

Wednesday, 22nd March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Henderson*, Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act further to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Murphy* presented a petition from *B. A. Laselle, F. J. Tregillus* and others, residents of Barkerville and vicinity, *re* amendments to the Placer Mining Act.

Laid on the table.

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

1. That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all correspondence relating to the pre-emption of Mr. *Kirkland*, of Atlin, recorded 30th June, 1904.

2. That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all correspondence relating to the Atlin Townsite, and the new addition to Atlin Townsite.

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

1. How many acres of land have the Columbia and Western Railway Company had Crown-granted to it under its Subsidy Act of 1896?

2. Is the Columbia and Western Railway Company entitled to any further acreage under its Subsidy Act of 1896?

3. If it is entitled to any further acreage, in respect of what section or sections is it so entitled, and to what quantity?

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

" 1. 794,440 acres.

" 2. Yes.

" 2. In respect to section 3; 808,872 acres."

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

1. What was the total cost to the Government of the prosecution of Dr. *Telford* at the Vancouver Assizes?

2. What was the total amount paid for legal advice and legal services in connection with the prosecution of Dr. *Telford*, and to whom was this money paid?

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

" 1. \$549.45.

" 2. \$196.45; paid to *Stuart Livingstone, Esq.*"

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Stave Valley Railway Company," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" was again committed.

The Committee reported to Mr. Speaker that the following motion and amendment had been made in Committee :—

"The Hon. Mr. *Tallow* moved to amend section 14 (which section fixed the tax on wild land), in line 10, by striking out 'three per cent.' and inserting in lieu thereof 'four per cent.'

"Mr. *Oliver* moved in amendment to strike out the word 'four' and insert 'five.'"

That objection had been taken to said amendment, and the Chairman had ruled the same out of order, and that an appeal had been taken to the House.

Mr. Speaker *Pooley* : I think the amendment is in order. The rate on wild land, under the existing law, is five per cent. The motion of the Minister is to reduce an existing tax. The amendment is to diminish this reduction and not to impose a tax, and is therefore in order. *See May*, 10th ed., p. 533.

House again in Committee on the Bill.
Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to Establish and Protect Highways," was again committed.

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

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to Adjust Dyking Assessments," was resumed.

The debate continued and 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 6 P.M.

Thursday, 23rd March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Clifford*, Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The petition from *B. A. Laselle*, *F. J. Tregillus* and others, residents of Barkerville and vicinity, *re* amendments to the Placer Mining Act, was received.

Mr. *Ross* presented the Twelfth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 23rd, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Institute of Accountants of British Columbia," has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

W. R. Ross,
Chairman.

The report was received.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was again committed.

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

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

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dentistry Act.'"

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act.'"

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Tax Act,'" was committed.

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

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horticultural Board Act,'" was committed.

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

The adjourned debate on Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to Adjust Dyking Assessments," was resumed.

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

The order for the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Traffic Regulation Act,'" was discharged and the Bill withdrawn.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act relating to Unclaimed Money Deposits in the Treasury of the Province," was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

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

Friday, 24th March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. H. Sweet.

The Report on Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to Establish and Protect Highways," was considered.

The Hon. Mr. Green moved to amend section 6 as follows:—

To strike out after the word "works," in line 3, the words "must be constructed," and insert "shall not be commenced without the consent of, and shall be completed."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. Green moved to amend section 7 as follows:—

After the number "7" insert "1" in brackets, and insert sub-section (2) as follows:—

"(2.) Any person who causes damage to a public highway contrary to section 5 hereof, in addition to the fine provided by sub-section (1) hereof, shall be liable, upon summary conviction before a Justice of the Peace, to pay to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works such sum

for said damage as may be awarded by the Justice of the Peace, and in default of such penalty and sum awarded for damage, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

To be read a third time on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horticultural Board Act,'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1898,'" was again committed.

The Committee reported to Mr. Speaker that an appeal had been taken from the decision of the Chair ruling the following motion, moved by Mr. *Oliver*, to be in order:—

"It shall be unlawful to hunt for, kill or wound, or to shoot at, or to take by means of traps or any other device, any of the animals or birds mentioned in this Act during the whole of the Lord's Day, commonly called 'Sunday,' and any violation of this section shall subject the offender to the penalty provided for killing game during the prohibited season."

Mr. Speaker *Pooley*: I think the amendment is within the title and scope of the Bill, as shooting on Sunday is dealt with by section 4 of the "Game Protection Act, 1898, Amendment Act, 1902," and I so rule.

House again in Committee on the Bill.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

H. G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor Vehicles Speed Regulation Act, 1904,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
23rd March, 1905.

