

JOURNALS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SESSION 1880.

Monday, 5th April, 1880.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

This being the first day of the third 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 twentieth day of March, 1880.

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 :

I have much pleasure in meeting you again for the transaction of the Legislative business of the Province.

We have fortunately been blessed with an abundant harvest, but the exceptionally severe winter through which we have just passed has, I regret to learn, caused a considerable loss of stock in the interior. The reports, however, from the District Agencies, happily indicate confidence in the future prospects of farming, mining and other industries.

I feel assured that you will be pleased with the movement at length made by the Dominion Government towards construction of the Canadian Pacific railway in the Province, by awarding contracts for 127 miles of the line on the Mainland, and that you will give your attention to a Bill which I shall submit to you transferring the lands set aside for its construction.

Whilst thus evincing your desire to aid their efforts in this respect, you will not fail to observe with regret that their obligation to construct the section of the Railway between Esquimalt and Nanaimo this year, has not yet been provided for, though its fulfilment has been earnestly pressed upon the Dominion Government by my Ministers.

Owing to the unsatisfactory position of this matter, and to unsettled questions relating to the Dock and other important subjects requiring Federal concurrence, I deemed it expedient to authorize the Attorney-General of the Province to proceed to Ottawa and to confer with the Dominion Government respecting their settlement.

All the papers connected with his mission will be laid before you; and as a result of his negotiations your assistance will be required to promote such measures as may be best calculated to secure early Railway construction on the Island, the completion of the Graving Dock, and the restriction of Chinese Immigration.

The Dominion Government have again taken legislative steps, with every assurance of success, for giving effect to your wishes, as expressed in 1878, that the Mainland should be provided with resident Judges having jurisdiction in civil and criminal matters.

In consequence of the probable repeal of the Insolvency laws by the Dominion Parliament, it will be necessary to adopt measures to provide, under certain circumstances, for a distribution of debtors' estates. Bills having this object in view will be submitted for your approval.

Your assent will also be asked to amendments which will be proposed to the Assessment and School Tax Acts.

The Funded Debt of the Province is being gradually reduced, and the Revenue and Expenditure have been closely equalized. The Public Accounts for the current fiscal period, and the Estimates for the ensuing year, will be submitted to you.

I shall now leave you to your labours, with full confidence that they will be directed to the advancement of the interests of the country.

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

Mr. Speaker informed the House, through the Clerk, that during the recess a vacancy had occurred in the Assembly, by *John Evans*, Esquire, having died, and that he had issued a warrant to the Registrar of the Supreme Court to issue a Writ to fill such vacancy, and that *George Ferguson*, Esquire, had been elected in the place of the said *John Evans*, Esquire, deceased.

The Certificate of Election was read by the Clerk as follows:—

“SUPREME COURT, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
“April 5th, 1880.

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly, in consequence of the death of *John Evans*, Esquire, one of the Members for the Electoral District of *Cariboo*.

“And whereas, on the 15th day of September, 1879, a Writ for the election of a Member to represent such District was duly issued to *John Bowron*, Esquire, the Returning Officer of the said District.

“Now I do hereby certify that, on the 15th day of November last, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer with his certificate attached thereto, whereby it appears that *George Ferguson*, Esquire, has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, elected a Member to represent the said Electoral District of *Cariboo* in the Legislative Assembly.

“JAMES CHARLES PREVOST,
“Registrar, Supreme Court.”

Resolved, That the documents referring to the election of *George Ferguson*, Esquire for the Electoral District of *Cariboo*, be entered in the Journals of the House.

George Ferguson, Esquire, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. Mr. *Walkem*, and took his seat.

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 Tuesday 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 until two o'clock p.m., to-morrow.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act respecting the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia and his Deputies," was introduced.

The Bill was then read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday 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 two o'clock p.m., to-morrow.

Tuesday, 6th April, 1880.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Speaker stated that he had received, during the recess, several despatches, which were read and *Ordered* to be placed on the Journals of the House:—

"To the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia:

"Although the kind message sent by the British Columbia Legislature has been answered by telegraph, in consequence of my wish that there should be no delay in the acknowledgement, I desire to express again the gratification it has been to me to receive so loyal an expression of the sentiments of an Assembly which represents so important a Province, with the people of which I hope to become personally acquainted.

"LORNE.

"Government House, Ottawa,
"18th April, 1879."

"OTTAWA, 3rd May, 1879.

"SIR,—With reference to your Despatch, No. 17, of the 8th March last, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for the information of your Government, a copy of a Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Address to the Queen from the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British

Columbia, tendering a message of condolence to Her Majesty, on the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse Darmstadt. I have, &c.,

"J. C. AIKINS,

"Secretary of State.

