
Wednesday, 26th March, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. P. Hicks*.

The Petition from *J. N. Greenshields* and others, for leave to present a Petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate "The Victoria and Seymour Narrows Railway Co.," was received.

Mr. *Houston* presented the First Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
26th March, 1902.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

At a meeting held on the 25th inst. the following papers were reported and ordered to be printed:—

1. Copy of an agreement between the Provincial Government and the Edmonton, Yukon and Pacific Railway Company.
2. Return showing amount of bonds deposited by Civil Officers of the Province.
3. Return showing commons established under "Cattle Ranges Act."
4. Fifth Annual Report of the Board of Health.
5. Correspondence with Dominion Government respecting appointment of a County Court Judge at *Atlin*.

JOHN HOUSTON,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Curtis*, Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Public Works Loan Act, 1901,'" was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Curtis* moved, seconded by Mr. *Munro*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all applications for foreshore rights on the Pacific Coast of British Columbia during the past two years, giving the name of each applicant, the description of the foreshore applied for, and the purpose, if any, for which the applicant stated such rights were to be used.

Also, copies of all correspondence from the applicants, and from the Government, or any member thereof, to the applicants respecting the same, and a list of all applications granted, or promised to be granted, by the Government, and the terms of such grants.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow, on the motion of Mr. *Martin*.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Hon. Chief Commissioner, the Public Works Engineer, or any other official of the Lands and Works Department, and any other person or persons during the past six months relative to the appointment of a road foreman at *Salmon Arm*.

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

1. Have any "Certificates of Competency" been granted to Chinese or Japanese under the "Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1901."
2. How many Chinese or Japanese presented themselves for examination for such certificates?
3. How many of such certificates have been granted, if any?

4. What mines were these Chinese or Japanese employed in?
5. What were the questions such Chinese or Japanese were requested to answer?
6. Was the examination conducted in English or in "pidgeon English?"
7. If the examination was conducted in "pidgeon English," does the Government intend to have such certificated Chinese or Japanese re-examined?

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

"1. None at Michel and Morrissey mines, the only mines from which returns have as yet been received. Examinations are not yet completed.

"2. No Chinese or Japanese are employed at such mines.

"3. Returns have not yet been received from Comox, Nanaimo, Wellington (Extension) and Fernie Mines. The number of 'Certificates of Competency' issued at Michel and Morrissey Mines are as follows:—

	Michel.	Morrissey.
Fire bosses	5	—
Overmen	2	2
Coal miners.....	69	29

"4. Answered by No. 2.

"5. By Regulations approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under the terms of the Act, and presented to the House. The questions to be asked were left to the discretion of the Boards of Examiners.

"6. English.

"7. Answered by No. 6."

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act for the Redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again this evening.

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

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

House again in Committee on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act for the Redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts."

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, and the Federal Government, or any member thereof, with reference to the Provincial Statutes of 1901, together with any report on the same.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented copies of all Orders in Council and correspondence relative to the disallowance of the Acts of 1900.

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

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

Thursday, 27th March, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. P. Hicks*.

Mr. *Kidd* presented the Third and Fourth Reports from the Standing Orders and Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 27th, 1902.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That they have considered Petition No. A4, the Petition of "Victoria and Seymour Narrows Railway Company," for leave to present a Petition for leave to introduce a Bill, and find that the rules as regards publication have not been complied with ; but as the proposed Bill is presumably one in the public interest, your Committee are of the opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners should be granted, and that the Standing Orders should be suspended, so as to admit of the presentation of the Petition, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS KIDD,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 27th, 1902.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the time limited for the presentation of Petitions for Private Bills, and the presentation of Private Bills, be extended until the 8th day of April next and the 10th day of April next, respectively, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS KIDD,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Kidd*, seconded by Mr. *Helmcken*, the Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and the Fourth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders was adopted.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was discharged.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act," was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting of the House.

The Report on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act for the Redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts" was considered.

Mr. *Neill* moved to amend section 3, sub-section (8), line 15, by striking out all the words after the words "Straits of Georgia," and inserting the following :—

"thence following the shore line south to the point of commencement, and including all the islands within the said boundary lines, shall constitute one Electoral District, to be designated Alberni Electoral District, and return one member."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>McBride</i>	<i>Helmcken—15.</i>
<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	<i>Mounce—18.</i>
<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>		

Mr. *Kidd* moved to strike out all the words from "District," in line 7, sub-section (13), section 3, down to and including the word "Inlet," in line 9, and insert in lieu thereof the following:—"thence northerly to the north-west corner of Lillooet Lake; thence following the divide between the Lillooet and Birkenhead Rivers in a north-westerly direction for a distance of fifteen miles; thence due west to the intersection of the eastern boundary of Comox Electoral District."

Carried.

Mr. *Kidd* moved to amend sub-section (19) of section 3 by striking out the words "due east" on the 14th line.

Carried.

Mr. *Taylor* moved to amend section 3 by striking out sub-section (26) and substituting therefor the following:—

"REVELSTOKE ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

"(26.) That tract of land contained within the following boundaries, viz.:—

"Commencing at the point where the 52nd parallel of latitude intersects the western boundary of Kootenay District; thence north-westerly to the height of land between the waters flowing into the North Thompson River on the west and Canoe River on the east; thence following such height of land to the 120th meridian; thence north along said meridian to the intersection thereof with the 53rd parallel of latitude; thence east along said parallel to the summit of the Rocky Mountains; thence south-easterly along said summit of the Rocky Mountains to the 118th meridian; thence south along said meridian to the boundary between the East and West Kootenay Districts; thence along said boundary to the height of land between the waters flowing into the Illecillewaet River on the north and Fish River on the south; thence south-westerly along said height of land, crossing the Columbia River at the mouth of Akolkolex Creek, to the western boundary of Kootenay District; thence northerly, following said western boundary of said district to the point of commencement, shall be constituted one Electoral District, to be designated 'Revelstoke Electoral District,' and shall return one member."

And to add the following new sub-section to said section 3:—

"LARDEAU ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

"That tract of land contained within the following boundaries, viz.:—

"Commencing at the point where the south boundary of Revelstoke Electoral District touches the western boundary of Kootenay District; thence north-easterly, following said south boundary of said electoral district to the boundary between East and West Kootenay Districts; thence southerly along said last-mentioned boundary to the point where the southern boundary of the Columbia Electoral District reaches the same; thence easterly, following the height of land between Hamill Creek and Fry River, and, crossing Kootenay Lake, following the height of land between Lost Ledge Creek and Schroeder Creek to the height of land between the waters flowing into Slocan Lake on the west and Kootenay Lake

on the east; thence following said height of land to a point due east and two miles north of Nakusp; thence due east to the west boundary of Kootenay District; thence north along said boundary to the point of commencement, shall constitute one Electoral District, to be known as 'Lardeau Electoral District,' and shall return one member."