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 a Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor Vehicles Speed Regulation Act, 1904,'" and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading on Monday next.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to Adjust Dyking Assessments," and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Oliver* on 21st March, as follows:—

"That all the words of the Resolution after the first word 'That' be struck out, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof:—

"'this House is of the opinion that the cost of the dyking works of this Province, owing to unforeseen difficulties and the experimental nature of the undertaking, has been much in excess of their value to the districts involved, and that it is expedient and advisable that sub-

stantial reductions should be made in the amount to be charged against the lands in the various dyking districts. That the present Bill as introduced, is unjust, unfair and inequitable in its provisions, discriminating against the actual bonâ fide settler and in favour of the land speculator. That the present Bill should be withdrawn, and a Bill submitted that whilst granting relief to the various dyking districts, should be so framed as to spread the balance of the burden of taxation equitably upon the lands involved, discriminating in favour of the actual settler, and so ensuring the settlement and cultivation of the lands included in the various dyking districts," was resumed.

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>Wells,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Tallow,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Shatford—21.</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Paterson.</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Cameron—14.</i>
<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>McNiven,</i>		

Bill read a second time on the same division.

To be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Golden Light, Power and Water Company, Limited," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

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

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

Monday, 27th March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Jno. F. Vichert.*

Mr. *Ross* presented the Thirteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 27th, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That an application be made to the House for an extension of the time for the presentation of Reports to April 6th, 1905.

The report was received.

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

W. R. Ross,

Chairman.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow :—

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act regarding Rules Governing Practice and Procedure in the Courts of the Province."

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Landlord and Tenant Act.'"

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

That this House regrets that in the Bill proposed to be submitted to the Dominion Parliament, granting autonomy to the North-West Territories, there is an interference with Provincial rights in regard to the provisions dealing with their school system.

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

1. What amount of taxes was collected from each railway company operating in British Columbia under the provisions of chapter 52, 1903-4?
2. Under what heading do these collections appear in the Public Accounts?
3. What amount was collected from each railway company in British Columbia as wild land tax last year?

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

"1. The amount of taxes collected from each railway company operating in British Columbia, under the provisions of chapter 52, 1903-4, was as follows :—

"Canadian Pacific Railway	\$59,343 21
Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway	5,810 04
White Pass & Yukon Railway	3,021 03
Red Mountain Railway	968 13
Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway	5,445 90
Bedlington & Nelson Railway	1,418 22
Kaslo & Slocan Railway	2,745 36
Kettle Valley Lines (Republic & Grand Forks Railway Co.)	336 15
Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway	1,652 40
Crow's Nest Southern Railway	4,546 53

\$85,286 97

"2. In Table No. 3, B 23, under Real Property Tax. In Table No. 5, B 27, under special columns, the amounts paid by the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway, are shown separately. The amounts paid by the other Companies are not shown separately.

"3. It is impossible to give an immediate answer to this question. Each Assessment Roll has to be searched, and the Wild Lands of railway companies separated from the Wild Lands of other taxpayers."

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

Why has not Crown Grant No. 1,951/163 for Lot 310, Range V., Coast District, been issued to *M. E. Oliver*?

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

"Being held for further consideration."

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

1. Have the Government entered into any agreement for the use of the New Westminster Bridge?

2. If so, what are the terms of such agreement?

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

"1. Yes; twenty-five year lease of running rights only.

"2. \$15,000 for first five years per annum; remainder, \$20,000."

On the third reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Jurisdiction and Procedure of County Courts," the Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved that the order for third reading be discharged and the Bill re-committed for the purpose of introducing as section 185 the following :—

"185. This Act shall come into force on the first day of July, 1905."

Carried.

Bill re-committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Evans* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question :—

Section 50, sub-section (95), of the Municipal Clauses Act, chap. 144, provides that municipalities may pass a by-law to regulate "public morals, including the observance of the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday." Have municipalities this power?

Ruled out of order, on the ground that the question asked for a legal opinion.

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

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to Establish and Protect Highways,"

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Horticultural Board Act,'"

The Report on Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act relating to Unclaimed Money Deposits in the Treasury of the Province," was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Tallow* moved the following amendment :—

In section 5, line 8, to insert after the word "Province," "subject to section 41 of the Supreme Court Act."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Motor Vehicles Speed Regulation Act, 1904,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Golden Light, Power and Water Company," was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on (No. 57) "An Act to Incorporate the Stave Valley Railway Company," was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

(No. 53) "An Act to Incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Company," was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Institute of Accountants of British Columbia," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was considered.

