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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF THE PROVINCE OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SESSION, 1879.

Wednesday, 29th January, 1879.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Third Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable Albert Norton Richards, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the third day of December, 1878.

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

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :

Though a brief interval has elapsed since last I had the pleasure of meeting you, I have again summoned you for the dispatch of business at a time which has been deemed to be best suited to the convenience of the members and, indeed, to the several constituencies of the Province.

In inviting your attention to the various matters affecting the public interests, of which you are the constitutional guardians, I purpose following the course hitherto pursued on occasions similar to the present, by giving the Railway Question the foremost place on the list of Legislative subjects. The important Petition which you addressed to Her Majesty, last Session, in connection with this question, was duly forwarded to the Secretary of State, for transmission to the Imperial Government, but as yet I have received no reply. Communications upon Railway matters generally have, however, passed between my Government and that of the Dominion, and an assurance has lately been given that our representations and claims are now being considered by the Dominion Cabinet, and will receive their best attention. All the correspondence referred to will be placed before you at an early day.

I have not received any answer from the Home Government regarding the offer made to induce them to construct the Dock as an Imperial work. Progress on the Cofferdam has been very slow, and so unsatisfactory, that I considered it advisable to cause further payments to the contractors to be withheld until the dam should be finished. You will, in due time, be placed in possession of full information respecting this important work.

I shall recommend you to make the Revenue branch of the Civil Service more effective by clearly defining, by Statute, many points connected with its management.

The Public Accounts, showing the Revenue and Expenditure brought to account in the Treasury to the end of last year, and the manner in which the Government has exercised the authority granted to it by your Act of last Session relating to the Loan Acts of 1874 and 1876, will be almost immediately laid before you. The propriety of changing the termination of the Fiscal year, for the future, to the 30th June, will be submitted for your consideration, and the Estimates of the present Session will therefore be framed in accordance with this proposition.

I have endeavoured, as far as possible, to give effect to your legislation with regard to the reduction of the cost of the Administration of Justice to suitors in our Courts, by causing new and reduced Tables of Fees to be framed and put in force. But though the public will undoubtedly derive material advantages from this step, I think you will agree with me that law reform in its most comprehensive sense, embraces a far wider range and contemplates a much greater change than the mere reduction of a Tariff of Charges. The curious anomaly exists of our Supreme Court having at least four conflicting jurisdictions centred in the same tribunal and virtually in the same Judge. I shall therefore recommend for your earnest application a measure—largely borrowed from the recent Judicature Acts of England—aiming at the consolidation of the several divisions of our principal Court, so that “No Suitor” to use the expressive language of the English Judicature Commissioners, should “be defeated because he commenced his suit in the wrong Court, or” be sent “from equity to law or from law to equity to begin his suit over again in order to obtain redress.”

Bills designed for the improvement of the Land Laws, for the better regulation of prison discipline, and for the amendment of the law relating to Coroners and Magistrates, will be offered for your approval.

Although your legislation upon the Chinese question has been considered unconstitutional, this circumstance should not deter you from adopting every legitimate means for the attainment of the end your late statute had in view.

The Act passed last Session for the extension of the Municipal System has not been taken advantage of; and it remains to be determined what further amendments are necessary in this matter.

It is a source of gratification to find that settlement upon our agricultural lands has been steadily progressing; but a more rapid advance, in this direction, would unquestionably have taken place, had not vast tracts of the most available lands of the Province been reserved for railway purposes.

I have much pleasure in informing you that our Fishery Returns for 1878 almost reached a million of dollars—a sum nearly double of the product of 1877; and there is every prospect of a further increase of wealth this year from the same source.

The confidence of our mining population in their efforts being rewarded with success happily remains unabated.

I feel assured that you will cheerfully co-operate with me in a mutual endeavour to foster and stimulate the growth of the several industries confided to your care.

I am convinced that your loyalty to the Crown will readily prompt you to accord a hearty welcome to the present Governor-General and to his illustrious consort.

Placing full reliance on your devotion to the interests of the Province, I shall now leave you to your deliberations.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration on Monday next, at two o'clock p. m.

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

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

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act respecting Coroners," was introduced.

The Bill was then read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

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

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.30 p. m., till Monday next at two o'clock p. m.

Monday, 3rd February, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Evans* presented a Petition from *George Ellmore* and others, which, having been read, Mr. Speaker ruled the same out of order.

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

Mr. *Evans* moved, seconded by Mr. *Helgesen*,—

1. That an humble address be presented to His Honour, thanking him for his gracious speech at the opening of this the second meeting of the third term of the Provincial Legislature.
2. That we are pleased his Honour has seen fit to summon us for the dispatch of business at a time best suited to the convenience of the members and to the several constituencies of the Province.
3. That we concur with His Honour in giving the Railway question the foremost place on the list of Legislative subjects; but, while thanking His Honour for forwarding to the Imperial Government our Petition addressed to Her Majesty, last Session, in connection with this question, we learn with great regret that as yet His Honour has received no reply.
4. That we are pleased, however, to learn that communications upon Railway matters generally have passed between the Provincial Government and that of the Dominion; that an assurance has lately been given that our representations and claims are now being considered by the Dominion Cabinet, and will receive their best attention. The promised correspondence on the subject will be very acceptable.
5. That we learn with regret, that His Honour has not received any answer from the Home Government regarding the offer made to induce them to construct the Dock as an Imperial work, and that progress on the Cofferdam has been very slow and so

unsatisfactory as to render it advisable to cause further payments to the contractors to be withheld until the dam should be finished. We thank His Honour for assuring us that full information respecting this important work will be given to us.

6. That the Statutory measures to be introduced with a view of rendering the Revenue branch of the Civil Service more effective by clearly defining many points connected with its management, will be duly considered by us.

7. That we learn with satisfaction that the Public Accounts, showing the Revenue and Expenditure brought to account in the Treasury to the end of last year, and the manner in which the Government has exercised the authority granted to it by the Act of last Session relating to the Loan Acts of 1874 and 1876, will be almost immediately laid before us. And we shall duly consider the propriety of changing the termination of the fiscal year, for the future, to the 30th June, when dealing with the Estimates of the present Session.

8. That we are pleased to learn that His Honour has endeavoured, as far as possible, to give effect to our legislation with regard to the reduction of the cost of the Administration of Justice to suitors in our Courts, by causing new and reduced Tables of Fees to be framed and put in force. We, however, concur with His Honour that law reform in its most comprehensive sense, embraces a far wider range and contemplates a much greater change than the mere reduction of a Tariff of Charges. And we assure His Honour that the measures to be introduced referred to as being largely borrowed from recent English legislation, aiming at the consolidation of the several divisions of our principal Court, and tending to prevent suitors from being defeated or delayed in obtaining redress, will receive our earnest and careful consideration.

9. That the Acts for the improvement of the Land Laws, for the better regulation of prison discipline, and for the amendment of the law relating to Coroners and Magistrates, to be submitted to us will receive our best attention.

10. That we are in accord with His Honour in believing that every legitimate means should be adopted to settle the Chinese question.

11. That we are aware that the Act passed last Session for the extension of the Municipal system has not been taken advantage of, and we will carefully consider any further amendments which may be introduced touching on this matter.

12. That it is with pleasure we hear from His Honour that settlement upon our agricultural lands has been steadily progressing, and we agree with His Honour that the more rapid advance in the direction of the settlement of our agricultural lands, which would otherwise unquestionably have taken place, has been checked by the continued reservation for railway purposes of vast tracts of the most available lands of the Province.

13. That it is a source of gratification to learn that our Fishery Returns for 1878 almost reached a million of dollars—a sum nearly double of the product of 1877; and that there is every prospect of a further increase of wealth this year from the same source.

14. That we are glad to learn that the confidence of our mining population in their efforts being rewarded with success happily remains unabated.

15. That we desire to assure His Honour that we heartily welcome the present Governor-General and his illustrious consort.

16. That we thank His Honour for the expression of his confidence, and beg to assure His Honour that we will cheerfully co-operate with him in a mutual endeavour to foster and stimulate the growth of the several industries confided to our care, and that we shall on all occasions endeavour to promote the best interests of the Province.

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

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

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

The Honourable the Attorney-General, the Honourable the Minister of Finance, and Messrs. *Evans* and *Helgesen*.

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

To the Honourable ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for your gracious speech at the opening of this the second meeting of the third term of the Provincial Legislature.

We are pleased Your Honour has seen fit to summon us for the dispatch of business at a time best suited to the convenience of the members and to the several constituencies of the Province.

We concur with Your Honour in giving the Railway question the foremost place on the list of Legislative subjects; but, while thanking Your Honour for forwarding to the Imperial Government our Petition addressed to Her Majesty, last Session, in connection with this question, we learn with great regret that as yet Your Honour has received no reply.