"To His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor
"of British Columbia, Victoria."

"DOWNING STREET,

"April 10th, 1879.

"MY LORD,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 89, of the 25th ultimo, transmitting an Address to the Queen from the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, tendering a message of condolence to Her Majesty, on the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse Darmstadt,

"I duly caused this Address to be laid before the Queen, who was pleased to receive it very graciously; and I am commanded to request that you will convey to the Speaker of the Assembly Her Majesty's appreciation and recognition of this expression of sympathy in Her bereavement. I have, &c.,

"M. E. HICKS-BEACH.

"The Right Honourable the Marquis of Lorne,
"K.T., G.C.M.G."

"GOVERNMENT-HOUSE, VICTORIA,

"December 17th, 1879.

"SIR,—I am directed by the Lieutenant-Governor to transmit to you herewith, a copy of a Despatch from the Under Secretary of State for Canada, with its enclosure therein referred to, on the subject of the line of route of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

"I have, &c.,

"W. L. BOYLE,

Private Secretary.

"Hon. F. Williams,
"Speaker of the Legislative Assembly."

"OTTAWA, 26th April 1879.

"SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt, on the 25th inst., of your telegram of the 24th inst., on the subject of the Petition to the Queen of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia relative to the Canadian Pacific Railway, which you request may be forwarded to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

"Your telegram has been duly submitted to His Excellency the Governor-General.

"I have, &c.,

(Signed) "EDOUARD J. LANGEVIN,

"Under-Secretary of State.

"The Hon. the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,
"Victoria."

"Ottawa, 27th November, 1879.

"SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for the information of your Government, a copy of a despatch from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the line of route of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

"I request that a copy of this despatch may be communicated to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in accordance with Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach's request.

"I have, &c.,

(Signed) "EDOUARD J. LANGEVIN.

"His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia."

"DOWNING STREET, 29th October, 1879.

"MY LORD,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 7th inst., No. 276, transmitting an approved report of a Committee of the Privy

Council confirming one of the 13th July, 1878, which defines the line of route of the Canada Pacific Railway through British Columbia to a point on or near Burrard Inlet.

"I request that you will now inform the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, with reference to the Address to the Queen enclosed in your Despatch No. 44 of the 24th February, that I deemed it inexpedient to tender any advice to Her Majesty on the subject of this Address until I had received full and authoritative explanations of the policy of the Dominion Government.

"Your Lordship will be good enough further to inform the Speaker that I am glad to learn that the action of the Dominion Parliament during its recent session, and the course since taken by the Government, are generally considered in British Columbia as a sufficient and satisfactory fulfilment of the obligations of the Dominion towards the Province in respect of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and that I do not now propose to tender to Her Majesty any specific advice on the subject of the address bearing his signature.

"I have, &c.,
(Signed) "M. E. HICKS-BEACH."

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

Mr. *Ferguson* moved, seconded by Mr. *McIlmoyl*,—

1. That an humble Address be presented to His Honour thanking him for his gracious Speech at the opening of this the Third Session of the third term of the Provincial Legislature.

2. That while grateful for the abundant harvest with which the Province has been blessed in the past year, we concur in the regret expressed by His Honour that the exceptionally severe winter just passed has caused considerable loss of stock in the interior, but we are gratified to learn that the reports from the District Agencies, happily indicate confidence in the future prospects of farming, mining and other industries.

3. That we are pleased at the movement at length made by the Dominion Government towards construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the Province by awarding contracts for 127 miles of the line on the Mainland, and we shall give our attention to the Bill which is to be submitted for the transfer of the land set aside for its construction.

4. That, whilst thus evincing our desire to aid the efforts of the Dominion Government in this respect, we do not fail to observe with regret that their obligation to construct the section of the Railway between Esquimalt and Nanaimo this year has not yet been provided for, though we learn that its fulfilment has been earnestly pressed upon the Dominion Government by His Honour's Ministers.

5. That His Honour having informed us that owing to the unsatisfactory position of this matter and to unsettled questions relating to the Dock and other important questions requiring Federal concurrence, His Honour deemed it expedient to authorize the Attorney-General of the Province to proceed to Ottawa and confer with the Dominion Government respecting their settlement, the promised papers connected with his mission will receive our consideration; and we shall give our assistance to such matters as may be best calculated to secure early Railway construction on the Island, the completion of the Graving Dock, and the restriction of Chinese Immigration.