The motion was ruled out of order.

Mr. *Taylor* moved that Bill No. 21 be re-committed, for the purpose of considering the following proposed amendments. (See amendments ruled out of order immediately preceding this motion.)

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Helmcken—14.</i>
<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	<i>Mounce—18.</i>
<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>		

Mr. *Curtis* moved that sub-section (23) of section 3 be amended as follows:—

By adding after the word "commencement," at the end of line 20, the words "excepting thereout and therefrom all portions of Kettle River Mining Division as now constituted, which, but for this exception, would be included in the foregoing description."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Helmcken—13.</i>
<i>Hayward,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	<i>Mounce—16.</i>

Mr. *Curtis* moved to add a new section after section 3, as follows:—

"Section 7 of said chapter 67 is hereby amended by adding, immediately after the word 'election,' in line 8, the words following:—'unless he has for one month immediately preceding polling day ceased to be a bonâ fide resident of such Electoral District.'"

Withdrawn, with leave.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to prevent Priority among Execution Creditors" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock on Monday, 7th April.

And then the House adjourned at 5:59 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, 7th April, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. G. Hastings*.

Mr. Oliver presented a resolution passed at a public meeting at *Langley, re Coast-Kootenay Railway*.

Ruled out of order.

Mr. Green presented a petition from *H. R. Jorand* and others, residents of *Slocan Lake District*, asking for a grant for a road between *Ashborn* and *12-Mile Creek*.

Ruled out of order.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented:—

The Report of the Commission respecting Freight Tariffs on Fruits and Agricultural Products on the Canadian Pacific Railway; and

The Annual Report on the Hospital for the Insane for the year 1901.

On the motion of *Mr. Oliver*, seconded by *Mr. Hawthornthwaite*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all correspondence relating to the appointing of Messrs. *Gamble, Hope* and *Higginson* as Commissioners, *re* certain dyking matters on the *Lower Fraser River*, together with copies of instructions given to the said Commissioners, and copies of the report (if any) of the said Commissioners, and of all letters and papers in any way connected with the said Commission of Enquiry; and also a statement in detail showing all the expenses in connection with the said Commission.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by *Mr. Tatlow* on the 24th March, as follows:—

"That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence, reports and other documents in the possession of the Government, that has taken place or been made during the last nine years, in any way relating to the *Squamish-Penterton Meadows* road or trail."

Carried.

On the motion of *Mr. Hall*, seconded by *Mr. Rogers*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of the reports of all Immigration Officers and Deputy Immigration Officers to the Provincial Secretary in connection with "An Act to regulate Immigration into British Columbia."

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

That, in the opinion of this House, the neglect of the Government in failing to bring on the bye-election in *North Victoria* is deserving of severe censure.

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

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this House copies of all papers, correspondence and letters and other material which have passed between the Provincial Government, or any member thereof and any person or persons or corporations, touching the agreement dated the 1st day of March, 1902, and made between the Government of the Province of British Columbia and the Edmonton, Yukon & Pacific Railway Company for the construction of the Canadian Northern Railway.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Gifford* on the 24th March, as follows:—

“That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing,—

“1. What tenders have been received by the Government for the construction of the sub-structure of the *Fraser River Bridge*, with particulars of sum tendered, of person or persons, company or companies, tendering, and of the security or securities deposited by the different tenderers.

“2. What tenders have been received by the Government for the construction of the super-structure of the *Fraser River Bridge*, with particulars of sum tendered, of person or persons tendering, and of the security or securities deposited by the different tenderers.

“3. What tenders have been received for the construction of both substructure and super-structure of the *Fraser River Bridge*, with full particulars asked in 1 and 2.”

Carried.

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

That the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders be adopted.

Mr. *Hall* presented a Petition from *James N. Greenshields*, *T. G. Holt*, *Harold B. Robertson* and *James Mitchell*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate “The Victoria and Seymour Narrows Railway Company.”

Received.

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

Is the assessment roll, or a copy thereof, prepared on behalf of the Commissioners of the *Maple Ridge Dyking Works*, in the possession of the Government?

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

“No copy. The Commissioners did not furnish any copy.”

Mr. *Martin* asked the Government the following question:—

If Mr. *A. C. Shaw*, former road foreman at *Salmon Arm*, is now road foreman at that place, or otherwise in the employment of the Government?

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

“No; but was employed as a labourer, according to the pay-roll for last month, to 28th February, at \$2.50 per day.”

The Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to prevent Priority among Execution Creditors” was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to regulate Public Aid to Hospitals.”

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Dyking Act, 1898.’”

Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Interpretation Act.’”

Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act to Amalgamate the Cities of Grand Forks and Columbia.”

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

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

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Traffic Regulation Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to prohibit Aliens from Voting at Municipal Elections."

The debate was further adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 9:40 o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, 8th April, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. G. Hastings.

The Hon. Mr. Wells presented the following Returns:—

Return of all papers, documents, reports and correspondence in any way relating to the survey made by the Hon. Edgar Dewdney over the route of the proposed Coast-Kootenay Railway.

Return showing the agreements entered into with several companies, and referred to in the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, for the manufacture of pulp and paper, and also the areas of timber set aside for the respective companies.

Return setting forth—

1. Amount of royalties collected on timber cut within the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Belt in the years 1899, 1900 and 1901?
2. From whom such royalties were collected?
3. Amount of timber cut within said limits in the years 1899, 1900 and 1901?
4. How much of same has been exported not manufactured?
5. How much timber cut within said limits in each of said years paid no royalty whatever?
6. By whom it was cut?

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 8th, 1902.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That they have considered Petition No. 4, Petition of "Victoria and Seymour Narrows Railway Company," and find that the Standing Rules and Orders have not been complied with, inasmuch as publication is insufficient. Double fees have been paid. Your Committee are of the opinion that only so much of the Petition as relates to the incorporation of the Company, with all usual necessary powers, be approved. Your Committee are further of the

opinion that as the proposed Bill is presumably in the public interest, the Standing Orders should be suspended so as to admit of the Bill being introduced, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS KIDD,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended and the Report adopted.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Green* on the 20th March, as follows:—

That in view of the present depressed condition of the lead market, and the disability under which the producers of lead and silver within the Province labour in not being able to have the product of their mines economically smelted and refined:

Therefore, in the opinion of this House, the public interest requires on the part of the Government the serious consideration of the establishment and operation by them of lead smelting and refining works within the Province.

