

JOURNALS
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SESSION, 1894.

Thursday, 18th January, 1894.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

This being the first day of the fourth meeting of the Sixth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable EDGAR DEWDNEY, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the Fourteenth day of December, 1893.

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I have much pleasure in meeting you again in this your fourth Session for the dispatch of the business of the country.

The measure of Redistribution, which was necessarily postponed on account of imperfect census returns, will be introduced during the present Session for your consideration.

Acting under the authority conferred by the "Railway Aid Act" of last Session, a guarantee of interest has been given in favour of the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company, and I am glad to state that the work of construction has been vigorously pushed, and the line will be in running order during the present year, so that the valuable trade of the Slocan region will be attracted towards the mercantile centres of the Province.

In arranging, under your authority, the details of the agreement with the Company I have reserved the alternative right of guaranteeing the bonds of the Company, both as to principal and interest. By adopting this plan the bonds can be sold for a higher price, and considerable economy effected. Your attention will be asked to a measure with this object. Papers upon the subject will be laid before you.

I am happy to inform you that following upon your former legislation the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway has been nearly completed and is now running, thus materially assisting in the general development of the Province.

Notwithstanding the reduction in the market price of silver, the mines of the West Kootenay District, in consequence of the high grade of their ores, have shewn a healthy development.

In Cariboo and other portions of the Province marked attention has been given to Hydraulic Mining, and important works are being undertaken in that direction.

The coal mines of the Province have shewn an output of 979,260 tons, being an increase of 152,925 tons over last year.

The Agricultural and Horticultural reports from the various districts shew a satisfactory improvement both as to the area under cultivation and the modes of culture.

Our Fishing Industry, a great source of wealth to the Province, has produced results larger than in any previous year. The question as to the jurisdiction of the Dominion Government to grant licences for and to regulate fishing in Provincial waters is about to be submitted to the Supreme Court of Canada, and I shall take care that the interests of this Province are properly represented before that tribunal.

In view of the discoveries of gold in the Alberni District during the past year, and claims to the precious metals within the railway lands upon Vancouver Island having been advanced by the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, a special case raising the point has been referred to the Supreme Court for decision.

A suitable site for the "Provincial Home," the establishment of which was authorized by you, has been purchased at Kamloops, plans have been prepared for the building, and tenders for construction will shortly be called for.

Although the past year has been one of great commercial depression throughout the world, the Revenue of the Province has closely approximated the estimate, notwithstanding the diversion of considerable sums to newly formed Municipalities.

The three per cent. loan authorized for the construction of new Legislative and Departmental Buildings by the "Parliament Buildings Act" was placed upon the money market and brought 92 per cent. of par value, an appreciable and gratifying increase in the value of Provincial securities. Contracts for the buildings have been awarded, and the work is now in progress.

The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the coming year will be laid before you at an early date, and it is trusted that they will be found to have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service. In deliberating upon the items of expenditure you will be asked to consider the justice of aiding Township Municipalities by expenditures upon trunk roads.

The long standing dispute with the Dominion Government on the subject of the title to the railway lands upon the Mainland and the method of dealing with them was not brought before the Courts during the last year. Negotiations looking towards an amicable settlement are pending, the successful result of which would obviate the necessity of a reference to a judicial tribunal; and I hope to be able to make an announcement upon this subject during the Session.

Investigation into the census returns, made for the purpose of securing data for the Redistribution Bill to be submitted to you, has disclosed the fact that several tribes of Indians were unvisited by the census enumerators, and that no allowance for their numbers has been made in arriving at the total population of the Province, as shown by the census. I have caused representations upon this subject to be made to the Dominion Government.

You will be asked to consider amendments to the Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation Act, so as to facilitate suitable guarantees being given by the Government under proper conditions, and also an Act providing that the measurement of timber shall be conducted by officers appointed by the Government.

A Bill consolidating the Law of Evidence, a Partnership Act, a Bill to amend the Act dealing with the Labour Bureau, and a Bill imposing Succession Duties, will be among the measures submitted to you.

I now leave you to your deliberations, trusting that Providence will so order your labours that they may prove permanently beneficial to all classes of our people.

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

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop Perrin.

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

Mr. Speaker stated that *William Adams, Esq.*, had been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of *Ithiel Blake Nason, Esq.*, a member for the *Cariboo* Electoral District.

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

“SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

“16th January, 1894.