6. That we learn with satisfaction that the Dominion Government have again taken Legislative steps, with every assurance of success, for giving effect to our wishes as expressed in the Session of 1878, that the Mainland should be provided with resident Judges having jurisdiction in civil and criminal matters.

7. That we shall duly consider any measures that may be proposed for the distribution of debtors' estates in consequence of the probable repeal of the Insolvency laws; and we shall also give our attention to any amendments which may be proposed to the Assessment and School Tax Acts.

8. That we are glad to receive His Honour's assurance that the Funded Debt is being reduced, and that the Revenue and Expenditure have been closely equalized.

9. That we thank His Honour for the information that the Public Accounts for the current fiscal period, and the Estimates for the current year, will be submitted to us.

10. That His Honour may rest assured that we shall endeavour to justify his expression of confidence that our labours will be directed to the advancement of the best interests of the country.

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. *Ferguson* and *McIlmoyl*.

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 third meeting of the third term of the Provincial Legislature.

While grateful for the abundant harvest with which the Province has been blessed in the past year, we concur in the regret expressed by Your Honour that the exceptionally severe winter just passed has caused considerable loss of stock in the interior, but we are gratified to learn that the reports from the District Agencies happily indicate confidence in the future prospects of farming, mining, and other industries.

We are pleased at the movement at length made by the Dominion Government towards construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the Province by awarding contracts for 127 miles of the line on the Mainland, and we shall give our attention to the Bill which is to be submitted for the transfer of the land set aside for its construction.

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We are glad to receive Your Honour's assurance that the Funded Debt is being reduced, and that the Revenue and Expenditure have been closely equalized.

We thank Your Honour for the information that the Public Accounts for the current fiscal period, and the Estimates for the current year, will be submitted to us.

Your Honour may rest assured that we shall endeavour to justify your expression of confidence that our labours will be directed to the advancement of the best interests of the country.

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* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the year ending 31st December, 1879. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Sixth Annual Report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Sixth Annual Report of the Minister of Mines, for the year ending 31st December, 1879. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Eighth Annual Report on the Public Schools, 1878-79. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the List of Voters in force on the 1st September, 1879. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Statement of Expenditure from 1st January to 30th June, 1879. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Statement of Expenditure from 1st July to 31st December, 1879. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

And then the House adjourned, at 3.15 o'clock, p.m.

Wednesday, 7th April, 1880.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting the construction of the Graving Dock at Esquimalt."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Ordered to be read a first time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Affidavits, Declarations, and Affirmations made out of the Province of British Columbia for use therein."

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 Police Constables."

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. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1872.'"

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 respecting the fraudulent preference of Creditors by persons in insolvent circumstances."

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. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Registration of certain Bills of Sale."

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. 9) intituled "An Act to authorize the grant of certain lands on the Mainland for the purposes of the Canadian Pacific Railway."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Ordered to be read a first time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Printing Office Report for the year 1879. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

That the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the circumstances connected with the suppression or non-production of a Despatch from *Ottawa* bearing date 13th June, 1876, referring to Railway matters, be re-appointed.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the Executive Council of British Columbia."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to prevent certain Animals and Birds intended to be protected by the Game Laws, from being killed or entrapped elsewhere and brought into the protected portions of the Province during the close seasons."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act authorizing Incorporated Municipalities to levy special rates and to make certain improvements within the limits of the Municipality."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday the 14th instant.

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, at an early date, copies of all correspondence between the Gold Commissioner, *Cassiar*, and the Government, from the 1st day of July, 1878, to date.

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

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

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

Messrs. *Gallagher*, *W. M. Brown*, *Abrams*, *Vernon*, *Harris*, and *Ferguson* were nominated to form the Committee on Printing.

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

Thursday, 8th April, 1880.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Helgesen* presented a Petition from *R. P. Rithet* and others, to incorporate the *Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Co., Limited*.

Ordered, That the Petition be received.

Mr. *E. Brown* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *New Westminster* for a Private Bill relating to the official map of said City.

Ordered, That the Petition be received.

Mr. *Cowan* presented a Petition from *I. B. Nason* and others, to obtain by Private Bill certain water privileges on the *North Fork* of the *Quesnelle River*.

Ordered, That the Petition be received.

Mr. *Cowan* presented a Petition from the *Waverly Hydraulic Mining Co.*, to obtain by Private Bill certain water privileges on *Antler* and intervening Creeks.

Ordered, That the Petition be received.

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

That a detailed account be sent down to this House of all moneys paid by the Province for Criminal Prosecutions, during the period extending from 1st April, 1879, to date.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House a copy of the Index of the Reports of the Executive Council, approved by His Honour since the 1st day of July, 1878, to the present time.