Mr. *Bowser* moved to strike out the word "two" in the last line, and substitute therefor the word "five."

Negatived.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dentistry Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act further to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was read a second time on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>King,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Shatford—17.</i>
<i>Evans,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>
<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Taitlow,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Young—13.</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>			

To be committed to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

Tuesday, 28th March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Jno. F. Vichert*.

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Jurisdiction and Procedure of County Courts."

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act relating to Unclaimed Money Deposits in the Treasury of the Province."

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

Whereas *Ralph Smith*, Member of the House of Commons, Ottawa, has introduced a Bill into the said House, intituled "An Act respecting the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company"; and

Whereas the said Bill contains the following clause :—

"9. Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company shall not, for or by reason of entering into the said agreement or selling its said railway thereunder, be held, or deemed, or taken to have waived, or lost, or prejudiced, or affected in anywise howsoever any of the franchises, rights, powers, authorities, exemptions, grants and privileges held or possessed by the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company at the time of entering into the said agreement and selling the said line of railway, but all such franchises, rights, powers, authorities, *exemptions, grants, and privileges* shall, notwithstanding the entering into of such agreement and the completion of such sale, remain, exist and continue in full force and effect, unprejudiced and unimpaired, for the benefit, profit and advantage of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company;" and

Whereas the object of this clause is to prevent this Province from exerting and exercising its power to tax the land of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, which owing to the sale of the said railway has now become open to taxation; and

Whereas high legal opinion has doubtless been obtained by the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company that this will be the effect of the passage of said legislation through the Dominion House; and

Whereas it is a matter of vital importance that the Province should preserve intact its right to tax the said Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Land Belt;

Be it therefore Resolved, That this House urge upon the Government the necessity of taking such immediate steps as it may deem necessary in the matter to protect the rights of the people of this Province."

Mr. J. A. Macdonald moved in amendment, seconded by *Mr. Oliver*, that all the words after the word "Whereas" in the first line of said Resolution be struck out, and the following substituted therefor, viz:—

"the Canadian Pacific Railway Company are seeking to have passed by the Parliament of Canada a Bill intituled 'An Act respecting the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company,' which contains the following clause :—

"Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company shall not, for or by reason of entering into the said agreement or selling its said railway thereunder, be held, or deemed, or taken to have waived, or lost, or prejudiced, or affected in anywise howsoever any of the franchises, rights, powers, authorities, exemptions, grants and privileges held or possessed by the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company at the time of entering into the said agreement and selling the said line of railway, but all such franchises, rights, powers, authorities, *exemptions, grants, and privileges* shall, notwithstanding the entering into of such agreement and the completion of such sale, remain, exist and continue in full force and effect, unprejudiced and unimpaired, for the benefit, profit and advantage of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway;

"Be it therefore Resolved, That this House urge upon the Government the necessity of taking such immediate steps as it may deem necessary in the matter to protect the rights of the people of this Province."

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* accepted the amendment in place of the original motion, which was then put and carried.

The Report on Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" was considered.

Mr. *Evans* moved the following amendment:—

In section 3, sub-section (12), line 4, to strike out the words "two dollars and fifty cents," and substitute the words "five dollars" in lieu thereof.

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>
<i>Drury,</i>	<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Cameron—11.</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Shatford—26.</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>		

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* moved the following amendment:—

To add to section 3, sub-section (12), immediately after the last word thereof, the following words:—"Land subdivided as townsites, into lots of two acres or less in extent, regularly surveyed and shown upon a plan thereof, duly registered, shall not be assessed as wild land."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* moved to add to section 4, sub-section (12*b*), upon the fifth line of said sub-section, immediately after the word "purpose," the following words: "and which averages at least five thousand feet of merchantable timber to the acre," and to add immediately after the last word of said sub-section (12*b*) the following words: "Provided further, that the owner of timber land shall furnish to the Assessor on or before the first day of June in each year a return of his timber land, giving in detail the legal or other well defined description of each parcel, the acreage thereof, the average number of feet of merchantable timber to the acre thereof, and the cash value per acre of each parcel, together with a plan showing the exact acreage, locality and description of the portion of such land from which timber has been cut or removed, and in the event of such return not being furnished the Assessor may assess the whole of such timber land as wild land."

Carried.

Mr. *Oliver* moved to amend section 8 by adding the following words to the end of the section:—

"Provided that income derived from investments shall not be exempt under this section."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Oliver—4.</i>
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NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Grant—34.</i>
<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>		

Mr. *McInnes* moved to add the following as a sub-section to section 11 :—

“(23A.) All permanent improvements up to the value of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) made on land used for agricultural purposes.”