Carried.

On the motion of Mr. *Hall*, Private Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Victoria and Seymour Narrows Railway Company" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Railway Committee.

On the motion of Mr. *E. C. Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Hon. Attorney-General and *James Carroll*, Esq., relating to liquor licence for the Ontario House, Kimberley.

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

1. For how many acres have Crown grants been issued to the Columbia & Western Railway Company?
2. For how many acres have Crown grants been prepared, but not yet issued?
3. For how many additional acres is the Company now entitled to have Crown grants issued?
4. For how many acres of the total 2,503,312 acres said to be earned by the Company will the Company not receive Crown grants unless it builds additional mileage, and if it does not build such additional mileage within the time limited by the Acts in that behalf, is it the intention of the Government to cancel the reserve on the lands reserved to subsidise such additional mileage?
5. What are the numbers of the blocks that have been Crown granted to the Company, and what are the numbers of the blocks for which Crown grants are now prepared, but not yet issued?

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

- "1. 722,020 acres.
 - "2. There are no additional Crown grants prepared.
 - "3. Balance on section 3 = 896,488 acres.
 - "4. Under the terms of the Subsidy Act the Company is not entitled to a land grant for section 4 until sections 5 and 6 are built. The construction of these sections not having been proceeded with, the Government is now considering the Company's claim for lands in respect to section 4.
 - "5. Lots 4,597, 4,598, 4,599, 5,816 and 5,817, Group One, Kootenay District, and Lots 2,698, 2,699, 2,700, 2,701, 2,702, 2,703, 2,704, 2,705, 2,706, 2,707, 2,708, 2,709 and 2,710, Group One, Osoyoos Division of Yale District.
- "There are no Crown grants now prepared and not issued."

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

“Whether it is the intention of the Government to extend the benefits of the “South African War Land Grant Act, 1901,” to persons who have, since the passage of the Act, gone to South Africa in the same capacity as those who went before the passage of the Act and are entitled to the benefits of the said Act?”

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

“The matter is under consideration.”

Hon. Mr. *Wells* presented a Return showing:—

1. What tenders have been received by the Government for the construction of the substructure of the Fraser River Bridge, with particulars of sum tendered, of person or persons, company or companies, tendering, and of the security or securities deposited by the different tenderers.

2. What tenders have been received by the Government for the construction of the superstructure of the Fraser River Bridge, with particulars of sum tendered, of person or persons tendering, and of the security or securities deposited by the different tenderers.

3. What tenders have been received for the construction of both substructure and superstructure of the Fraser River Bridge, with full particulars asked in 1 and 2.

Upon the Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act for the Redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts,” being read—

Mr. *Taylor* moved that the Order for the third reading be discharged and the Bill re-committed, for the purpose of considering the following amendments:—

To strike out sub-section (26) of section 3, and substitute therefor the following:—

“REVELSTOKE ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

“(26.) That tract of land contained within the following boundaries, viz.:—

“Commencing at the point where the 52nd parallel of latitude intersects the western boundary of Kootenay District; thence north-westerly to the height of land between the waters flowing into the North Thompson River on the west and Canoe River on the east; thence following such height of land to the 120th meridian; thence north along said meridian to the intersection thereof with the 53rd parallel of latitude; thence east along said parallel to the summit of the Rocky Mountains; thence south-easterly along said summit of the Rocky Mountains to the 118th meridian; thence south along said meridian to the boundary between the East and West Kootenay Districts; thence along said boundary to the height of land between the waters flowing into the Illecillewaet River on the north and Fish River on the south; thence south-westerly along said height of land, crossing the Columbia River at the mouth of Akolkolex Creek, to the western boundary of Kootenay District; thence northerly, following said western boundary of said district to the point of commencement, shall be constituted one Electoral District, to be designated ‘Revelstoke Electoral District,’ and shall return one member.”

Also to add the following new sub-section to said section 3:—

“LARDEAU ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

“That tract of land contained within the following boundaries, viz.:—

“Commencing at the point where the south boundary of Revelstoke Electoral District touches the western boundary of Kootenay District; thence north-easterly, following said south boundary of said electoral district to the boundary between East and West Kootenay Districts; thence southerly along said last-mentioned boundary to the point where the southern boundary of the Columbia Electoral District reaches the same; thence easterly, following the height of land between Hamill Creek and Fry River, and, crossing Kootenay Lake, following the height of land between Lost Ledge Creek and Schroeder Creek to the height of land between the waters flowing into Slocan Lake on the west and Kootenay Lake on the east; thence following said height of land to a point due east and two miles north of Nakusp; thence due east to the west boundary of Kootenay District; thence north along said boundary to the point of commencement, shall constitute one Electoral District, to be known as ‘Lardeau Electoral District,’ and shall return one member.”

Mr. Speaker *Pooley* ruled the motion out of order, on the ground that it proposed an increase of representation and would entail an expenditure of public money.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to prevent Priority among Execution Creditors" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to regulate Public Aid to Hospitals" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

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

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Dyking Act, 1898,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 33 of the Statutes of 1899, being the 'Judgments Act, 1899,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to Amalgamate the Cities of Grand Forks and Columbia" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Regulation Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to prohibit Aliens from Voting at Municipal Elections" was resumed.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs:

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Mounce—23.</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs:

<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>
<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Hunter—10.</i>
<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>		

To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10:50 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 9th April, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. G. Hastings*.

Mr. *A. W. Smith* presented the First Report from the Mining Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
9th April, 1902.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That your Committee consider it inadvisable to make any changes in the Mineral and Placer Mining Acts during the present Session.

Respectfully submitted.

A. W. SMITH,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Prentice*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Dunsmuir*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present Session be taken into consideration on Friday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Tatlow*, seconded by Mr. *McPhillips*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing—

1. What money or moneys have been paid to Mr. *Greenshields* during the last six months?
2. What services have been rendered by Mr. *Greenshields* in return for such payments?

On the motion of Mr. *Tatlow*, seconded by Mr. *Green*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the total arrears of taxation on December 31st last under the different heads.

Also (1) the amount owing on account of land sales; (2) arrears of rentals and leases.

On the motion of Mr. *Stables*, seconded by Mr. *McInnes*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor asking him to cause to be laid before this House copies of all papers, correspondence, letters and telegrams which have passed between the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, and any person or persons or corporations relating to the introduction of Japanese into the Atlin District in the month of March, 1902.