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We learn with regret, that Your Honour has not received any answer from the Home Government regarding the offer made to induce them to construct the Dock as an Imperial work, and that progress on the Cofferdam has been very slow and so unsatisfactory as to render it advisable to cause further payments to the contractors to be withheld until the dam should be finished. We thank Your Honour for assuring us that full information respecting this important work will be given to us.

The Statutory measures to be introduced with a view of rendering the Revenue branch of the Civil Service more effective by clearly defining many points connected with its management, will be duly considered by us.

We learn with satisfaction that the Public Accounts, showing the Revenue and Expenditure brought to account in the Treasury to the end of last year, and the manner in which the Government has exercised the authority granted to it by the Act of last Session relating to the Loan Acts of 1874 and 1876, will be almost immediately laid before us. And we shall duly consider the propriety of changing the termination of the fiscal year, for the future, to the 30th June, when dealing with the Estimates of the present Session.

We are pleased to learn that Your Honour has endeavoured, as far as possible, to give effect to our legislation with regard to the reduction of the cost of the Administration of Justice to suitors in our Courts, by causing new and reduced Tables of Fees to be framed and put in force. We, however, concur with Your Honour that law reform in its most comprehensive sense, embraces a far wider range and contemplates a much greater change than the mere reduction of a Tariff of Charges. And we assure Your Honour that the measures to be introduced, referred to as being largely borrowed from recent English legislation, aiming at the consolidation of the several divisions of our principal Court, and tending to prevent suitors from being defeated or delayed in obtaining redress, will receive our earnest and careful consideration.

The Acts for the improvement of the Land Laws, for the better regulation of prison discipline, and for the amendment of the law relating to Coroners and Magistrates, to be submitted to us, will receive our best attention.

We are in accord with Your Honour in believing that every legitimate means should be adopted to settle the Chinese question.

We are aware that the Act passed last Session for the extension of the Municipal system has not been taken advantage of, and we will carefully consider any further amendments which may be introduced touching on this matter.

It is with pleasure we hear from Your Honour that settlement upon our agricultural lands has been steadily progressing, and we agree with Your Honour that the more rapid advance in the direction of the settlement of our agricultural lands, which would

otherwise unquestionably have taken place, has been checked by the continued reservation for railway purposes of vast tracts of the most available lands of the Province.

It is a source of gratification to learn that our Fishery Returns for 1878 almost reached a million of dollars—a sum nearly double of the product of 1877; and that there is every prospect of a further increase of wealth this year from the same source.

We are glad to learn that the confidence of our mining population in their efforts being rewarded with success happily remains unabated.

We desire to assure Your Honour that we heartily welcome the present Governor-General and his illustrious consort.

We thank Your Honour for the expression of your confidence, and beg to assure Your Honour that we will cheerfully co-operate with you in a mutual endeavour to foster and stimulate the growth of the several industries confided to our care, and that we shall on all occasions endeavour to promote the best interests of the Province.

The Address was ordered to be printed and taken into consideration forthwith.

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

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

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting the collection and management of the Provincial Revenue and the Liability of Accountants."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to provide for the proper management of Gaols."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Magistracy."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1875.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes, relating to the better Administration of Justice."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the costs of Arbitrations."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 8.) intituled "An Act respecting Law Stamps."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Messrs. *Wilson, Williams, Galbraith, Smithe, and McGillivray*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Messrs. *McIlmoyl, Saul, Smithe, Evans, and Bennett*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

Messrs. *Gallagher, W. Brown, Ash, Vernon, and E. Brown*, were nominated to form the Committee on Printing.

Messrs. *Beaven, Galbraith, Harris, McGillivray, Wilson, and Williams*, were nominated to form a Select Committee of Inquiry into condition of Civil Service.

And then the House adjourned at 4.45 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 4th February, 1879.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Statement of Expenditure from 1st July to 31st December, 1878, with Returns of Revenue for the same period. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented the List of Voters in force on the 1st September, 1878. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Despatches relating to the Canadian Pacific Railway.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *Vernon*, seconded by Mr. *Wilson*, it was *Resolved*, That a Committee of Enquiry be appointed to enquire into all the circumstances connected with the suppression or non-production of a Despatch from *Ottawa*, referring to Railway matters, and dated 13th June, 1876, with power to call for persons and papers; such Committee to consist of Messrs. *Ash, Wilson, Abrams, Harris, and Bennett*.

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

That the Public Accounts, from 1st July to 31st December, 1878, be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

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

Wednesday, 5th February, 1879.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Moved by Mr. *Evans*, seconded by Mr. *Saul*,—

That whereas it appears in the Report of the Select Committee on Public Accounts, dated 12th March, 1878, the sum of \$750 has been paid to the Gold Commissioner at *Cassiar*, as sustenance allowance:

That, inasmuch as this payment was made not only in contravention of the Statute, but also in direct violation of a Resolution of this House dated 16th April, 1877, the Government be requested to take the requisite steps to compel the late Finance Minister (Mr. *Smithe*) to refund the amount.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* moved, in amendment,—

That the following words be added to the Resolution: "but in the meantime that a Committee be appointed to ascertain how and in what manner the payment was made; the Committee to consist of Messrs. *Bennett*, *McGillivray*, and *Evans*."

The proposed Amendment was put and carried.

Motion as amended put, and it was *Resolved* accordingly.

Moved by Mr. *Smithe*, seconded by Mr. *Bennett*,—

Whereas, contrary to the pledge of the Leader of the Government last Session, the "Land Act Amendment Act, 1878," has been applied in cases of lands held by pre-emption.

And whereas it is contrary to the letter and spirit of all previous Land Acts to charge an usurious rate of interest upon the unpaid purchase money of the holdings of actual settlers, and contrary also to the spirit which has ever characterised the legislation of the country with reference to the Crown Lands of the Province, settlement upon which it has been the especial aim and endeavour of each successive Legislature since Confederation to encourage and foster to the utmost degree;

And whereas it is undoubted that the charge of 24 per cent. per annum interest on lands will result in many *bona fide* settlers being compelled to forfeit holdings which they have occupied and cultivated for years, and improved to the extent of hundreds, and, in some instances, thousands of dollars;

And whereas the measure, so far as it affects all holders of Crown Lands other than speculators, is arbitrary and unjust;

Be it therefore resolved, That this House is strongly of opinion that the provisions of the several Land Acts previous to 1878 are amply sufficient to secure the Government and country against loss in the case of all actual settlers residing upon and legally holding unpaid-for Crown Lands, and that therefore no interest ought to be charged upon the unpaid purchase money of lands held by pre-emption, or upon lands actually occupied, cultivated and improved by *bona fide* settlers.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order, and stated that he would give the authorities bearing thereon to-morrow.

Moved by Mr. *Smithe*, seconded by Mr. *Bennett*,—

That, inasmuch as the "Assessment Act Amendment Act, 1878," and the "School Tax Act Amendment Act, 1878," are, in their provisions, generally tyrannical and oppressive, and inasmuch as they bear particularly and specially upon the poor and struggling members of the community who for no other reason than that because of their poverty, they are unable to pay their taxes for the year in advance, are compelled to pay an excessively higher rate of taxation than those more favourably circumstanced:

Be it therefore resolved, That this House strongly objects to the continued operation of the Acts in question, and demands that they be repealed or modified so far as to entirely remove the objectionable features referred to in the preamble of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

The House was appealed to, and the Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Walkem,
Beaven,
Humphreys,
Abrams,

Ash,
W. M. Brown,
Cowan,
Evans,

Galbraith,
Gallagher,
Helgesen,
McIlmoyle,

Saul,
Williams,
Wilson.—15.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Smithe,
E. Brown,

Bennett,
Vernon,

Pimbury,
Harris,

McGillivray.—7.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor requesting him to send down to this House a Return of all Crown Lands sold from 31st December, 1877, to 31st December, 1878.

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

That this House is of opinion that a full description of the lands to be set apart as Indian Reserves, the surveys of which have been completed and copies received by the Lands and Works Department, *Victoria* from the Commissioners or Commissioner authorized to perform such work, should be published as soon as possible in the Government Gazette, and that from henceforth the Government should cause a full description of any lands intended to be set apart as Indian Reserves to be published in the Government Gazette immediately copies of the surveys have been received by the Lands and Works Department, *Victoria*.

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

That the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1875,'" be discharged.