“*Thornton Fell, Esq.,*

“*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Victoria:*

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly in consequence of the death of *Ithiel Blake Nason, Esquire*, a member for the *Cariboo* Electoral District.

“And whereas on the 26th day of August, 1893, a writ for the election of a member to represent such District was duly issued to *John Bowron, Esq.*, the Returning Officer of the said Electoral District.

“Now I do hereby certify that on the 19th day of October, 1893, the said writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate attached, whereby it appears that *William Adams, Esquire*, has been, under and by virtue of the said writ, elected a member to represent the said District of *Cariboo* in the Legislative Assembly.

“*JAMES C. PREVOST,*

“*Registrar, Supreme Court.*”

William Adams, Esq., having been duly sworn, was introduced by the *Hon. T. Davie* and *S. A. Rogers, Esq.*

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 the 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;
4. On Railways;
5. On Mining;

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.

On the motion of the *Hon. Mr. Davie*, seconded by the *Hon. Mr. Vernon*,—

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

The Honourable *Mr. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to protect the Goods of Lodgers from Distress.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The *Hon. Colonel Baker* presented the List of Voters of the several Electoral Districts of the Province, 1893.

The *Hon. Mr. Turner* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year ended 30th June, 1893.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:35 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 22nd January, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Perrin*.

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

Mr. *G. B. Martin* moved, seconded by Mr. *D. M. Eberts*,—

1. That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, to thank His Honour for his gracious Speech at the opening of this our Fourth Session, and further to assure His Honour that we have much pleasure in meeting him again for the dispatch of the business of the country.

2. That we will carefully consider the measure of Redistribution, which was necessarily postponed on account of imperfect census returns, but which we are informed will be introduced during the present Session for our consideration.

3. That we are glad to learn that, acting under the authority conferred by the "Railway Aid Act" of last Session, a guarantee of interest has been given in favour of the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company, and to be informed that the work of construction has been vigorously pushed, and that the line will be in running order during the present year, so that the valuable trade of the Slocan region will be attracted towards the mercantile centres of the Province.

4. That we are pleased to hear that in arranging, under our authority, the details of the agreement with the Company, there has been reserved the alternative right of guaranteeing the bonds of the Company, both as to principal and interest, and that by adopting this plan the bonds can be sold for a higher price, and considerable economy effected. We will give our close attention to a measure with this object, and to any papers upon the subject which may be laid before us.

5. That we are happy to be informed that, following upon our former legislation, the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway has been nearly completed and is now running, thus materially assisting in the general development of the Province.

6. That we hear with satisfaction that, notwithstanding the reduction in the market price of silver, the mines of the West Kootenay District, in consequence of the high grade of their ores, have shewn a healthy development.

7. That it is gratifying to us to learn that in Cariboo and other portions of the Province marked attention has been given to Hydraulic Mining, and that important works are being undertaken in that direction.

8. That we notice with pleasure that the coal mines of the Province have shewn an output of 979,260 tons, being an increase of 152,925 tons over last year.

9. That we are glad to be informed that the Agricultural and Horticultural reports from the various districts shew a satisfactory improvement, both as to the area under cultivation and the modes of culture.

10. That we are pleased to hear that our Fishing Industry, a great source of wealth to the Province, has produced results larger than in any previous year, and we note with approbation that the question as to the jurisdiction of the Dominion Government to grant licences for and to regulate fishing in Provincial waters is about to be submitted to the Supreme Court of Canada, and that care will be taken that the interests of this Province are properly represented before that tribunal.

11. That we note that in view of the discoveries of gold in the Alberni District during the past year, and claims to the precious metals within the railway lands upon Vancouver Island having been advanced by the Esquimalt and Nanaino Railway Company, a special case raising the point has been referred to the Supreme Court for decision.

12. That we remark that a suitable site for the "Provincial Home," the establishment of which was authorized by us, has been purchased at Kamloops, that plans have been prepared for the building, and that tenders for construction will shortly be called for.

13. That it is gratifying to us to hear that although the past year has been one of great commercial depression throughout the world, the Revenue of the Province has closely approximated the estimate, notwithstanding the diversion of considerable sums to newly formed Municipalities.

14. That we learn with satisfaction that the three per cent. loan authorized for the construction of new Legislative and Departmental Buildings by the "Parliament Buildings Act" was placed upon the money market and brought 92 per cent. of par value, an appreciable and gratifying increase in the value of Provincial securities, and that contracts for the buildings have been awarded and the work is now in progress.