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>
<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Cameron—16.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Grant—23.</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>	

Mr. *Brown* moved to insert the following as a new sub-section at the end of section 13 of said Act :—

“(13A.) Sub-section 26 of section 4 of the ‘ Assessment Act, 1903,’ is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘ Act,’ in the second line of said sub-section, the following words: ‘ or Coal Mines Act.’ ”

Carried.

Mr. *Oliver* moved to amend section 14 by striking out the word “ four ” where it occurs under the heading “ On Wild Lands,” and insert the word “ five ” in lieu thereof.

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>
<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Cameron—16.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Grant—24.</i>

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* moved to strike out of section 31, line 48 thereof (being "Column 3—Assessed value of personal property"), and to substitute therefor the following words:—"Column 3—Exemption of \$500 to farmers (under sub-section (23) of section 4, as re-enacted)." And to add as a new line:—"Column 4—Taxable assessed value of personal property." And to re-number columns 4 to 21, as printed, as columns 5 to 22, inclusive.

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved, in section 78, line 1, to strike out all the words after the word "hereby," and insert in lieu thereof the word "repealed."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* moved to add as a new section—

"42A. Section 82, sub-section (10), of said Act is hereby amended by striking out in the first line of said sub-section the word "or," and substituting therefor the word "on."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* moved to add as a new section—

"49A. Sub-sections (8) and (9) of section 96, are hereby repealed, and the following sub-section substituted therefor:—

"(8). Such notice shall be mailed to such address of the person as was last known to the Court."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* moved to add to section 70 the following:—

"147B. To strike out of section 147 all the words of said section after the word "sale," on the fifteenth line thereof, and to substitute therefor the following words:—

"The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works is hereby authorised and empowered to dispose of all lands and mineral claims which have been forfeited to the Crown under the provisions of this Act to any person at a price not less than the price of similar lands under the 'Land Act,' and on such terms and conditions as he may consider right in the interest of the Province, and according to the descriptions in the original Crown grants thereof, and subject to the reservations contained therein, and such lands shall at no time be open for pre-emption under the 'Land Act,' or for location under the 'Mineral Act' or 'Placer Mining Act.'"

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* moved to strike out of Form No. 9, in Part I. thereof, under the item "Wild Land Tax at three per cent.," the word "three," and substitute therefor the word "four." And under Part II. of said form, immediately after the words "Personal property at two-thirds of one per cent.," to add the following words:—"Where the taxpayer is entitled to the exemption of \$500 under sub-section (23), section 4, as re-enacted, state here the actual value

Deduct exemption.....	\$ 500
Taxable value.....	

And in the column for the tax to add the word "taxable," immediately above the words "assessed value."

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia transmits herewith—
Estimates of sums required for the Service of the Province for the financial year ending 30th June, 1906,

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year ending 30th June, 1905,
Schedule A, Unprovided Items of Expenditure for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1904,
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
28th March, 1905.*

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

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

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

“That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.”

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

Wednesday, 29th March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *Jno. F. Vichert*.

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

Bill (No. 59) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Golden Light, Power and Water Company, Limited.

Bill (No. 57) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Stave Valley Railway Company.”

The Report on Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Company,” was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Institute of Accountants of British Columbia,” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Registry Act and amending Acts,’” was further considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to strike out the word “Filed,” in the last line of section 33, and insert in lieu thereof the word “Deposited.”

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to strike out the word “Filed,” in the last line of section 39, and insert in lieu thereof the word “Deposited.”

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to add at end of section 51 the words “nor shall any Certificate of Indefeasible Title to same be issued.”

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to add as sub-section (3) of section 54 the following—

“(3.) The applicant shall, at the time of his application, deposit with the Registrar all title deeds in his custody, possession or power.”

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to change present numbered section 55 to section 56, and 56 to 57.

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to insert as section 55—"All title deeds, instruments and documents, deposited with the Registrar on any application or proceeding, shall remain as a perpetual deposit in his office, save in case registration be refused, under section 13, as re-enacted by section 6 of this Act, when all title deeds, instruments, documents and maps deposited shall be returned to the applicant."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to insert the figures "51" between the figures "21" and "52," in line 2 of section 57.

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned.

The Report on Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Tax Act,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor Vehicles Speed Regulation Act, 1904,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act regarding Rules Governing Practice and Procedure in the Courts of the Province," was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Landlord and Tenant Act,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the Dentistry Act," was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the British Columbia Railway Act," was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was resumed.