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

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor requesting him to send down to this House, as soon as possible, a Return of all correspondence with the Dominion Government respecting the Acts passed by this Legislature last Session.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act respecting Coroners" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forth with.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

Thursday, 6th February, 1879.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

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

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, a Bill intituled "An Act to amend sections 9 and 13 of the 'Assessment Amendment Act, 1878,' and section 1 of the 'School Tax Amendment Act, 1878.'"

Government House,
Victoria, 6th February, 1879.

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

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

That this Committee recommend that a Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend sections 9 and 13 of the 'Assessment Act, 1878,' and section 1 of the 'School Tax Act, 1878,'" be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker gave his reserved decision on a point of order, which was *Ordered* to be placed on the Journals of the House, and is as follows:—

The Honourable member from *Cowichan* moved:—

"That inasmuch as the 'Assessment Act Amendment Act, 1878,' and the 'School Tax Act Amendment Act, 1878,' are, in their provisions, generally tyrannical and oppressive, and inasmuch as they bear particularly and specially upon the poor and struggling members of the community who for no other reason than that because of their poverty, they are unable to pay their taxes for the year in advance, are compelled to pay an excessively higher rate of taxation than those more favourably circumstanced:

"Be it therefore resolved, That this House strongly objects to the continued operation of the Acts in question, and demands that they be repealed or modified so far as to entirely remove the objectionable features referred to in the preamble of this resolution."

The Honourable members for *Comox* and *Cariboo* objected to the motion, raising the point of order that the motion was contrary to the provisions of Rule 15 of our Rules and Orders, which states among other things that "no member may reflect upon any vote of the House except for the purpose of moving that such vote may be rescinded."

I am of opinion that the motion is out of order.

Such a motion as the one in question, cannot be considered merely as an evasion of the Rules of the House; it goes further than that, for while reflecting on a vote of the House, it is couched in opprobrious terms.

It says that certain Statutes (therein mentioned) are, in their provisions generally, "tyrannical and oppressive," and asks the House to object to the continued operation of those Acts, and demands their repeal.—*See Lefevre, 155.*

The motion is uncourteous to the House, and irregular in principle, inasmuch as the member offering the motion is himself included in and bound by the vote agreed to by a majority of the House.—*See May, 312.*

The Honourable member from *Cowichan* has requested that the preamble be omitted from the motion. Unfortunately the motion concludes by distinctly referring to the language used in the preamble. In fact, preamble and motion are one in body and in spirit, and the notice of motion was of such a character, that had attention been called to it, I cannot but think it should have been expunged from the motion paper.—*See May, 259.*

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, respectfully requesting him to cause a telegram to be sent, through the proper channel, to the Imperial authorities, respectfully requesting them to send a reply to the Petition of this House, addressed to Her Majesty last Session, respecting our Railway relations with Canada.

Ordered, That the debate be now adjourned.

Mr. *McIlmoyl* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Line Fences and Water Courses Act, 1876.'"

Ordered That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to call for persons and papers, to enquire into and report to this House upon the manner in which the contract, and other business connected with the Cofferdam, has been carried on since last Session. The Committee to consist of Messrs. *Helgesen*, *McIlmoyl*, *Walkem*, *Drummond*, and *Harris*.

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

That copies of all correspondence, since 30th June last, between the Government, or any member thereof, and the late Government Mining Engineer (Mr. *Harper*), be sent down to this House at an early date.

Mr. *Smithe* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the "Assessment Amendment Act, 1878."

Ordered That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act respecting Coroners."

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

Ordered That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

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

Friday, 7th February, 1879.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Moved by Mr. *Vernon*, seconded by Mr. *Smithe*.—

That in the opinion of this House, all Orders in Council issued by the Government during the recess, should be laid before the House within five days from the commencement of the Session, and be published, yearly, with the Statutes.

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

To strike out all words after "Council," in the first line thereof, and insert the following: "necessary to carry out the provisions of an Act of Parliament, should be published at once in the *British Columbia Gazette*; and if issued whilst Parliament is in Session, that they should be placed before the House within five days from the making thereof, or five days after the next meeting of Parliament should the Order in Council have been issued in the recess.

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

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

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Harris,</i>	<i>Pimbury,</i>	<i>Ash.—7.</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>McGillivray,</i>	<i>Bennett,</i>	

Original motion, as amended, put and carried.

Moved by Mr. *Vernon*, seconded by Mr. *Harris*.—

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to send down to this House a return of the number of patients that has been admitted into the Hospitals of *Victoria*, *New Westminster*, *Nanaimo* and *Cariboo*, respectively, during the year 1878, giving the names of the patients and number of days of each patient in hospital.

Motion withdrawn with leave.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to send down to this House copies of all the correspondence, not already printed, between the Government and the Commissioners appointed in connection with the *Kootenay Enquiry*, 1878.

Moved by Mr. *McGillivray*, seconded by Mr. *McIlmoyl*,—

That this House is of opinion that it is desirable to forward an Address to the Dominion Government on the Tariff question, that the whole subject should be enquired into by a Select Committee representing the various industries of the Province, and that such Committee be instructed to draw up an Address and report to this House; the Committee to consist of Messrs. *Ash*, *Abrams*, *Vernon*, *McGillivray*, *McIlmoyl*, *Williams*, *Evans*, and *E. Brown*.

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

To strike out the words in the first and second lines "to forward an Address to the Dominion Government on the Tariff question, that the whole subject," and insert the following: "the Tariff question," and to strike out, in the fourth line thereof, the words "be instructed to draw up an Address and."

The proposed amendment was put and carried.

The original motion of Mr. *McGillivray* was put, as amended, and carried.

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

That a Committee be appointed to enquire into, and report to this House upon, the manner in which the "Land Act Amendment Act, 1878," has been carried into effect, having reference particularly to its application in cases of pre-empted lands; Committee to be composed of the following Members:—Messrs. *Drummond*, *Harris*, *W. Brown*, *Galbraith*, and *Smithe*.

On the motion of Mr. *Ash* being called, which was as follows:—

That Mr. Speaker be requested to provide the House, from time to time, during the continuance of the present Session, with telegraphic information of the proceedings of the Dominion Parliament relating to matters of interest to British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

On an appeal being made to the House the Chair was sustained.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend Sections 9 and 13 of the 'Assessment Amendment Act, 1878,' and Section 1 of the 'School Tax Act Amendment Act, 1878,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Monday, February 10th, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK. P. M.

On the motion of Mr. *McGillivray* being called, which was as follows:—

That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to establish a Registry Office at *New Westminster*, under the provisions of "Land Registry Ordinance, 1870," for the convenience of the inhabitants of the Mainland.

A point of Order was raised thereto, on which Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Mr. *Drummond* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of Mechanics and others."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

That a Committee be appointed to visit the *Victoria* Jail and Royal Hospital, and to report to this House upon their condition and management; such Committee to consist of Messrs. *Williams*, *Evans*, *W. M. Brown*, *E. Brown*, *Ash*, and *Drummond*.

Mr. *Saul* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fence Ordinance, 1869.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act respecting Coroners."

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to provide for the proper management of Gaols," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-day.

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

His Honour ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, entered the House, and being seated in the Chair, assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the following Bill:—

An Act to amend Sections 9 and 13 of the "Assessment Amendment Act, 1878," and Section 1 of the "School Tax Act Amendment Act, 1878."

The title of the Act having been read by the Clerk of the House, His Honour's assent was announced in these words,—

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to provide for the proper management of Gaols."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act respecting Law Stamps," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Magistracy," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered at the next meeting of the House.

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

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

Thursday, February 13th, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Ash* presented a Report from the Select Committee on the Tariff Question. The Report was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix*).

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Statement showing amounts appropriated for half-year ending 31st December, 1878, and expenditure brought to account at Treasury. (*See Sessional Papers*).

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the present mode of selecting and empannelling Grand and Petit Jurors, with power to call for persons, books, and papers; such Committee to consist of Messrs. *Abrams*, *Drummond*, *Pimbury*, *Galbraith*, and *Bennett*.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to authorize the Municipal Councils of Towns and Cities to issue Licenses to persons other than ratepayers."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Moved by Mr. *Smithe*, seconded by Mr. *Vernon*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into all the charges of malfeasance in office made in this House against the late Gold Commissioner at *Kootenay* (Mr. *Booth*); such Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and report to this House all the facts and circumstances connected with the said charges; Committee to be composed of the following gentlemen:—Messrs. *Abrams*, *Helgesen*, *McGillivray*, *Saul*, *Bennett*, and the mover.

Mr. *Wilson* moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*,—

That all the words after "That," in the first line, be struck out, and the following substituted: "a Select Committee be appointed, by ballot, to enquire into any charges of malfeasance in office against the late Gold Commissioner at *Kootenay* (Mr. *Booth*); such Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and report to this House all the facts and circumstances connected therewith."