15. That we thank His Honour for the assurance that the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the coming year will be laid before us at any early date, and it is trusted that they will be found to have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service, and we assure His Honour that in deliberating upon the items of expenditure we will consider the justice of aiding Township Municipalities by expenditures upon trunk roads.

16. That we note that the long standing dispute with the Dominion Government on the subject of the title to the railway lands upon the Mainland and the method of dealing with them was not brought before the Courts during the last year, and we are glad to hear that negotiations looking towards an amicable settlement are pending, the successful result of which would obviate the necessity of a reference to a judicial tribunal; and we will welcome an announcement upon this subject during the Session.

17. That we observe that investigation into the census returns, made for the purpose of securing data for the Redistribution Bill to be submitted to us, has disclosed the fact that several tribes of Indians were unvisited by the census enumerators, and that no allowance for their numbers has been made in arriving at the total population of the Province, as shown by the census, and it affords us satisfaction to learn that representations upon this subject have been made to the Dominion Government.

18. We will give our attentive consideration to amendments to the Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation Act, so as to facilitate suitable guarantees being given by the Government under proper conditions, and also to an Act providing that the measurement of timber shall be conducted by officers appointed by the Government.

19. That due attention will be given to a Bill consolidating the Law of Evidence, a Partnership Act, a Bill to amend the Act dealing with the Labour Bureau, and a Bill imposing Succession Duties.

20. That we sincerely join with His Honour in trusting that Providence will so order our labours that they may prove permanently beneficial to all classes of our people.

A debate arose, and the same was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting Partnership."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Witnesses and Evidence."

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act for the better prevention of Fraudulent or Misleading Statements by Companies and others."

Leave 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 to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5:55 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 23rd January, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *Scriven*.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion to present an Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, was resumed.

Resolution agreed to.

The said Address then read a second time, clause by clause.

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 were agreed to.

Upon clause 4 being read,—

Mr. *Beaven* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*,—

To strike out of line one the word "pleased" and insert "interested."

The motion was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 20, both inclusive, agreed to.

Read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

On the motion of the Honourable the Attorney-General, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance, 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 Provincial Secretary, the Honourable the Minister of Finance, the Honourable the President of the Executive Council, the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and Messrs. *Martin* and *Eberts*.

The Honourable the Attorney General, from the Select Committee, reported an Address which read as follows:—

To the Honourable EDGAR DEWDNEY, 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 Fourth Session of the sixth term of the Provincial Parliament.

We will carefully consider the measure of Redistribution, which was necessarily postponed on account of imperfect census returns, but which we are informed will be introduced during the present Session for our consideration.

We are glad to learn that, acting under the authority conferred by the "Railway Aid Act" of last Session, a guarantee of interest has been given in favour of the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company, and to be informed that the work of construction has been vigorously pushed, and that the line will be in running order during the present year, so that the valuable trade of the Slocan region will be attracted towards the mercantile centres of the Province.

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We note that the long standing dispute with the Dominion Government on the subject of the title to the railway lands upon the Mainland and the method of dealing with them was not brought before the Courts during the last year, and we are glad to hear that negotiations looking towards an amicable settlement are pending, the successful result of which would obviate the necessity of a reference to a judicial tribunal; and we will welcome an announcement upon this subject during the Session.

We observe that investigation into the census returns, made for the purpose of securing data for the Redistribution Bill to be submitted to us, has disclosed the fact that several tribes of Indians were unvisited by the census enumerators, and that no allowance for their numbers has been made in arriving at the total population of the Province, as shewn by the census, and it affords us satisfaction to learn that representations upon this subject have been made to the Dominion Government.

We will give our attentive consideration to amendments to the Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation Act, so far as to facilitate suitable guarantees being given by the Government under proper conditions, and also to an Act providing that the measurement of timber shall be conducted by officers appointed by the Government.

Due attention will be given to a Bill consolidating the Law of Evidence, a Partnership Act, a Bill to amend the Act dealing with the Labour Bureau, and a Bill imposing Succession Duties.

We sincerely join with Your Honour in trusting that Providence will so order our labours that they may prove permanently beneficial to all classes of our people.

On the motion of the Honourable the Attorney-General, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance, it was *Resolved*,—

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.

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to protect the Goods of Lodgers from Distress,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Messrs. *Eberts, Smith, Hunter, Martin, Semlin, Kitchen*, and *Milne*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

Messrs. *Martin, Croft, Rogers, Cotton* and *Beaven*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Messrs. *Anderson, Fletcher, Hall, Brown* and *McKenzie*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Printing.