On the motion of Mr. *Gifford*, seconded by Mr. *Hayward*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this House copies of all Orders in Council, memorials, petitions and correspondence relating to the applications of the Vancouver Power Company, Limited, the Stave Lake Power Company, Limited, and the City of New Westminster and various municipalities for water records from Coquitlam Lake and Trout Lake; and of all proceedings before the Water Commissioner at New Westminster and before members of the Government respecting the same, and including all correspondence between the various applicants and their solicitors and the Provincial Secretary's Department and the Department of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and other Departments of Government, and including all the correspondence between any parties and any and all members of the Government respecting the said applications and any of them.

Also a Return of all Orders in Council and notices or other public documents in any way respecting the reservation of the waters in question, and stating the dates when each of these Orders in Council or notices were Gazetted.

On the motion of Mr. *Rogers*, seconded by Mr. *Hunter*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing what tenders have been received by the Government, if any, for the construction of the substructure of the Fraser River Bridge at Chimney Creek, with particulars of sum tendered and of person or persons so tendering.

On the motion of Mr. *Hall*, seconded by Mr. *Rogers*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee of this House be appointed to investigate the following matter: Charges made by Mr. *C. W. Savers* against Mr. *J. D. Graham*, Gold Commissioner of Atlin, in regard to the purchase of two buildings, known as the "Isolation Hospital," in Atlin, for the Government, for the sum of \$750, and which buildings are said by Mr. *Savers* to be worth less than \$200; and that such Committee consist of the following members, viz.: Messrs. *Rogers*, *Dickie*, *Mounce*, *Garden* and *McPhillips*, and with power to call for persons, books and papers and report to the House.

Mr. *Houston* presented the Second Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 8th, 1902.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the following papers were submitted to the Committee and ordered to be printed:—

1. Return, *re* manufacture of pulp, and areas set aside for certain companies.
2. Return of timber cut within E. & N. Belt.
3. Return of correspondence, &c., *re* Coast-Kootenay Survey by Hon. E. Dewdney.
4. Return of correspondence *re* Acts of Session of 1901.
5. Return *re* tenders, Fraser River Bridge.

JOHN HOUSTON,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to regulate Public Aid to Hospitals" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act'" was again committed. Reported complete with amendments. Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 33 of the Statutes of 1899, being the 'Judgments Act, 1899,'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Steam Boilers Inspection Act, 1901,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver General Hospital" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Traffic Regulation Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897,'" was discharged.

Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Clauses Act, 1897,'" called.

On objection taken, Mr. Speaker *Pooley* ruled the Bill out of order, on the ground that the same dealt with the revenue, viz., the remitting of fines which had become part of the public funds.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Liquor Licence Act, 1900,'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Master and Servant Amendment Act, 1899,'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:25 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 10th April, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. G. Hastings*.

Mr. *Stables* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gilmour*,—

That in all contracts, leases and concessions of whatsoever kind entered into, issued or made by the Government, or on behalf of the Government, provision be made that no Chinese or Japanese shall be employed in connection therewith.

Objection was taken that the motion was out of order, on the ground that it affected the policy of the Government and, if carried, would interfere with all contracts, leases, etc., made by the Government.

Mr. Speaker *Pooley* reserved his decision thereon until to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *McBride* on 7th April, as follows:—

"That, in the opinion of this House, the neglect of the Government in failing to bring on the bye-election in North Victoria is deserving of severe censure."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Smith, E. C.,
Hawthornthwaite,
Neill,
Gifford,

Hayward,
Garden,
Fulton,
Curtis,

Munro,
Tatlow,
Green,
McBride,

Murphy,
McPhillips,
Taylor,
Helmcken—16.

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Mounce—18.</i>
<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>		

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 10th, 1902.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway Act, 1900,'" and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH MARTIN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Mr. *Taylor* moved, seconded by Mr. *Green*,—

Whereas the Province granted certain lands in Vancouver Island to the Dominion Government for the purpose of being conveyed by the Dominion Government to the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company :

And whereas such lands have been conveyed to said Company :

And whereas the Province and the Dominion, respectively, in the Statutes authorising such conveyances, enacted as follows:—

"The Company shall at all times sell coals gotten from the lands that may be acquired by them from the Dominion Government to any Canadian railway company having the terminus of its railway on the seaboard of British Columbia, and to the Imperial, Dominion and Provincial authorities, at the same rates as may be charged to any railway company owning or operating any railway in the United States, or to any foreign customer whatsoever." (B. C. S. 1884, chapter 14, section 24; Dominion Statutes, 1884, chapter 6, section 7, subsection 3):

And whereas it is in the interests of the Province that inquiry should be made, in order to ascertain if the said Company has complied with said provisions of said sections :

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of this House, consisting of Messrs. *Rogers, Clifford, Kidd, McPhillips* and the mover, be appointed, with power to inquire into the question of whether or not the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company has complied therewith, with power to the said Committee to call for all books, papers, documents and data in relation to the same, and with power to summon and examine under oath any and all witnesses that the Committee may deem necessary in connection therewith, and thereafter to report thereon to this House.

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Helmcken—15.</i>
<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Mounce—17.</i>
<i>Prentice,</i>			

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Green,—

Whereas by an agreement, dated the 20th day of August, 1883, between *Robert Dunsmuir, James Dunsmuir, John Brydon, Charles Crocker, Charles F. Crocker, Leland Stanford and Collis P. Huntington*, of the first part, and Her Majesty QUEEN VICTORIA, represented by the Minister of Railways and Canals of the Dominion of Canada, it was provided, among other things, that the Government of British Columbia should procure the incorporation by Act of the Legislature of British Columbia of certain persons to be designated by the Government of Canada for the construction of a railway from Esquimalt to Nanaimo:

And whereas the parties of the first part were associated together for the purpose of such construction, and were the persons designated by the Government of Canada therefor, and entered into a contract with the Government of Canada for the construction of such railway, and gave security to such Government therefor:

And whereas such contract was provisional until the sanction of Parliament had been obtained thereto, and the Legislature of this Province had amended a certain Act entitled "An Act relating to the Island Railway and Graving Dock and Railway Lands of the Province" in conformity therewith:

And whereas the Parliament of Canada, by Act, chapter 6 of the Dominion Statutes of 1884, approved and ratified said agreement as therein provided:

And whereas the Legislature of this Province, by Act, chapter 14 of the Statutes of 1884, duly altered the said Act entitled "An Act relating to the Island Railway, the Graving Dock and Railway Lands of the Province," in conformity therewith:

And whereas an agreement between the Dominion and the Province was made and entered into, which agreement is recited in chapter 6 of the Statutes of the Dominion of 1884, and chapter 14 of the Statutes of the Province of 1884, whereby all then existing disputes and differences were settled upon the two Governments ratifying such contract:

And whereas provision was made in said recited agreement for the conveyance of certain lands now known as the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway lands from the Province to the Dominion, and from the Dominion to a Company to be formed, which Company is now known as the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company:

And whereas the said agreements referred to between the Dominion and the Province, and between the Dominion and the parties afterwards incorporated as the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, did not contain any reference or provision or requirement relating to the exemption from taxation of such lands so to be conveyed to the said Company, now the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company:

And whereas such lands were exempted from certain taxation under certain conditions by the Province by section 22 of chapter 14 of the Statutes of 1884:

And whereas such exemption was a voluntary act upon the part of the Province, not in pursuance of any agreement or undertaking in that behalf, but a measure whereby the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company received a benefit at the expense of the general body of taxpayers:

And whereas it appears that there was no contractual obligation upon the part of the Province to exempt such lands from taxation:

And whereas in such event such exemption was and is of no greater force and effect than the exemption of certain other classes of property, which latter classes the Legislature may from time to time subject to the burden of taxation without in anywise prejudicing or affecting any contractual obligation or vested right:

And whereas it is in the interests of the Province that the general body of taxpayers be relieved from the excessive taxes imposed upon them by reason of being compelled to make extra contributions in order to offset the failure of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company to make any in respect of its lands:

And whereas the existing taxes imposed are as heavy as the taxpayers are able to bear:

And whereas the Provincial revenue will require to be largely increased in order to meet the increased demands thereon, by reason of the granting of subsidies to railways in addition to the construction and maintenance of necessary public works of the Province:

That it is desirable that a case be submitted to the Courts for adjudication upon the question whether or not the Province may repeal section 22, chapter 14, of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1884, without violating a contract.

Objection being taken that the motion, if carried, would entail a considerable expenditure of public moneys, it was therefore out of order.

Mr. Speaker Pooley reserved his decision on the point of order until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to prohibit Aliens from Voting at Municipal Elections" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again this evening.

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

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

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to prohibit Aliens from Voting at Municipal Elections" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to provide for the appointment of a Water Commissioner for the Town of Lillooet" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Master and Servant Amendment Act, 1899,'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Dickie—16.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Garden,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Mounce—15.</i>
<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	

To be committed to-morrow.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting Compensation to Workmen for Accidental Injuries suffered in the course of their Employment," a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to regulate Public Aid to Hospitals" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented a Return of all correspondence during 1901 between any member or members of the Government and the Gold Commissioner at Atlin, with reference to the operations of the Pine Creek Power Co., Ltd., together with copies of all Orders in Council passed during the same period and relating to said Company.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented a copy of the Report of *John Pease Babcock*, Fishery Commissioner of British Columbia.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:20 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, 11th April, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. G. Hastings*.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented a Statement of Special Warrants signed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the expenditure incurred thereon, between 28th March, 1901, and 10th April, 1902.

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

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

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting of the House:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*—Bill (No. 35) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Creditors’ Trust Deeds Act, 1901.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*—Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trustees and Executors Act.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Wells*—Bill (No. 38) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Bush Fire Act.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Wells*—Bill (No. 39) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Act.’”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Curtis* on the 26th March, as follows:—

“That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all applications for foreshore rights on the Pacific Coast of British Columbia during the past two years, giving the name of each applicant, the description of the foreshore applied for, and the purpose, if any, for which the applicant stated such rights were to be used.

“Also, copies of all correspondence from the applicants, and from the Government, or any member thereof, to the applicants respecting the same, and a list of all applications granted, or promised to be granted, by the Government, and the terms of such grants.”

Carried.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented a Return showing the total arrears of taxation on December 31st last, under the different heads. Also (1) the amount owing on account of land sales; (2) arrears of rentals and leases.

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

Is it the intention of the Government to remove the office of the Timber Inspector from Vancouver?

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

“No.”

Mr. *Houston* presented the Third Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 11th, 1902.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the following papers were submitted to the Committee, who have ordered the same to be printed:—

1. Report of Fisheries Commissioner.
2. Statement of Special Warrants, March 28th, 1901, to April 10th, 1902.
3. Return, correspondence *re* Pine Creek Power Co.
4. Arrears of taxation to December 31st, 1901.

JOHN HOUSTON,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to regulate Public Aid to Hospitals" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:59 o'clock, P.M.

Monday, 14th April, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Reid*.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier,—

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

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The Resolution was reported to the House and adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier,—

Resolved, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*—Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

By Mr. *Green*—Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act.'"

By Mr. *E. C. Smith*—Bill (No. 42) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act.’”

By Mr. *McPhillips*—Bill (No. 43) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘County Courts Act.’”

By Mr. *McPhillips*—Bill (No. 44) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Bills of Sale Act.’”

By Mr. *McPhillips*—Bill (No. 45) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Wills Act.’”

By Mr. *McPhillips*—Bill (No. 46) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Supreme Court Act.’”

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all papers and letters passing between the Treasury and any Government Agent, Tax Collector, or any Government official, with respect to the collection of personal property tax from conductors, engineers, firemen or brakemen in the employ of any railway company operating in the Province of British Columbia.

On the motion of Mr. *Gifford*, seconded by Mr. *Gilmour*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of the contract entered into by Messrs. *Armstrong, Morrison and Balfour* with the Government for the construction of the substructure of the New Westminster bridge.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all papers and letters and other documents passing between the Government, and any member thereof, and Mr. *C. S. V. Branch*, agent of the Sun Life Insurance Company of Vancouver, B. C., or any other official thereof, Mr. *Henry Davis*, of Hatzic, B. C., Mr. *A. Dion*, of Hatzic, B. C., and any other person or persons, with respect to the settlement of the indebtedness of the Municipality of Dewdney and a settlement of the affairs of the said Municipality.

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

Mr. Speaker *Pooley* gave his ruling on the following resolution of Mr. *Stables*, moved on Thursday, the 10th inst.:—

“That in all contracts, leases and concessions of whatsoever kind entered into, issued or made by the Government, or on behalf of the Government, provision be made that no Chinese or Japanese shall be employed in connection therewith.”—

The resolution is out of order, as dictating a policy to the Government on hard and fast lines, and if passed would so tie their hands with regard to contracts, leases and concessions as to affect the revenue of the Province to be derived therefrom.