The proposed amendment was put and carried.

Resolution, as amended, put and carried.

The Committee was then balloted for, and the following Members were chosen:—Messieurs *Evans*, *J. W. Williams*, *Wilson*, *McGillivray*, *Smithe*.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Seventh Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

Mr. *Evans* asked the Honourable Mr. *Walkem* the following question:

Whether any arrangements will be made to hold a Court of Assize in *Cariboo* at an early date to try the prisoners now in custody there awaiting trial?

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

"The Government intend to give this question due consideration."

Mr. *Evans* asked the Honourable Mr. *Walkem* the following question:—

Is the County Court Judge and Gold Commissioner of *Cariboo* absent on leave; if so, whether any arrangement has been made to fill the vacancy?

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

"The County Court Judge of *Cariboo* has had three months' leave of absence granted on a medical certificate of sickness by the Dominion Government. He informed me that Mr. *Sanders* had agreed that should any important work arise in his absence, he would take it; but there had been no agreement with the Government to this effect."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act respecting Coroners," was considered.

Ordered, That the consideration of the Report be deferred.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Magistracy," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, February 14th, 1879.

Two o'clock P. M.

Mr. *Abrams* presented a Petition from *Walter Wilson*, and others, which was read and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Evans* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to ascertain "How and in what manner the payment of \$750, as sustenance allowance to the Gold Commissioner at *Cassiar*, was made."

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

Ordered, That the Committee be discharged.

On the motion of Mr. *McGillivray* being called, Mr. Speaker gave his opinion "That though the motion might be considered objectionable, still it should be considered as intended to lead up to the expression of an abstract opinion and was therefore, strictly speaking, in order."

Moved by Mr. *McGillivray*, seconded by Mr. *E. Brown*,—

That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to establish a Registry Office at *New Westminster*, under the provisions of the "Land Registry Ordinance, 1870," for the convenience of the inhabitants of the Mainland.

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

'To add, at the end thereof, the following words: "when the circumstances of the Province may warrant it."

Proposed amendment put and carried.

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act respecting Law Stamps," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*,—

“That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, respectfully requesting him to cause a telegram to be sent, through the proper channel, to the Imperial authorities, respectfully requesting them to send a reply to the Petition of this House, addressed to Her Majesty last Session, respecting our railway relations with Canada,” was resumed.

The following words were added to the original motion by leave of the House:—

“And that the telegram be signed by Mr. Speaker.”

Motion, with the amendment, put and carried.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act respecting Coroners,” was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Line, Fences, and Water Courses Act, 1876,’” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of all the correspondence, not already printed, between the Government and the Commissioners appointed in connection with the *Kootenay* enquiry, 1878.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of all correspondence, since the 30th June last, between the Government, or any member thereof, and the late Government Mining Engineer (Mr. *Harper*).

Ordered to be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fence Ordinance, 1869,’” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act respecting the Costs of Arbitrations,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 p. m.

Monday, February 17th, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Drummond* presented a Petition from the *Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Company*, which was read and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the costs of levying distresses for small rents and penalties."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Moved by Mr. *Vernon*, seconded by Mr. *Mara*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into all the circumstances under which a Crown Grant was issued to Mr. *S. Robinson*, dated January 7th, 1879, for certain land on *Texada Island*, with power to call for persons, books and papers and examine witnesses. The Committee to consist of Messrs. *Cowan, Wilson, Drummond, McGillivray, Harris and Vernon*.

The Rules of the House were suspended in order to strike out of the motion the words "The Committee to consist of Messrs. *Cowan, Wilson, Drummond, McGillivray, Harris and Vernon*," and to insert in lieu thereof the following words: "such Committee to be the present Committee of enquiry as to the working of the 'Land Act Amendment Act, 1878.'"

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

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

That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that all the correspondence between the Local and Dominion Governments respecting the Acts passed by this Legislature last Session should be bound and published with the Sessional Papers next issued.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor requesting him to send down to this House, a Return of all correspondence between the Imperial or Dominion Governments and the Government of this Province, from January 1st, 1878, to date, respecting the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to send down to this House, a Return showing the number of patients admitted into the Hospitals of *Victoria, New Westminster, Nanaimo and Cariboo*, respectively, from January 1st, 1878, to January 1st, 1879, together with all other particulars in connection with each patient as entered in the record books or journals of each hospital; such Return to be bound and published with the Sessional Papers.

Moved by the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, leader of the Government, seconded by Mr. *Smithe*, leader of the Opposition;—

That the Rules be suspended for the purpose of moving an Address of Condolence to Her Majesty the Queen, on the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice.

And it was *Resolved* accordingly.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* then moved the following Address:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, humbly tender to Your Majesty our profound and heartfelt sympathy for the irreparable loss inflicted upon Your Majesty by the recent death of your beloved daughter, Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice.

Though far distant from the centre of Your Majesty's Empire, the people of this Province have been moved by deep feelings of sorrow at the sad calamity which has

thus befallen Your Majesty and the Royal Family. We therefore venture to hope that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to accept this humble, but loyal and sincere tribute to the memory of one so richly endowed, with all the qualities that make woman loved and respected, as Your Majesty's lamented daughter.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed and forwarded through the proper channel.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 16) intituled the "Land Amendment Act, 1879."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Ordered to be read a first time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fence Ordinance, 1869,'" was committed.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Costs of Arbitrations," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of Mechanics and others," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

Tuesday, February 18th, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting the Civil Service, the Collection and Management of the Revenue, and the duties and liability of the Auditor and Accountants," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Thursday next.

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

And then the House adjourned, at 5.20 p. m.

Wednesday, 19th February, 1879.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Smithe* presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, reporting that the notices required by the Rules of this House had been complied with in respect to the following Bills:—

1. A Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the protection and relief of the Nanaimo Fire Brigade."

2. A Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Act, 1873.'"

Mr. *Abrams* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to provide for the protection and relief of the Nanaimo Fire Brigade."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Resolved, That the Report on Tariff Question be considered to-morrow.

Moved by the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *McGillivray*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into, and report to this House, the best measures to adopt to provide further extension of the Municipal system.

By leave of the House the following words were added to the motion: "and to report a Bill, if necessary."

The following Members were appointed to form the Committee: Messrs. *McGillivray*, *Harris*, *McIlmoyl*, *Saul*, *E. Brown*, and *Beaven*.

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

Mr. *Abrams* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Amendment Act, 1878.'"

Ordered That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday the 26th February.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to send down to this House copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Board of Education and the late Superintendent of Education, from 1st July, 1878, to date.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be sent down to this House a Return showing the number of patients at present in the Lunatic Asylum at *New Westminster*; the number that have been admitted since the removal of the Lunatics to *New Westminster*; the number that have escaped; the number re-captured; the number that have died; and the number that have been discharged cured.

Mr. *Vernon* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Amendment Act, 1878.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Ordinance, 1870.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

What action do the Government intend to take in regard to a portion of land in *New Westminster District* known as "*Derby Town Site*," upon which a number of persons have located and are paying taxes regularly to Government Agents, and receiving receipts for the same, without being able to obtain a title to their claims.

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

"The question is one which I am unable to answer at present, as it involves, in some cases, the rights of absentees who acquired titles to portions of the land as far back as 1858. It will, however, receive the attention of the Government."

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to provide for the proper management of Gaols."

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Friday next.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into, and report, the best means in their opinion to deal with our Chinese population and to prevent further immigration of Chinese into the Province.

The following Members were appointed to form the Committee: Messrs. *Williams*, *McGillivray*, *Drummond*, *McIlmoyl*, and *Evans*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30, p.m.

Friday, February 21st, 1879.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to send down to this House a Return of all persons in Government employ that have left the service defaulters since Confederation, giving the names, the position held, the amount in each case owing to the Treasury, with the amount of restitution made since, if any.

Moved by Mr. *Ash*, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor requesting His Honour to bring under the notice of the Dominion Government, the fact that the constitution of the Admiralty Court of this Province remains the same as at Confederation, and is administered by one Judge, or, in his absence, by his deputy; and that His Honour will urge the Dominion Government to move the Imperial Government to confer Admiralty jurisdiction upon the Supreme Court of this Province, and the Judges thereof, with right of appeal from their decision to the Supreme Court at *Ottawa*; providing also for a reduced tariff of fees, without payment to the Judges

By leave of the House the word "Vice" was inserted between the words "the" and "Admiralty" in the third line thereof, and the word "before" was substituted for the word "at" in the same line.

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

On the motion of Mr. *McGillivray*, seconded by Mr. *Harris*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to send down to this House copies of all correspondence between the Government and *E. L. Derby*, or any other person or persons, relating to any work carried on since 1st July, 1878, to date, under the provisions of the "Dyking Act, 1878."