The motion was put and lost on the following division :

YEAS :

Messieurs

Smithe,
Ash,

Vernon,
Mara,

Bennett,

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NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>McIlmoyl,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Saul,</i>	<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.,</i>
<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>	<i>McGillivray,</i>	<i>Brown, E.,</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Abrams,</i>	<i>Helgesen.—17.</i>
<i>Ferguson.</i>			

On the motion of Mr. *Mara*, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*, 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 correspondence between the Dominion and Provincial Governments relating to the disallowance of the "Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Amendment Act, 1878."

On the motion of Mr. *Mara*, 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 correspondence between the Government and *James Uren*, relating to a Ferry at *Savona*.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 1, intituled "An Act respecting the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia and his Deputies," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday, 12th April.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 8, intituled "An Act respecting the registration of certain Bills of Sale," 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 to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 10, intituled "An Act respecting the Executive Council of British Columbia," 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 to be read a third time on Monday, 12th April.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 11, intituled "An Act to prevent certain Animals and Birds, intended to be protected by the Game Laws, from being killed or entrapped elsewhere and brought into the protected portions of the Province during the close seasons," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday, 12th April.

And then the House adjourned at 3.45.

Monday, 12th April, 1880.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Victoria*, which was read and *Ordered* to be laid on the Table, and printed. (*See Appendix.*)

Mr. *Ash* presented a Petition from the Ratepayers of *Comox*, which was received.

Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from *W. P. Sayward* and others, which was read and received.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Report of his Mission to *Ottawa* with respect to Railway, Dock, and other matters; also, Papers relating to the construction of the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock; also, Papers relating to the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Statement of all Bonds deposited in the Provincial Secretary's Office, by Civil Officers of the Province, for the due performance of their duties, under the "Civil Officers Securities Act, 1872." (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to impress upon the Dominion Government the necessity of reconsidering the Order in Council of December, 1879, granting a drawback of one cent per pound on malt imported into the Dominion of Canada, with a view to rescind the said order, as its effect is most disastrous to the agriculturists of this Province.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to visit the *Victoria* Gaol, Royal Hospital, and Public Schools, to report to this House upon their condition and management; such Committee to consist of Messrs. *Ash*, *Abrams*, *McGillivray*, *E. Brown*, *Helgesen*, and *Drummond*.

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

That an humble 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 Dominion, respecting a Fish Breeding Establishment in *New Westminster* District.

On the motion of Mr. *Gillivray*, 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 papers or correspondence between the Government and *E. L. Derby*, or any other person or persons, relating in any way to the "Sumass Dyking Act, 1878," from the 1st day of March, 1879, to date.

Mr. *W. M. Brown* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fence Act, 1879.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report to the House as to the ownership of the property from McClure Street west towards James' Bay Bridge, *Victoria*. The Committee to consist of Messrs. *Beaven*, *Mara*, and *Wilson*.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Papers relating to the claim made by the Imperial Government for repayment of advances made to the Colonies of British Columbia and Vancouver Island for the construction of Lighthouses. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

On the motion of Mr. *Vernon*, seconded by Mr. *Mara*, 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 correspondence between the Provincial Government and Mr. *Sproat*, sole Indian Reserve Commissioner, in connection with the setting aside of lands for Indian Reservations.

Mr. *Smith* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following Questions: Has any List of Voters for the District of *Cassiar* been received by the Government? If such list has been received why has it not been published?

The Honourable the Provincial Secretary replied as follows:—

“No List of Voters for the District of *Cassiar* has been received by the Government.”

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 1, intituled “An Act respecting the Lieutenant-Governor and his Deputies,” was read a third time.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 2, intituled “An Act respecting the construction of the Graving Dock at Esquimalt,” was read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 3, intituled “An Act respecting Affidavits, Declarations, and Affirmations made out of the Province of British Columbia for use therein,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 5, intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1872,’” 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, Bill No. 8, intituled “An Act respecting the registration of certain Bills of Sale,” was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 10, intituled “An Act respecting the Executive Council of British Columbia,” was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 11, intituled “An Act to prevent certain Animals and Birds, intended to be protected by the Game Laws, from being killed or entrapped elsewhere^{or} and brought into the protected portions of the Province during the close seasons,” was committed.

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

Report adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.45, p.m.

Tuesday, 13th April, 1880.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Speaker stated to the House his opinion that two days' notice of motion for leave to introduce Private Bills, after such Bills have been favourably reported on by the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, was unnecessary.—*Vide* Rules Nos. 30 and 54.