The Government consented to the resolution being discussed.

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

What amount has been paid in taxes by the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Co. in the years 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901, and under what heads?

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

	Wild Land.	Per. Property.	Total.
1898	\$ 8,313 52	\$ 80 00	\$ 8,393 52
1899	8,313 52	80 00	8,393 52
1900	8,313 52	200 00	8,513 52
1901	11,084 70	225 00	11,309 70
			\$36,610 60

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to regulate Public Aid to Hospitals,” was again committed. Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to Amalgamate the Cities of Grand Forks and Columbia" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Steam Boilers Inspection Act, 1901,'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver General Hospital" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, 1901,'" was read a second time and committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustees and Executors Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act respecting the Measurement of timber" was discharged.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Master and Servant Amendment Act, 1899,'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act dealing with Youthful Offenders" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:59 o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, 15th April, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. McRae*.

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

That the conduct of the Government with regard to the water concessions granted the Pine Creek Power Company is deserving of the censure of this House.

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Smith, E. C.,
Hawthornthwaite,
Neill,
Gifford,

Garden,
Fulton,
Curtis,
Munwo,

Tatlow,
Green,
McBride,
Murphy,

McPhillips,
Taylor,
Helmcken—15.

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Mounce—19.</i>
<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *McBride* on the 14th April, as follows:—

“That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all papers and letters and other documents passing between the Government, and any member thereof, and Mr. *C. S. V. Branch*, agent of the Sun Life Insurance Company, of Vancouver, B. C., or any other official thereof, Mr. *Henry Davis*, of Hatzic, B. C., Mr. *A. Dion*, of Hatzic, B. C., and any other person or persons, with respect to the settlement of the indebtedness of the Municipality of Dewdney and a settlement of the affairs of the said Municipality.”

Carried.

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

That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the Government in entering into the contract, now before the House, with the Edmonton and Yukon Railway Company, for railway construction in British Columbia, is against the best interests of this Province, and demands the immediate resignation of the Administration.

A debate arose.

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

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

Debate resumed.

Mr. *McInnes* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *A. W. Smith*,—

That all the words after the word “That,” in the first line, be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:—

“the proper time for the House to pass judgment upon the Government's action in entering into any contract for assisting railway construction is when the Government introduces a Bill for the ratification of such contract by the House.”

Question proposed—“Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?” and *Resolved* in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Kidd—16.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Mounce—18.</i>
<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>		

Mr. *Green* moved, seconded by Mr. *Tatlow*, in amendment to the words proposed to be inserted,—

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

“Government has in its administration of the affairs of the Province, its disposition of the moneys and lands of the Province, and its contracting so recklessly as in the contract of the first of March, 1902, with the Edmonton, Yukon and Pacific Railway Company, contrary to its declared policy and without proper safeguards, forfeited the confidence of this House.”

Question proposed—“Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?” and *Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	<i>Mounce—19.</i>
<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Kidd—15.</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	

Question proposed—“Shall the words proposed to be inserted stand part of the question?” and *Resolved* in the affirmative on the same division.

Original question, as amended, carried on the same division.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Stables* on the 10th April, as follows :—

“That in all contracts, leases and concessions of whatsoever kind entered into, issued or made by the Government, or on behalf of the Government, provision be made that no Chinese or Japanese shall be employed in connection therewith.”

Carried.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10:45 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 16th April, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. McRae*.

Mr. *McPhillips* laid on the Table a petition from *F. B. Pemberton* and others, re herding cattle on streets of city suburbs.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting of the House :—

By Mr. *McPhillips*—Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Animals Act.’”

By Mr. *McPhillips*—Bill (No. 49) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Youths’ Protection Act.’”

Mr. *Martin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gilmour*,—

That a Select Committee of this House be appointed to investigate the following matters:—

1. What jurisdiction Dr. *Fagan*, Secretary of the Board of Health, has to interfere with the actions of the Health Officer of a municipality?

2. The circumstances of a man named *Joliffe* or *Jessop* escaping from quarantine in the *City of Vancouver*, and the failure of the Provincial Constable at *Vancouver* in enforcing a warrant for his arrest therefor;

And that such Committee consist of the following members, viz.:—Messrs. *Ellison*, *Dickie*, *Stables*, *McInnes*, *Fulton* and *Green*.

Withdrawn, with leave.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all papers and letters received by the Government, and the replies thereto, in connection with any proposed dredging operations on the Fraser River between Harrison River and Steveston, and whether under the supervision of either the Dominion or Provincial authorities, or both.

Withdrawn, with leave.

Mr. *Oliver* moved, seconded by Mr. *E. C. Smith*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing in detail all moneys expended in connection with public works in the Riding of Delta for the period between July 1st, 1900, and December 31st, 1901.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Hayward*, seconded by Mr. *Tatlow*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence, papers, letters and documents passing between the Government and any other person or persons with respect to the Resolution of this House passed last Session to bonus shipbuilding in this Province.

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

1. How many acres of land is the B. C. Southern Railway Company entitled to under the B. C. Southern Subsidy Act?

2. How many acres have been Crown granted to this Company?

3. For how many additional acres is the Company now entitled to have Crown grants issued?

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

“1. 3,600,000 acres.

“2. 3,600,000 acres.

“3. None.”

Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway Act, 1900,’” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to regulate Public Aid to Hospitals,” was considered.

Mr. *Neill* moved to add to sub-section (a) of section 4 the following words:—

“But provided that in cases where a hospital shall have been in operation less than a full year, or in special circumstances where the number of days’ treatment is below 365, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may grant such a sum, less than \$500, as they may consider commensurate with the circumstances.”

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Helmcken—16.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	<i>Mounce—18.</i>
<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>		

Mr. *Clifford* moved to strike out section 5, and all the words in the fourth and fifth lines of section 8, after "treatment" in fourth line, and before the word "given" in the fifth line.

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustees and Executors Act'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to Amalgamate the Cities of Grand Forks and Columbia" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Steam Boilers Inspection Act, 1901,'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again this evening.

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

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Steam Boilers Inspection Act, 1901,'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to authorise a Grant to the Corporation of the City of Nelson of certain Crown Lands situate in said City," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
16th April, 1902.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to authorise a Grant to the Corporation of the City of Nelson of certain Crown Lands situate in said City," and recommend the introduction of the same.

Mr. *Hunter*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:15 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 17th April, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Campbell*, D. D.