Mr. *Evans* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Cemetery Ordinance, 1870.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, 26th February.

Moved by Mr. *Evans*, seconded by Mr. *Abrams*,—

That the House do take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed to ascertain "How and in what manner the payment of \$750, as sustenance "allowance to the Gold Commissioner at *Cassiar*, was made?" *Vide* the Resolution of the House, dated 5th February, 1879.

Mr. *McGillivray* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Harris*,—

To strike out in the first line the words "do take into consideration," and to insert in lieu thereof the word "adopt."

Mr. *Drummond* moved, in amendment to the proposed amendment, seconded by Mr. *Saul*,—

That the following words be added: That this House is of opinion that the sustenance allowance paid to Mr. *Forcell* for 1877, was made by the late Ministry in an improper manner, and in direct violation of a Resolution of this House, and that the Government should take steps to recover the same, with a view of giving proper effect to and upholding the Resolutions of this House.

Objection being raised to this amendment, that it was substantially the same as a Resolution already passed this Session.

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Tariff Question be postponed till Wednesday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.45 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, February 24th, 1879.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly showing the number of patients at present in the Lunatic Asylum at *New Westminster*; the number that have been admitted since the removal of the lunatics to *New Westminster*; the number that have escaped; the number re-captured; the number that have died; and the number that have been discharged cured. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honourable Mr. *Walkem* the following question:

Is it the intention of the Government to send one of its Members as a Delegate to *Ottawa* after the prorogation of the House; and if so, is it the intention to ask the House before its rising for an instruction as to the object of such mission, and for authority to incur the necessary expense?

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

“The Government have never considered the idea of sending one of its Members as a Delegate to *Ottawa*; nor have they, under existing circumstances, any intention of doing so. What the Government may do in the future it is impossible to say.”

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to further amend the ‘Bills of Sale Ordinance, 1870,’” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, leader of the Government, seconded by Mr. *Smithe*, leader of the Opposition, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Rules be suspended for the purpose of passing the following Address of Welcome to His Excellency the Governor-General, and to Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, respectfully offer to Your Excellency, and to Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, our hearty congratulations upon your safe arrival in the Dominion of Canada.

We earnestly hope that your administration of public affairs will be as pleasurable as we feel assured it will be successful; and should Your Excellency, with your illustrious Consort, favour your Pacific Province with a visit, we can safely promise you a warm and loyal welcome.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed and forwarded through the proper channel.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act respecting the costs of levying distresses for small rents and penalties,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Mr. *Drummond* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Act, 1873.’”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Ordered, That the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes, relating to the better Administration of Justice,” be deferred until Monday the 3rd March.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to authorize the Municipal Councils of Towns and Cities to issue Licenses to persons other than ratepayers,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Tuesday, 25th February, 1879.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to further amend the ‘Bills of Sale Ordinance, 1870,’” was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the costs of levying distresses for small rents and penalties."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the Resolution moved by Mr. *Evans* on the 21st instant, and the Amendments thereto moved by Mr. *McGillivray* and Mr. *Drummond* respectively, was resumed.

The proposed amendment moved by Mr. *Drummond*, was put and carried.

The proposed amendment moved by Mr. *McGillivray*, was put and carried.

The original motion of Mr. *Evans*, as amended, was put and carried, and is as follows :—

That the House adopt the Report of the Select Committee appointed to ascertain "How and in what manner the payment of \$750, as sustenance allowance to the Gold Commissioner at *Cassiar*, was made?" That this House is of opinion that the sustenance allowance paid to Mr. *Vowell* for 1877, was made by the late Ministry in an improper manner, and in direct violation of a Resolution of this House, and that the Government should take steps to recover the same, with a view of giving proper effect to and upholding the Resolutions of this House.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of copies of correspondence between the Government and the Board of Education, and the late Superintendent of Education.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to provide for the proper management of gaols," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1878,' by providing for a redistribution of seats in the Districts of Nanaimo, New Westminster, Esquimalt, and Cassiar," was called for second reading.

A point of order having arisen,—

Mr. *Vernon* moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion withdrawn with leave.

Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the Bill was out of order, and would give the authorities bearing thereon to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 p. m.

Wednesday, 26th February, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Speaker gave his reserved decision on a point of order which arose yesterday on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1878,' by providing for a redistribution of seats in the Districts of Nanaimo, New Westminster, Esquimalt and Cassiar," which was read and *Ordered* to be placed on the Journals of the House, and is as follows :—

On the motion being made yesterday for the second reading of this Bill, it was objected to on the ground that the Bill was of such a nature that it should, if introduced at all, emanate from the Government, and I was called on to decide the point. I was then, and am still, of opinion that the Bill was of such a character that it should have been introduced by a Member of the Government, or with their sanction.

The authorities on this subject are as follows:—

“By modern constitutional practice, Ministers of the Crown are held responsible for recommending to Parliament whatsoever laws are required to advance the national welfare, or to promote the political or social progress of any class or interest in the commonwealth.

“But it has only been by degrees, and principally since the passing of the Reform Acts of 1832, that it has come to be an established principle, that all important acts of legislation should be originated, and their passage through Parliament facilitated, by the advisers of the Crown. Formerly, Ministers were solely responsible for the fulfilment of their executive obligations, and for obtaining the sanction of Parliament to such measures as they deemed to be essential for carrying out their public policy. But the growing interest which, of late years, has been exhibited by the constituent bodies upon all public questions, and the consequent necessity for systematic and enlightened legislation for the improvement of our political and social institutions, and for the amelioration of the laws, in accordance with the wants of an advancing civilisation, together with the difficulty experienced by private members in carrying Bills through Parliament, have led to the imposition of additional burthens upon the Ministers of the Crown, by requiring them to prepare and submit to Parliament whatever measures of this description may be needed for the public good.

“On the other hand it should be freely conceded to private members that they have an abstract right to submit to the consideration of Parliament measures upon every question which may suitably engage its attention, subject only to the limitations imposed by the prerogative of the Crown, or to the practice of Parliament.

“Bearing this in mind, it must be admitted that the rule that all great and important public measures should emanate from the Executive, has of late years obtained increasing acceptance. The remarkable examples to the contrary, which are found in parliamentary history antecedent to the first Reform Acts, could not now occur, without betokening a weakness on the part of the Ministers of the Crown which is inconsistent with their true relation towards the House of Commons. By modern practice, ‘no sooner does a great question become practical, or a small question great, than the House demands that it shall be “taken up” by the Government. Nor is this from laziness or indifference. It is felt, with a wise instinct, that only thus can such questions in general acquire the *momentum* necessary to propel them to their goal, with the unity of purpose which alone can uphold their efficacy and [preserve their] consistency of character.’

“In 1838, on a private member moving for leave to bring in a Bill for the provisional government of New Zealand, objection was taken by Mr. *C. W. Wynn* (an eminent constitutional authority) and others, that Bills of this description, or which might involve questions of international law, should be submitted to Parliament by the Administration. In reply, the case was cited of the Bill to establish a Colony in South Australia, which was brought in by a private member, though with the formal consent of the Crown to the motion for its introduction. Whereupon Lord *John Russell* (the Home Secretary) gave the consent of the Crown to the introduction of this Bill; reserving the right to Ministers to support or oppose it at any future stage; and the Bill was accordingly introduced. But being found to contain certain objectionable provisions it was opposed by Ministers, and rejected on its second reading.

“In 1861, Mr. *Locke King* brought in a Bill for the extension of the county franchise, and Mr. *Baines* a Bill to extend the borough franchise; but both these measures were thrown out by means of the previous question upon the motion to read them a second time, being opposed by Lord *Palmerston* (the Prime Minister) on the ground that measures of such importance ‘ought to originate with a Responsible Government, and not to be left in the hands of a private member to take their chance.’ And it was forcibly objected by another speaker, that a private member, however able, was responsible only to himself and those who sent him to Parliament, and his views were likely to be limited by the desires and circumstances of a small section of the community, so that it would be unreasonable to expect from such an one a broad and statesmanlike measure.

“On March 1st, 1867, a conversation took place in the House of Commons with reference to the law of master and servant. In the previous session, a Select Committee had been appointed to consider this subject, which had reported that the present state of the law was objectionable, and had advised certain specified changes therein. It being admitted that a change was necessary, the question arose by whom it should be made. It was urged that the matter was too important to be dealt with by a private member, and should be undertaken upon the responsibility of the Government. Whereupon Mr. *Walpole* (the Home Secretary) stated that he was in communication with the Attorney-General on the subject, and hoped to be able to bring in a Bill in relation thereto as soon as the great pressure of government business would permit.