The debate was further adjourned.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act, 1902,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* presented the Thirty-second Annual Report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages of the Province—Abstract of 1904.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 28th, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

In reference to a petition presented to this House on March 1st, signed by *A. Ohlson*, on behalf of the British Columbia Nurserymen's Association, and referred by the House to the Agricultural Committee, your Committee beg leave to report that after an exhaustive inquiry into the charges made against members of the Horticultural Board, it is the unanimous opinion of the Committee that these charges have not been sustained.

As regards the amendments suggested in said petition, in view of the fact that the large nurserymen of the Province, also the Fruit-Growers' Association, etc., have expressed their entire satisfaction with the working of the Act, as well as their confidence in the members of the Horticultural Board.

Therefore your Committee recommends that it would not be in the best interests of the large and important fruit industry of this Province to amend the Act of last Session, as suggested by the petition.

Your Committee herewith submit evidence and all correspondence pertaining to said inquiry, with a recommendation that the same be not printed, but kept on file for reference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PRICE ELLISON,
Chairman.

The report was received.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act further to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Grant—29.</i>
<i>Davidson,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Fulton—7.</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Bousser,</i>	<i>McInnes,</i>	

To be continued to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Thursday, 30th March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Jno. F. Vichert*.

On the third reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" Mr. *Hall* moved that the order for the third reading of the Bill be discharged and the Bill re-committed for the purpose of considering the following amendment:—

To add the following as a new section:—

"Section 3 of the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act Amendment Act, 1903,' is hereby repealed and the following is substituted therefor:—

"3. 'Bank,' for the purposes of this Act, shall mean the surface entrance to a mine, except in the case of a vertical shaft, when it shall mean the foot of the shaft."

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

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was resumed.

The debate was further adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act, 1902,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act further to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was considered.

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* moved to add the following words to section 2 at the end of the fifth line: "Provided that the colour of the said wig be other than red."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Talbot,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Grant—15.</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Cameron,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Paterson.</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Young—20.</i>

Mr. *McInnes* moved to add the following words to section 2: "in any Court in this Province."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the Dentistry Act."

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the British Columbia Railway Act."

Mr. Ross presented the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 30th, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the preamble of the following Bills has been proved and the Bills ordered to be reported as amended:—

1. Bill No. 54, "An Act authorising the Royal Trust Company to carry on business in the Province of British Columbia."

2. Bill No. 58, "An Act to Incorporate the General Trusts Company."

3. Bill No. 52, "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Securities Company."

In considering these Bills, your Committee decided, as the Bills presented to the House were of the same nature, a form of general Model Bill should be adopted.

This resolution was carried out, and the original Bills as presented to the House are submitted herewith, together with re-printed copies of the same, containing such amendments as the Committee approved in each case, and complying with the above-mentioned Model Bill adopted by the Committee,

W. R. Ross,
Chairman.

The report was received.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 30th, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act respecting the Sumas Development Company, Limited," is proved, and the Bill is hereby recommended to the House as amended.

WM. R. ROSS,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

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, and 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 11:10 P.M.

Friday, 31st March, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Jno. F. Vichert*.

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. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 49) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trustees and Executors Act.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 67) intituled “An Act to regulate Immigration into British Columbia.”

By Mr. *Young*—Bill (No. 63) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Medical Act.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Fulton*—Bill (No. 64) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Royal Columbian Hospital Act, 1901.’”

By Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*—Bill (No. 68) intituled “An Act further to amend the ‘Coal Mines Act.’”

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

What portion of Vote No. 150, of the Session of 1903-4, has been spent in the following Electoral Districts :—Esquimalt, Cowichan, Newcastle, Nanaimo, Alberni, Comox, respectively?

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

“Esquimalt Division, \$571.52; Cowichan Division, \$795.35; Newcastle Division, \$42.25; Nanaimo Division, \$1,175.72; Alberni Division, \$445.07; Comox Division, \$794.24.”

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

Will the Government receive and allow applications to pre-empt land located within the limits of the Quatsino Power and Pulp Company, Limited, concession?

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

“Yes, if the written consent of the Company is obtained by the applicant.”

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

1. What is the cost of the new wharf at Bella Coola?
2. What is the height of approach to wharf and the cost of the approach?
3. When was wharf completed?
4. Has the Government any information that on account of faulty construction this wharf is in danger of collapse?
5. Is it the intention of the Government to add to this wharf for the purpose of providing cattle corralls?

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

“1. \$1,300.

“2. Five (5) feet above high water; \$10,013.36.

“3. August, 1903.

“4. No.

“5. No.”

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:45 P.M.