The petition from *F. B. Pemberton* and others, *re* herding cattle on streets of city suburbs, was received.

Mr. *McInnes* presented the First Report from the Municipal Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 17th, 1902.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters beg leave to report as follows:—
That they have considered many proposed amendments to the "Municipal Clauses Act." They approve of those annexed hereto, and recommend same to the favourable consideration of the House.

The Report was received.

W. W. B. McINNES,
Chairman.

[NOTE.—The amendments accompanying the Report appear in Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act.'"]

On the motion of Mr. *Curtis*, Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this House a copy of the Honourable the Speaker's Warrant, directing the issue of the writ for the vacancy in the representation of the North Victoria Electoral District; the Order in Council authorising the issue of the writ and the placing of the Great Seal of the Province thereon; copy of the appointment of the Returning Officer; and copies of all letters and instructions given by the Government, or any member thereof, to the Deputy Provincial Secretary.

On the third reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to prohibit Aliens from Voting at Municipal Elections," a debate arose, during which Mr. *McPhillips* objected to certain words used by Mr. *Martin* as being disorderly, and requested that the said words be taken down.

The Clerk took down the words objected to, as follows:—

"The Honourable Member degrades himself by coming into this House and retailing such low-lived, dirty, gossipy statements."

Mr. Speaker *Pooley*: In view of the provocation given by Mr. *McPhillips*, in suggesting that the Bill under discussion had been introduced by Mr. *Martin* in consequence of a quarrel he had had with an American citizen of Vancouver, I cannot say that the words used are disorderly, but they are words that I strongly deprecate being made use of by any Member, and I think the Hon. Member using them owes an apology to the House for so doing.

Mr. *Martin* refused to make any apology.

Mr. Speaker: It is now for the House to deal with the matter, if any further proceedings are to be taken.

No motion being made, Mr. Speaker called upon Mr. *McPhillips* to resume the debate. Debate resumed.

Mr. *Garden* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Fulton*—

That all the words after "That" be struck out and the following substituted:—

"this House, while affirming the principle of allowing only British subjects the right to vote at municipal elections, cannot approve of interfering by Public Act with the rights given to municipalities under special charter."

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?" and *Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	<i>Mounce—22.</i>
<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>
<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Kidd—14.</i>
<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Green,</i>		

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Master and Servant Amendment Act, 1902,'" was again committed.

A point of order arose in the Committee, which was reported to the House.

Mr. Speaker *Pooley*: I am asked to decide the point of order reported to me, viz., that clause 5 of the Bill dealt with revenue, inasmuch as it imposed certain penalties for enforcing the provisions of the Bill. The Bill is not a revenue Bill; there is no suggestion of any appropriation of revenue. The penalties imposed are matters of procedure only. I must, therefore, support the Chairman and rule the clause to be in order.

Bill again in Committee.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Prior* presented a Return setting forth the following information :—

1. The number of hydraulic leases granted in the *Atlin District* since the 9th of August, 1900.
2. The number of applications for hydraulic leases refused since the 9th of August, 1900, with reasons for refusal.
3. The amount of revenue derived from leases granted since 1st of January, 1898.
4. The number of leases cancelled since 1st January, 1898.
5. The number of lay-overs granted since 1st January, 1898, with reasons for granting such lay-overs, and amount of revenue derived from same.
6. The number of extensions of time applied for (if any), and reasons advanced for asking same.
7. The names of all leases upon which assessment work has been done.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:45 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, 18th April, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Campbell*, D. D.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia transmits herewith,—
Estimates of sums required for the Service of the Province for the financial year ending 30th June, 1903 ;
Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure (No. 2) for the financial year ending 30th June, 1902 ;
Schedule A, Unprovided Items of Expenditure for the financial year ended 30th June, 1901 ; and
Schedule B, 1901-1902,
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
18th April, 1902.

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

Mr. *McInnes* presented the Second Report from the Municipal Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 18th, 1902.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters beg leave to report as follows :—
That they have considered several proposed amendments to the "Municipal Elections Act," and recommend those embodied in the Bill annexed hereto to the consideration of the House.

The Report was received.

W. W. B. McINNES,
Chairman.

[NOTE.—The Bill referred to in above Report is Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"]

The Hon. the Minister of Mines presented a Return of all correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments, or any official thereof, since 1st March, 1901, on the subjects of—

1. The administration of minerals under Indian Reserves;
2. The adjustment and reduction in size of Indian Reserves.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented a Return of all papers and letters and other documents passing between the Government, and any member thereof, and Mr. *C. S. V. Branch*, agent of the Sun Life Insurance Company, of Vancouver, B. C., or any other official thereof, Mr. *Henry Davis*, of Hatzic, B. C., Mr. *A. Dion*, of Hatzic, B. C., and any other person or persons, with respect to the settlement of the indebtedness of the Municipality of Dewdney and a settlement of the affairs of the said Municipality.

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

By Mr. *Hayward*—Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Game Protection Act, 1898.’”

By Mr. *Martin*—Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act further to amend the ‘Legal Professions Act.’”

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to regulate Public Aid to Hospitals,” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trustees and Executors Act,’” was read a third time and passed.

The report on Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act to Amalgamate the Cities of Grand Forks and Columbia” was considered.

Section 3 was amended by inserting the words “The Corporation of” before the words “the City of Grand,” in the third line thereof.

Section 25 was amended by striking out the word “Clauses,” in the seventeenth line, and inserting in lieu thereof the word “Elections.”

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend Chapter 33 of the Statutes of 1899, being the ‘Judgments Act, 1899,’” was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 35) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Creditors’ Trust Deeds Act, 1901,’” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 36) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Administration Act,’” was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading on Monday next.

Bill (No. 40) intituled “An Act dealing with Youthful Offenders,” was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading on Monday next.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to authorise a Grant to the Corporation of the City of Nelson of certain Crown Lands situate in said City," was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to provide for the appointment of a Water Commissioner for the Town of Lillooet," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting Compensation to Workmen for Accidental Injuries suffered in the course of their Employment"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

Upon the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to regulate Immigration into British Columbia" being moved—

Objection was taken that by clause 7 of the Bill, which reads as follows :—

"7. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may from time to time appoint and at pleasure remove officers for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, and may define the duties of such officers, and may from time to time make, amend and repeal rules and regulations for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act"—

certain officers were to be appointed, the salaries of whom would have to be provided by the Government. These salaries, together with the other expenses necessary to the proper carrying out of the provisions of the Bill, would constitute a charge upon the revenue.