“On April 9th, 1867, a private member moved for leave to bring a Bill into the House of Commons to amend the representation of the people in Ireland. The Secretary for Ireland (Lord *Nass*) said, that the Government did not object to the introduction of this Bill, as it was desirable that the House should see the scheme which had been framed by so experienced a member. But he reserved the right to express his opinion on the measure until a future occasion. The Bill was then presented, and read a first time. On June 28th, however, the Bill was withdrawn.” [See *Todd*, 299, Vol. II, and following pages.]

Bearing in mind the opinions several times expressed by Mr. Speaker *Trimble*, who had long presided over this House, with respect to Bills objected to on the ground above stated, and whose opinions no doubt were founded on the authorities just quoted, I gave as my opinion that the motion for the second reading was out of order; but as I stated when deciding a former question, I have no desire to prevent matters being brought under the consideration of the House, and, on reflection, I have arrived at the conclusion that the better way will be to leave the matter to be dealt with entirely by the House.

The Honourable Member may, in view of the authorities quoted, withdraw the Bill by leave of the House, or the House, if they agree with me, can dispose of the matter, in accordance with the views herein expressed, by a motion of the previous question.

Mr. *Ash* asked leave to introduce a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Medical Ordinance, 1867.’”

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion not now in order, as Rule 39 had not been complied with by the mover.

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

That the House do resolve itself itself into a Committee of the Whole on Friday next, to take into consideration the Report of the Committee on the Tariff Question.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to repeal the ‘Cemetery Ordinance, 1870.’” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 o'clock p. m.

Monday, 3rd March, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Evans* presented a Petition from *A. Barlow* and others, which was read.

Mr. Speaker ruled the same out of order, as asking for an appropriation of public moneys; and also, because one similar had already been presented and ruled out of order this Session.

Mr. *Wilson* presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, which was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

Mr. *Abrams* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the present mode of selecting and empannelling Grand and Petit Jurors, which was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

Mr. *Mara* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to protect Winter Stock Ranges."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

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

In the matter of the grant by the Indian Commissioners to the *Okanagan* Indians, of certain lands at *Okanagan*, occupied and claimed by Mr. *C. O'Keefe* (Correspondence concerning which was laid before the House last Session), is it the intention of the Government to take any action to effect a settlement of the disputed title to said lands ?

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

"With respect to this question I have examined the correspondence, which is voluminous, and, at present, cannot say what action may be adopted. A question of the title of a settler being involved, I am of opinion that the Indian Commission had not authority to deal with the land."

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes, relating to the better Administration of Justice," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

Ordered to be placed on the Orders for to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of correspondence between the Government and *E. L. Derby*, and other persons, relating to work carried on since 1st July, 1878, to date, under the provisions of the "Dyking Act, 1878."

Referred to the Printing Committee.

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

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

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly, a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876,' and the 'Assessment Amendment Act, 1877,'" and recommends the same for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria, B. C., 26th February, 1879.

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

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

That this Committee recommend that a Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876,' and the 'Assessment Amendment Act, 1877,'" be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1875,'" was read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Tuesday, 4th March, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

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

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits, herewith, to the Legislative Assembly, a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the printing and distributing of the Statutes, Journals, and Sessional Papers of the Legislative Assembly," and recommends the same for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria, B. C. 4th March.

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

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

That this Committee recommend that a Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act respecting the printing and distributing of the Statutes, Journals, and Sessional Papers of the Legislative Assembly," be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Mr. *Smithe* presented the Second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The report was read and received.

Ordered, That Bills Nos. (22) and (17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Act, 1873,'" and "An Act for the protection and relief of the Nanaimo Fire Brigade," be read a second time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on the Tariff Question.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Amendment Act, 1878,' by providing for a redistribution of Seats in the Districts of Nanaimo, New Westminster, Esquimalt, and Cassiar," was called for second reading.

Mr. *Vernon* moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* moved the previous Question, which was resolved in the negative, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Smithe,
E. Brown,

Bennett,
Vernon,

Pimbury,
Harris,

McGillivray,
Mara—8.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Walkem,
Beaven,
Humphreys,
Abrams,

W. M. Brown,
Cowan,
Evans,
McIlmoyl,

Galbraith,
Gallagher,
Helgesen,
Saul,

Williams,
Wilson.—14.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned at 3 o'clock p.m.

Wednesday, 5th March, 1879.

Two o'clock, P. M.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor that he will cause to be sent down to this House a Return showing the sums expended on roads, streets, and surveys from 1874 to 1878 inclusive, detailed in years and districts.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor that he will cause to be sent down to this House a Return consisting of statement of accounts and reports of Trustees appointed under the "Cemetery Ordinance, 1870."

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor that he will cause to be sent down to this House a Return showing the expenditure on bridges and wharves in each District and in each year, from 1874 to 1878, inclusive; and also the sums collected thereon, either as tolls or wharfage, with the cost of collection.

Moved by Mr. *Smithe*, seconded by Mr. *Mara*,—

That this House is of opinion that it is not desirable to charge 24 per cent per annum interest on the unpaid purchase money of lands acquired by pre-emption and occupied by actual settlers; and that the "Land Amendment Act, 1878," should be amended so as to exempt such lands from payment of such interest.

Motion withdrawn by leave.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumass Dyking Act, 1878.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to provide for the better collection of School Tax and Mining Licences."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Vernon* asked the Honourable the Premier the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to remunerate the Commissioners appointed under the authority of this House to investigate the charges brought against the Premier of the late Government (Mr. *Elliott*,) by the two members for *Kootenay*, Messrs. *Galbraith* and *Gallagher*?

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

"The Government have come to no conclusion on this matter."

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876,' and the 'Assessment Amendment Act, 1877,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. *Speaker* resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cowan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again, and, also, reported that he had ruled an amendment to the Bill out of order, as it referred to an Act not mentioned in the Bill, and that his ruling had been appealed from to the House.

Mr. *Speaker* put the question—"Shall the Chairman be sustained?"

And it was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 o'clock p. m.

Thursday, 6th March, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the best measures to adopt to provide further extension of the Municipal system, submitting a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Act,'" and recommending its introduction.

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

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

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

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor that he will cause to be sent down to this House the evidence taken by the Commissioners in the *Kootenay* Enquiry, with report thereon.

Moved by Mr. *Ash*, seconded by Mr. *Mara*,—

That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government, in dealing with the employés of the Province, to observe such rules of justice and good faith as could be enforced by law in transactions between private parties.

Mr. *Evans* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Abrams*,—

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

"This House feels confident that the Government will deal fairly and justly with its employés."

Amendment put and carried—16 to 8.

Original motion, as amended, put and carried.

Moved by Mr. *Vernon*, seconded by Mr. *McGillivray*,—

That in the opinion of this House tenders should always be invited for supplies, of all descriptions, required for the maintenance of any public institution under the control of the Government, for the stationery required for the public service, and for all insurances necessary to be effected on Provincial Public Buildings.

With the consent of the House the word "always," in the first line, was struck out, and the following substituted: "as far as practicable," and all the words after "Government," in the third line were struck out.

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

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

Moved by Mr. *Vernon*, seconded by Mr. *Mara*,—

That in the opinion of this House it is expedient that the Government shall, before the next meeting of the Provincial Parliament, take the necessary steps to assume the entire control and management of all Public Hospitals in the Province.

Motion withdrawn by leave.

Moved by Mr. *Vernon*, seconded by Mr. *Harris*,—

That in the opinion of this House it is expedient when any sum of money, for the prosecution of Public Works in any District, is placed upon the Estimates for the consideration of the House, it shall be necessary to designate, as far as practicable, for what particular work or works such sum is intended to be appropriated.

Motion withdrawn by leave.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876,' and the 'Assessment Amendment Act, 1877,'" be placed on the Orders of the Day for consideration in Committee,

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the costs of levying distresses for small rents and penalties."

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 o'clock p. m.

Friday, 7th March, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented the Second Report from the Select Committee on Municipal matters.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of affidavits, correspondence, and other papers connected with the *Kootenay* Commission.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Return be sent down to this House of all moneys received during the year 1878, from leases of Timber Lands in this Province; giving the names of said lessees; the number of acres held by each respectively; where such lands are located, and when said leases will expire.

On the motion of Mr. *McGillivray*, seconded by Mr. *Harris*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House, at an early date, all papers and correspondence relating to tenders for the supplies to Gaols and the Lunatic Asylum, since 1st January, 1878, to date.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented a comparative statement of the cost of *Victoria* Gaol for keep of prisoners during the last quarter of 1877, and the corresponding quarter of 1878. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the "Constitution Amendment Act, 1878," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* moved,—

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

Mr. *Snithe* moved, in amendment,—

That the House do now adjourn.