Todd's Private Bill Practice, page 54.—“When a Petition has been favourably reported on by the Committee on Standing Orders, a Bill may be introduced upon a “motion for leave . . . immediately before the calling of the Orders for Private Bills.”

May's Parliamentary Practice, pages 727-731.—“If the Standing Orders have been complied with, the Bill is at once ordered to be brought in.”

Mr. *E. Brown* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill, No. 14, intituled “An Act respecting the Official Map of the City of New Westminster.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Helgesen* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill, No. 15, intituled “An Act to incorporate the Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Company, Limited.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Cowan* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill, No. 16, intituled “An Act granting certain water privileges to the Waverly Hydraulic Mining Company, Limited.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Cowan* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill, No. 17, intituled “An Act granting to *Ithiel Blake Nason* and others certain water privileges, and the right to construct ditches and flumes, on the North Fork of *Quesnelle River*.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read first time.

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

Resolved, That Bill No. 1, intituled “An Act respecting the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia and his Deputies,” do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 2, intituled “An Act respecting the construction of the Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*,” 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 without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill No. 3, intituled “An Act respecting Affidavits, Declarations, and Affirmations made out of the Province of British Columbia for use therein,” 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. 5, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1872,'" was considered.

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

That the words "and shall be read and construed with the Act hereby amended," be added at the end of section 6.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 11, intituled "An Act to prevent certain Animals and Birds, intended to be protected by the Game Laws, from being killed or entrapped elsewhere and brought into the protected portions of the Province during the close seasons," was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.15, p.m.

Wednesday, 14th April, 1880.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 4, intituled "An Act respecting Police Constables," 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.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill No. 5, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1872,'" 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. 13, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fence 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 the Bill complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

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

Mr. *Wilson* presented two Petitions from the Corporation of the City of *Victoria*.

Ordered, That the Petitions be received.

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

That a Return of all Crown Lands sold, from the 31st December, 1878, to 31st December, 1879, be sent down to this House.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to send down, as soon as possible, copies of all correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Government of this Province, respecting the Acts passed by this Legislature in the Sessions of 1878 and 1879.

Mr. *Vernon* asked leave to introduce a Bill, No. 18, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1879.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Mr. *Vernon* asked leave to introduce a Bill, No. 19, intituled "An Act to fix the time for the annual meeting of the Provincial Legislature."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3 p.m.

Thursday, 15th April, 1880.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

That it is desirable that a Report on Agriculture, similar in scope to that on Mines, be issued annually by this Province.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to visit and enquire into the manner in which the Gaol, Hospital, and Lunatic Asylum, *New Westminster*, are conducted, and report the same to this House; such Committee to consist of Messrs. *E. Brown*, *McIlmoyl*, and the mover.

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

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the working of the Public School Act, and into the statements made by the Superintendent of Education in his Report of 1879, respecting the conduct of the teachers and others, with power to call for persons and papers, and examine witnesses; said Committee to consist of Messrs. *Humphreys*, *Mara*, *Ferguson*, *Helgesen*, and the mover.

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

Whether the statement of account between *Reed Bros. & Co.*, and the Government, published in his last annual report, is accepted as correct by *Reed Bros. & Co.*? If so, whether the sum of \$3,632, 65½ owing by *Reed Bros. & Co.*, to this Government on 30th November, 1879, has been paid? If the published statement of account is disputed by *Reed Bros. & Co.*, whether they have presented their account to the Government?

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

"The statement of account has been disputed by Messrs. *Reed Bros. & Co.*, and their account sent in to-day to the Department."

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following Question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to take action in the Legislature during the present Session, with a view to secure the construction of the *Esquimalt-Nanaimo* Railway by the Dominion Government, in accordance with the terms of the agreement under the *Carnarvon* Settlement?

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

"It is the intention of the Government to ask the House to adopt such steps, this Session, as will promote the construction of the work referred to at as early a day as possible."

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 13, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fence Act, 1879,'" was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.45, p.m.

Friday, 16th April, 1880.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

That the Public Accounts from 1st January, 1879, to date, be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Mr. *Harris* asked leave to introduce a Bill, No. 20, intituled "An Act to enable the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to accept surrenders of Letters Patent incorporating Municipalities."

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. *Ash*, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a copy of the Contract entered into with Messrs. *McNamee & Co.*, for the construction of the *Esquimatt* Graving Dock, be presented to this House.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill, No. 21, intituled "An Act respecting Sheriffs and Registrars."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced.

Ordered to be read a first time on Monday next.

Mr. *E. Brown* asked leave to introduce a Bill, No. 22, intituled "An Act respecting the 'Independence of Parliament Act, 1875.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 2.45 p.m.