Mr. Speaker *Pooley*: I think the objection is well taken. The Bill cannot be introduced by a Private Member without the consent of the Government. I must rule it out of order.

The second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wills Act'" was negatived.

On the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Assessment Act'" being called, a point of order arose, upon which Mr. Speaker *Pooley* reserved his decision.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act, 1900,'" was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

On the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Public Works Loan Act, 1901,'" being called, a point of order arose, upon which Mr. Speaker *Pooley* reserved his decision.

The following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed on Monday next :—

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act.'"

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act.'"

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wills Act.'"

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
18th April, 1902.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act respecting the Measurement of Timber," and recommend the introduction of the same.

Mr. *Hunter*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading on Monday next.

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

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

Monday, 21st April, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. H. S. Sweet*.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting of the House:—

By Mr. *Curtis*—Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act' and amending Acts."

By Mr. *Curtis*—Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act' "

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any person, relating to the construction of the Court House at Princeton, and the failure on the part of the contractor to pay the wages of the workmen employed on said building, and to pay various other just claims for materials and supplies furnished to him by different parties for use in said building, and which said materials and supplies were used in the construction of said building.

The Hon. Mr. *Dunsmuir* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*,—

That on Tuesday next, and on all following days to the close of the Session, there shall be two distinct sittings on each day—one from 2 P. M. until 6 P. M., and the other from 8 P. M. until adjournment.

Carried on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Mounce—16.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Hawthornthuwaite,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Kidd—14.</i>
<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Green,</i>		

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

Whereas the inter-Imperial postage rates on periodicals and literature are such that it is impossible to import such matter from the United Kingdom in competition with that of other countries; and

Whereas it is much to be desired that the Imperial ties should be strengthened in sentiment and trade increased; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of placing before the Colonial Conference, to be held in London, the importance of increasing the postal facilities and reducing the rates on literature, to at least those granted by the Government of the United States.

The Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works presented a Return of all correspondence between the Hon. Chief Commissioner, the Public Works Engineer, or any other official of the Lands and Works Department, and any other person or persons during the past six months relative to the appointment of a road foreman at *Salmon Arm*.

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

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to Amalgamate the Cities of Grand Forks and Columbia,"

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act,'"

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act dealing with Youthful Offenders."

The Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Steam Boilers Inspection Act, 1901,'" was considered.

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* moved to add the following words to sub-section (9) of section 5: "or one of less horse-power of a similar type."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Kidd—13.</i>
<i>Neill,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Mounce—15.</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	

Mr. *McPhillips* moved to add a new section, to be section 7, reading as follows:—

"7. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act and the principal Act, marine engineers holding British or Dominion qualifications, as first, second and third class engineers shall be entitled to be classed and given all the privileges respectively attaching to first, second and third class engineers under the provisions of the principal Act and this Act: Provided, that any such privilege shall be subject to be withdrawn for the same reasons that are applicable to first, second and third class engineers under the provisions of the principal Act and this Act, and the regulations thereunder."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Helmcken—9.</i>
<i>Gifford,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	<i>Mounce—20.</i>

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to authorise a Grant to the Corporation of the City of Nelson of certain Crown Lands situated in said City" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Act.'"

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act respecting the Measurement of timber."

The Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Master and Servant Amendment Act, 1899,'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to provide for the appointment of a Water Commissioner for the Town of Lillooet" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting Compensation to Workmen for Accidental Injuries suffered in the course of their Employment" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

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

Tuesday, 22nd April, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. H. S. Sweet*.

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

By Mr. *Martin*—Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes, being the 'Municipal Clauses Act.'"

By Mr. *Curtis*—Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act respecting Railway and Steamship Transportation in certain Cases."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Oliver* on 16th April, as follows :—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing in detail all moneys expended in connection with public works in the Riding of Delta for the period between July 1st, 1900, and December 31st, 1901.

Carried.

Mr. *Ellison* presented the First Report from the Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 22nd, 1902.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

Having had a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Mutual Fire Insurance Companies" under consideration, recommend the same to the favourable notice of the House.

PRICE ELLISON,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Hon. Mr. *Wells* presented a Return showing in detail all moneys expended in connection with public works in the Riding of Delta for the period between July 1st, 1900, and December 31st, 1901.

Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Steam Boilers Inspection Act, 1901,'" being called—

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* moved that the order for the third reading of the Bill be discharged, and that the Bill be recommitted.

Negatived.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor having received for transmission to the Legislative Assembly for amendment Bill (No. 20) being "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" which passed its third reading on the 27th day of March, 1902, and it appearing that there is a certain amendment to be made to the said Bill, transmits the same to the Legislative Assembly with a recommendation that the amendment in red ink* in the copy transmitted herewith be made.

Government House,
7th April, 1902.

*[NOTE.—The proposed amendment is to add to the Bill the following new clause:—

"3. This Act shall come into force on the dissolution of the present Legislative Assembly."]

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE).

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" and recommend that the Bill be amended in terms of said Message.

Report adopted.

Bill amended in terms of said Report.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

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

(No. 1) An Act to prevent Priority among Execution Creditors.

(No. 2) An Act to regulate Public Aid to Hospitals.

(No. 4) An Act to amend the "Public Dyking Act, 1898."

(No. 5) An Act to amend the "Children's Protection Act of British Columbia."

(No. 7) An Act to amend the "Interpretation Act."

- (No. 16) An Act to amend the "Highway Traffic Regulation Act."
 (No. 17) An Act to prohibit Aliens from Voting at Municipal Elections.
 (No. 19) An Act to amend the "Supreme Court Act."
 (No. 20) An Act to amend the "Constitution Act."
 (No. 21) An Act for the Redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts.
 (No. 25) An Act to Amalgamate the Cities of Grand Forks and Columbia.
 (No. 36) An Act to amend the "Administration Act."
 (No. 37) An Act to amend the "Trustees and Executors Act."
 (No. 40) An Act dealing with Youthful Offenders.

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

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

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

The Report on Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to authorise a Grant to the Corporation of the City of Nelson of certain Crown Lands situate in said City" was adopted.
 Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Act'" was committed.
 Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act respecting the Measurement of Timber" was committed.
 Reported complete with amendments.
 Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Master and Servant Amendment Act, 1899.'"

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to provide for the appointment of a Water Commissioner for the Town of Lillooet."

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bush Fire Act'" was discharged.

The Hon. Mr. *Wells* presented a Return showing the names of those paying fees, and the amount paid by each of them, under the provisions of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act."

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting Compensation to Workmen" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act, 1900,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:59 o'clock, P. M.