Amendment put and lost.

Motion put and carried.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 o'clock p. m.

Monday, 10th March, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Evans* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following question :—
Is it the intention of the Government to refund, to the Government Agent and Road Superintendent of *Cariboo*, the moneys advanced by them to pay Chinamen employed by the late Government, and discharged in consequence of a Resolution of the House, dated 31st July, 1878 ?

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

“The Government will place the amounts in the Estimates about to be submitted, and if the House approves the sums will be paid.”

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. *Vernon* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Constitution Amendment Act, 1878,’ by providing for a redistribution of Seats in the Districts of Nanaimo, New Westminster, Esquimalt, and Cassiar.”

Objection being taken that the Bill should not have been placed upon the Orders of the Day without two days notice having been given, Mr. Speaker stated his opinion, that it was rightly so placed until the House ordered otherwise.

The House was appealed to, and the Chair was not sustained.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, his annual Report as Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act respecting the printing and distributing of the Statutes, Journals, and Sessional Papers of the Legislative Assembly,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act for the protection and relief of the Nanaimo Fire Brigade,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

On the order for the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Act, 1873,'" being called, notice was taken that Rule 58 had not been complied with, and that the Bill was therefore out of order.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876,' and the 'Assessment Amendment Act, 1877.'"

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the costs of levying distresses for rents and penalties," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 o'clock p. m.

Tuesday, 11th March, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act respecting the Collection of School Tax and Mining Licences," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Amendment Act, 1878.'"

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act respecting the printing and distributing of the Statutes, Journals, and Sessional Papers of the Legislative Assembly," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the costs of levying distresses for rents and penalties," was re-committed, for the purpose of considering some proposed amendments.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday, 12th March, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

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

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Amendment Act, 1878.'"

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders of the House be suspended, for the purpose of introducing a Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to authorize the Lieutenant-Governor to execute Marriage Licences, and for other purposes relating to Marriages."

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended, and that the Bill be now read a second time.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return showing the expenditure on bridges and wharves in each district, and in each year, from 1874 to 1878, the sums collected thereon, and the cost of collection.

Also a Return showing the expenditure on roads, streets (including bridges and wharves) and surveys, from 1874 to 1878, inclusive, detailed in years and districts.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumass Dyking Act, 1878,' " was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned at 5 p. m.

Thursday, 13th March, 1879.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from the Workingmen's Protection Association of the City of *Victoria*, which was read.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the best means of dealing with the Chinese Population.

Mr. *Drummond* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to visit the Gaols and Royal Hospital.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be discharged.

Moved by Mr. *Mara*, seconded by Mr. *Smithe*,—

That Bill No. 23 be re-committed for the purpose of inserting as sub-sections 4, 5 and 6 of clause 6, the following:—

"4. Land upon which five head of horses or cattle per 100 acres are depastured; Provided such exemption shall not extend to lands of a value not exceeding \$5 per acre.

"5. Land upon which fifteen head of sheep per 100 acre are depastured: Provided such exemption shall not extend to lands of a value exceeding \$5 per acre.

"6. Land upon which horses, cattle, or sheep, or any of them, are depastured together, the total number being in accordance with the proportion established by the two preceding sections: Provided such exemptions shall not extend to lands of a value exceeding \$5 per acre."

A point of order having been raised,

Mr. Speaker ruled that the proposed amendment being one that would vary the incidence of taxation, he would follow English Parliamentary practice, and not put the question.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1875,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on the Tariff Question.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 o'clock p. m.

Friday, 14th March, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

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

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

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly, for reconsideration, a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the Lieutenant-Governor to execute Marriage Licences, and for other purposes relating to Marriages," and suggests to the Assembly the advisability of adding a clause thereto, as follows:—

"4. All Licences heretofore signed by the present Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, as Deputy of the late Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, and now in the hands of the various Registrars, for the purpose of being issued from time to time as may be required by persons desiring to be married, shall be and are hereby declared to be valid and sufficient to authorize any marriage under the 'Marriage Ordinance, 1867.'"

Government House, 14th March, 1879.

Ordered, That the Clause mentioned in the Message of His Honour be added as Clause 4.

Ordered, That the Clause be taken as read a first, second, and third times.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of Mechanics and others."

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

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee composed of the following Members:—Messrs. *Humphreys, Drummond, McGillivray, and Abrams.*

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipality Acts," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876,' and the 'Assessment Amendment Act, 1877,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act respecting the Collection of School Tax and Mining Licences," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

His Honour ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, entered the House, and being seated in the Chair, assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the following Bill:—

An Act to authorize the Lieutenant-Governor to execute Marriage Licences, and for other purposes relating to Marriages.

The title of the Act having been read by the Clerk of the House, His Honour's assent was announced in these words,—

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Amendment Act, 1878.'"

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

Report adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee on the Tariff Question be referred back to the Committee.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes, relating to the better Administration of Justice."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 o'clock p. m.

Monday, 17th March, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Ordered, That the Returns annexed to the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be withdrawn, for the purpose of substituting a corrected copy of the same.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consolidated Public Schools Act, 1876.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to repeal Section 6 of the 'School Tax Act, 1876.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation Act, 1873.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced.

Ordered to be read a first time on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the costs of levying distresses for rents and penalties."

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting the Civil Service, and the Collection and Management of the Revenue, and the duties and liability of the Auditor and Accountants" was considered.

Report adopted.

On the question being put,—Shall the Bill be read a third time,—

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* moved, in amendment, That the Bill be re-committed for the purpose of considering certain proposed amendments, and it was so *Ordered*.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

On the order being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipality Acts."

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* moved, That the Committee be instructed to consider the insertion of the following clauses:—

"1. In case at any election which has been held in the year 1879, in any municipality incorporated by Letters Patent, a greater number of persons shall have been elected as Councillors in the said municipality than is specified in the Letters Patent incorporating such municipality, it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council by order, to be published once in the Government Gazette, to set aside the election of such Councillors and declare the same null and void; and such election shall, after such publication, be deemed and taken to be null and void, and the Lieutenant-Governor may, by such order, direct a fresh election of Councillors for the said municipality, and specify the time and manner of electing the proper number of Councillors for such municipality at such fresh election, the Returning Officer at such election, the polling places, the day on which the Councillors so to be elected shall first meet, and generally such other matters and things as may be necessary for the purpose of duly and lawfully electing a body of Councillors for such municipality.

"2. Councillors elected under any order and in pursuance of the last preceding section of this Act, shall hold office until the next annual election of a Council in such municipality, in accordance with the provisions of the 'Municipality Act, 1872,' and the various Acts amending the same.

"3. Nothing herein contained shall affect the validity of the election of any Mayor or Warden, but all such elections shall respectively be deemed to be as valid as if this Act had not been passed."

And it was so *Ordered*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on this Bill.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Amendment Act, 1878,'" was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes relating to the better Administration of Justice."

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

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

Tuesday, 18th March, 1879.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1875.'"

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes relating to the better Administration of Justice," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 19th March, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK. P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented a Report from the Select Committee to which Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of Mechanics and others" was referred, recommending said Bill for the consideration of the House.

Ordered, That the House will again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the said Bill on Monday next.

Mr. *Wilson* presented a Report from the Civil Service Committee, which was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

Ordered, That the Report be adopted and the Committee discharged.

Mr. *Evans* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 33) intituled the "Cemetery Act, 1879."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend Section 4 of the 'Land Registry Ordinance, 1870.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

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

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

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly, for reconsideration, a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fence Ordinance, 1869,' and suggests to the Assembly the advisability of adding a clause thereto, as follows:—

"5. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to lands held for pastoral purposes East of the Cascade Range of Mountains."

Ordered, That Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fence Ordinance, 1869,'" be re-committed.

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

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the clause mentioned in the Message of His Honour be added as Clause 5.

Ordered, That the clause be taken as read a first, second, and third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipality Acts."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

Mr. Speaker stated he had received an answer to his Telegram to the Dominion Government referring to the Railway Petition; which was read, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Journals of the House, and is as follows:—

“ OTTAWA, ONTARIO, March 19th 1879.
Received at Victoria, March 19th 1879.

“ To the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly :

“ The Petition of Legislative Assembly of British Columbia to the Queen, passed last Session, was received here on eleventh of October last. At that time Ministry had resigned, and only held office till successors appointed. The attention of the present Ministry on taking office was not called to this Petition, and it remained unnoticed. On its being discovered it was transmitted to England. This will account for the Petition not being answered by Colonial Minister. The Government here greatly regret the oversight.

