions in dispute between British Columbia and the Dominion Government, on the subject of Railway construction in this Province, at the time of its publication; and that the delays which have occurred in carrying out that decision have occasioned serious loss and disappointment to the people of this Province; and, further, that this House recognizing the difficult position in which the Dominion Government has been placed, and actuated by a sincere desire to maintain the Union of British Columbia with the other Provinces of the Confederation, pledges itself to abide by the result of an arbitration, having for its object such modification of the settlement of 1874 as will fulfil the spirit, if it be found impracticable to carry out the letter, of that agreement."

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock, p. m.

And then the House adjourned, at 1 p. m., until 2.30 p. m.

HALF PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits the "Chinese Tax Act, 1878," to the Legislative Assembly, with a recommendation that the enclosed section be added thereto.

Government House,
Victoria, 30th August, 1878.

ENCLOSURE.

"18. The provisions contained in sections 8, 11, 12, 13, and 14, shall not be enforceable or have any effect until after the expiration of one month from the passage of this Act."

Ordered, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the said Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

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

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 adjourned debate on the proposed Amendment, moved by Mr. *Ash*, to the Motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, respecting the violation by Canada of her Railway engagements with this Province, was resumed.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the said Amendment was not in order,

And the original Motion being put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS :
Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Saul,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>	<i>Williams, J. W.</i>
<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>	<i>McIlmoyle,</i>	<i>Wilson—14.</i>
<i>Abrams,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.</i>		

NAYS:
Messieurs

<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Brown, E.,</i>	<i>McGillivray,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>
<i>Bennett,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Pimbury,</i>	<i>Vernon—9.</i>
<i>Harris,</i>			

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

1. That the Petition to Her Most Gracious Majesty, with respect to the breach by Canada of her Railway engagements with this Province, be engrossed and printed, and the original be signed by Mr. Speaker.

2. That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to forward the Petition, when signed by Mr. Speaker, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with a respectful request that the said Petition may be laid before Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty will be graciously moved to favourably consider the same, and order the signification of Her Royal pleasure thereon to be communicated to the Government of this Province as soon as practicable.

On the Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876,'" being called,

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Beaven*, it was *Resolved* that the following amendments be made thereto:—

"In section 39, insert '75, 76,' and in line 2 '104.'"

"Insert the following new sections:—

"42. The Assessor or Collector, or any other person authorized by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, is hereby fully authorized and empowered to sell property by public auction for delinquent tax, under the provisions of the 'Assessment Act, 1876,' and amendments thereto.

"43. Section 33 of the 'Assessment Act, 1876,' is hereby amended, by inserting 'agent' after the word 'trustee' in the second line.

"44. Section 105 of the 'Assessment Act, 1876,' is hereby amended, by striking out all the words after the word 'receipts,' in the ninth line, to the end of the section.

"45. Section 106 of the 'Assessment Act, 1876,' is hereby amended, by striking out the words 'and Sheriff.'

"46. Section 109 of the 'Assessment Act, 1876,' is hereby amended, by striking out the words 'or Sheriff.'

"47. Section 110 of the 'Assessment Act, 1876,' is hereby amended, by striking out the word 'Sheriff' and inserting 'Assessor or Collector.'"

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 7.30 o'clock, p.m.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act relating to the Crown Lands in British Columbia," was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by creating a new Electoral District, and providing for a redistribution of seats in the Districts of Nanaimo, Cowichan, and Kootenay," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

That the Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act (1876) Amendment Act, 1878,'" on Monday next, be discharged, in order that the said Bill be now read a third time.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Mr. *Vernon* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following question :

Is it the intention of the Government to refund the premium paid by Justices of the Peace, in accordance with the terms of an Order in Council of 1877, on wolves and panthers killed near settlements during the year 1877?

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

"The Government is not in possession of sufficient information to answer the question satisfactorily."

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the following question :—

Has any communication been received by the present Provincial Government, from the Imperial Government, relative to the propositions made by the late Government of the Province regarding the completion of the Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*; and has any communication been sent by the present Government of the Province to the Imperial Government upon the subject? If so, what was the nature of the communication?

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

"No."

Mr. *Helgesen* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following Questions :—

1. When is it expected that the Coffer-dam at *Esquimalt* will be completed?

2. What course will the Government pursue with a view to the construction of the Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*?

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

"1. It is expected that the Coffer-dam will be completed this year.

"2. The Government cannot say what course they will pursue until they hear from the Imperial Government."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned to Monday next, at 2 p.m.

And then the House adjourned, at 11 p.m.

Monday, 2nd September, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

His Honour the Honourable *Albert Norton Richards*, Lieutenant-Governor, having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair,

The Clerk of the House read the Titles to the following Bills:—

An Act to provide for employing prisoners without the walls of Common Gaols.

An Act to amend the "Highways Nuisances Removal Act, 1878."

An Act to make further provision for the administration of Justice.

An Act to provide for the better collection of Provincial Taxes from Chinese.

An Act to amend the "Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Act, 1876."

An Act relating to certain Ordinances and Acts.

An Act to amend "An Act to afford owners and occupiers of land a summary remedy in certain cases of trespass."

An Act to amend the law relating to the Legal Professions.

An Act to enable the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to establish a Tariff of Costs in the Supreme and County Courts.

An Act to amend the "Assessment Act, 1876."

An Act to amend the "Constitution Act, 1871," by creating a new Electoral District and providing for a redistribution of seats in the Districts of Nanaimo, Cowichan, and Kootenay.

An Act to amend the "Mineral Act, 1878."

An Act relating to the Crown Lands in British Columbia.

An Act to amend the law respecting Retail Liquor Licences.

An Act relating to the British Columbia Loan Acts, 1874 and 1876.

An Act to amend the "School Tax Act, 1876."

An Act relating to the Protection of Game.

An Act to amend the "Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876."

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

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

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR :

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour, at the close of our labours, with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present, for Your Honour's acceptance, a Bill intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878, and for other purposes," and a Bill intituled "An Act for granting certain further sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878, and for other purposes."

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

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to these Bills."

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

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

The labours of the Session, which is now drawing to a close, will, I feel convinced, exercise a beneficial influence upon the future of the Province.

Your address to Her Majesty respecting our Railway relations with Canada will be immediately forwarded in accordance with your request.

The legislation of the Session upon questions bearing more or less directly upon financial matters, is of a very gratifying character, as it has evinced a readiness on your part to cordially co-operate with my Ministers in their endeavours to reduce the hitherto excessive cost of Government, and to equalize, as far as possible, our Revenue and Expenditure. These very desirable objects cannot, of course, be wholly accomplished at once; but I am pleased to be able to congratulate you upon the marked advance you have already made towards an end so worthy of your attention.

To the different Bills which you have passed, I have given my assent, feeling persuaded that they will materially contribute to the welfare of the country.

Before taking leave of you, I desire to express my deep sense of the zeal and attention which you have manifested in the discharge of your public duties; and I cheerfully tender you my acknowledgments for the prompt and careful consideration which you have bestowed upon the several measures which I have submitted to you.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, Provincial Secretary then said,—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly—

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until Friday, the First day of November next, to be then here holden, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Friday, the First day of November next.