(Signed) “ J. C. AIKENS.”

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, 20th March, 1879.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented a Return of amounts appropriated and expended during period from 1st January to 30th June, 1878, showing amounts unexpended and over-expended. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will represent to the Dominion Government the very great importance to the Dominion, as well as to the Province, of a Fish Breeding Establishment being, as soon as possible, erected at some suitable place in the District of *New Westminster*.

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

That the third reading of Bill No. 23 be rescinded, in order to insert as Sub-section 4 of Section 6 :—

“(4.) Land within the limits of an Incorporated District or Township, provided such tax is levied and collected for the same year upon the same land by the Municipality.”

And to amend—

Sub-section (1a.) of Section 14, by striking out the words “personal property or income tax,” and insert in lieu thereof the word “taxes.”

Ordered, That the clause and amendment be inserted in the Bill.

Ordered, That the clause and amendment be read a first and second time.

Clause and amendment read a first and second time.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act, 1875,’” was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act to repeal Section 6 of the ‘School Tax Act, 1876,’” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the costs of levying distresses for small rents and penalties," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipality Acts."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

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

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain sums required for the Service of the Province of British Columbia up to the 30th day of June, 1880, and he recommends these Estimates to the consideration of the House of Assembly. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Victoria, B. C., 20th March, 1879.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:45p.m.

Friday, 21st March, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$72,717 08 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Interest, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now considered.

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

Report adopted.

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

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the sum of \$72,717 08 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of British Columbia.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now considered.

Report adopted.

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

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 33) intituled the "Cemetery Act, 1879," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Tuesday.

With leave of the House, Mr. *Ash* presented a Report from the Committee on Missing Despatch dated 13th June, 1876, which was read and received.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee on Printing. (*See Appendix.*)

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend Section 4 of the 'Land Registry Ordinance, 1870,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time on Monday.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to repeal Section 6 of the 'School Tax Act, 1876,'" was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned at 4 o'clock p. m.

Monday, 24th March, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Drummond* presented a Report from the Committee appointed to enquire into the manner in which the "Land Act Amendment Act, 1878," has been carried into effect; and also into the circumstances under which a Crown Grant was issued to *S. Robinson*, dated January 7th, 1879, of certain lands on *Iexada Island*, which was read, received, and referred to the Committee on Printing.

Ordered, That the Committee be discharged.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be sent down to this House copies of all correspondence between the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Government, concerning the "Judicature Act, 1879."

By leave of the House, the words "when such correspondence shall be complete" were added at the end of the resolution.

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act respecting the fees of Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and Constables, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Ordered to be read a first time to-morrow.

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

On Mr. Speaker putting the question,—“That I do now leave the Chair,” for the House to go into Committee of Supply,

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 o'clock p. m.

Tuesday, 25th March, 1879.

Two o'clock, P. M.

The adjourned debate on the question,—“That I do now leave the Chair,” for the House to go into Committee of Supply, was resumed.

On Mr. Speaker leaving the Chair, pursuant to order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,368 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Sinking Fund, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,080 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Premium and Exchange, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,112 75 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Discount and Commission, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Payment of Debentures, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Lieutenant-Governor's Office, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,845 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Mines' Department, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,720 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Treasury Department, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,870 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Lands and Works Department, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, Attorney-General's Department, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, Registrar-General's Department, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Legislation, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$675 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Registration of Voters, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, Assay Office, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,665 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Lunatic Asylum, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,225 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Revenue Service, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Supreme Court, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Sheriffs, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,350 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, County Court, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,805 21 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *Victoria*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,080 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, Police and Gaols, *Esquimalt*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,860 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *New Westminster*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,080 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, Police and Gaols, *New Westminster District*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,457 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, Police and Gaols, *Kootenay*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,036 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *Cariboo*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,151 66 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *Cassiar*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,980 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *Yale*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, Police and Gaols, *Kamloops*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,130 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *Nanaimo*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Indemnity to Members, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Mileage, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Registration of Voters (other than Salaries), for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Elections, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Contingent Fund, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Telegrams, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Journals and Statutes Binding, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,416 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Assay Office, *Cariboo*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,248 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Printing Office, *Victoria*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Lunatic Asylum, *New Westminster*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital, *Victoria*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital, *New Westminster*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital, *Cariboo*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital, *Nanaimo*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital, *Cassiar*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital Allowance, Medicines, &c., for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses in aid of Destitute Poor and Sick, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,721 17 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Education Office, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,353 14 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, *Victoria City* District, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,880 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, *Victoria* District, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,978 17 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, *Esquimalt* District, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,342 54 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, *Cowichan* District, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,518 13 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, *Nanaimo* District, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,966 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, *Comox* District, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,901 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, *New Westminster City* District, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,904 32 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, *New Westminster* District, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,025 75 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, *Hope-Yale* District, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,598 75 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, *Lillooet* District, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,484 84 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, *Cariboo* District, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Freight on Remittances, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,650 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Travelling Expenses of Officers on duty, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$450 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Keep of Horses, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36 38 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Rent, Government House, *Victoria*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Rent, Boat-house, *Nanaimo*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Revenue Service (Commission, Courts of Appeal, Travelling Expenses, Rent, Miscellaneous, &c.), for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Revenue Service (Costs re Chinese Tax Act, 1878), for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,905 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Government House, *Victoria*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered at the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee at its next sitting.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of Mechanics and others."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday, 26th March, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

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

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

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor places the reversionary or other interests of the Crown in certain lands referred to in Bill No. 35 at the disposal of the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 26th, 1879.

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

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

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867,'" which he recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly.

Government Billings,
March 26th, 1879.

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

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

That this Committee recommend that a Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867,'" be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return showing Statement of Accounts and Reports of Trustees under the "Cemetery Ordinance, 1870."

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 35) intituled the "Cemetery Ordinance Amendment Act, 1879."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consolidated Public School Act, 1876,'" be read a first time.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation Act, 1873,'" was read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

The several Resolutions of the Committee of Supply, from 2 to 69 inclusive, having been read a second time, were agreed to.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the sum of Three hundred and ninety-five thousand three hundred and fifty-four dollars and eighty-one cents be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of British Columbia.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

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

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

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$110,780 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Roads, Streets, and Bridges, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Surveys, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee at its next sitting.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* stated, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, that the Petition to the Queen was forwarded to London on the 24th February last, and that the Speaker's Message about Railway despatch, of 13th June, 1876, was answered by telegraph on the 22nd instant.

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 o'clock p. m.

Thursday, 27th March, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Drummond* presented a Petition from *John Drout*, which was read.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Petition out of order.

Mr. *Drummond* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the progress of the Cofferdam Contract, which was read and received.

Ordered to be referred to the Printing Committee.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of papers and correspondence relating to Tenders for supplies to Gaols and Lunatic Asylum, since 1st January, 1878, to date.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of the number of patients that has been admitted into the Hospitals of *Victoria*, *New Westminster*, *Nanaimo*, and *Cariboo*, respectively, during the year 1878, giving the names of the patients and number of days of each patient in Hospital.

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

The Resolutions of the Committee of Supply, No. 70 and 71, having been read a second time, were agreed to.

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

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

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee at its next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 o'clock p. m.

Friday, 28th March, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from the Victoria Board of Cemetery Trustees, which was read, received, and referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. *J. W. Williams* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to consider the question of Chinese Immigration, and to devise means of arresting or diminishing the same, which was read and received.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee on Printing.

By leave of the House, Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act respecting the fees of Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and Constables, and for other purposes," was read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,220 68 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Graving Dock, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

And on motion, in amendment, by Mr. *Ash*,—

That the Committee having considered the statements of the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works relating to the Cofferdam Contract, vote the amount asked for under the head of "Graving Dock" (Vote No. 72), with the recommendation that the construction of the Cofferdam be vigorously prosecuted, in order that the main work may be commenced at the earliest possible period.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered at the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee at its next sitting.

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

Monday, 31st March, 1879.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented a Comparative Statement of the cost of keep of Lunatics at *New Westminster*. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to cancel certain Debentures issued under the authority of the British Columbia Loan Acts, 1874 and 1876, and to repeal the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1876.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Votes Nos. 73 to 95, inclusive. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,219 79 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Expenditure for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

Schedule B, Votes Nos. 1, 32, 35, 36, 38, 46, 47, 61, 70, 71, 77, 81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,901 21 be granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the year ending 31st December, 1878, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures.

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 33) intituled the "Cemetery Act, 1879."

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Wednesday.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend Section 4 of the 'Land Registry Ordinance, 1870,'" was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876,' and the 'Assessment Amendment Act, 1877,'" was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 o'clock, p. m.