Messrs. *Booth, Hunter, Stoddart, Rogers, Eberts, Adams, Punch, Croft, Horne, Anderson, Watt, Sword, Forster, Brown, Keith, Kellie, McKenzie*, and *Grant*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

Messrs. *Smith, Rogers, Stoddart, Watt, Adams, Kellie, Grant, Cotton*, and *Keith*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Mining.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:30 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, January 24th, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *Scriven*.

Mr. *Punch* presented a Petition from *C. G. Major* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate “The Delta and New Westminster Railway Company.”

Laid on the table.

On the motion of the Honourable Colonel *Baker*, seconded by Mr. *Watt*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to convey to Her Majesty's Most Honourable Secretary of State for the Colonies, through the Honourable the Secretary of State for Canada, that, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that it should be ordained by international agreement—

1. That gold and silver be legal tender to any amount.
2. That the value of silver in terms of gold be fixed.
3. That gold and silver bullion in any amounts be freely turned into coin at State mints.

On the motion of Mr. *Sword*, seconded by Mr. *Kitchen*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be laid before the House a copy of the report or reports made by *J. Pierson* while acting as travelling Government Auditor, and all correspondence in relation thereto.

Mr. *McKenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*,—

That a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Milne*, *Smith*, *Anderson*, *Rogers*, and the mover, be appointed to enquire into the management of the *Gauvreau* expedition in the north-western portion of the Province in the year 1892; the cost of the expedition; the work accomplished, and all other matters connected with the same, with power to call for persons and papers and to report to this House.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

Mr. *Smith* presented a Petition from "The British Columbia Southern Railway Company" for a Private Bill to consolidate their corporate Acts, and for additional powers.

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sword*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him that he will cause to be sent down to this House copies of all correspondence between the Premier (Hon. *T. Davie*) and Mr. *H. C. Beeton*, extending over the period between June, 1893, and the present time.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Colonel *Baker*,—

To add thereto the words, "and a copy of the report of the meeting of the 24th September, referred to in Mr. *H. R. Beeton's* letter of 14th October, 1893."

The amendment was withdrawn, with leave, on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Punch</i> ,	<i>Davie</i> ,	<i>Hall</i> ,	<i>Croft</i> ,
<i>Horne</i> ,	<i>Vernon</i> ,	<i>Adams</i> ,	<i>Hunter</i> ,
<i>Smith</i> ,	<i>Eberts</i> ,	<i>Pooley</i> ,	<i>Rogers</i> ,
<i>Watt</i> ,	<i>Stoddart</i> ,	<i>Turner</i> ,	<i>Anderson</i> ,
<i>Baker</i> ,	<i>Booth</i> ,	<i>Martin</i> ,	<i>Fletcher</i> —20.

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin</i> ,	<i>Sword</i> ,	<i>Milne</i> ,	<i>Forster</i> ,
<i>Grant</i> ,	<i>Kitchen</i> ,	<i>Beaven</i> ,	<i>Keith</i> —11.
<i>McKenzie</i> ,	<i>Cotton</i> ,	<i>Brown</i> ,	

Original resolution proposed and resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. *Croft*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Davie*, it was Resolved,—

Whereas for some years past a large area of the most valuable agricultural land in the District of *Cowichan*, *Vancouver Island*, the same representing the deltas of the *Cowichan*, *Koksilah*, and *Chemainus Rivers*, has been inundated by said streams;

And whereas the *Koksilah River* has become obstructed by trees and other driftwood;

And whereas the *Cowichan River* has for the last few years been largely used by lumbermen for floating timber to the sea-coast;

And whereas large areas of land on the banks of the *Cowichan River* have been destroyed during the last two years, the *Cowichan Indian Reserve* alone having been reduced by an area of one hundred and twenty acres;

And whereas it is estimated that 2,000,000,000 feet of merchantable timber exists around the head-waters of the *Cowichan River* (of a value delivered in salt water of \$10,000,000);

And whereas it is of the utmost importance to the District of *Cowichan* and the Dominion of Canada that the lumber industry in this district may continue;

Therefore, be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that representations be made to the Dominion Government to take steps towards having the obstructions in the *Koksilah River* removed, and the *Chemainus* and *Cowichan Rivers* put in such a state that the important industries of lumbering and farming in the District of *Cowichan* may flourish.

On the motion of the Honourable the Attorney-General, Mr. *Hall* was nominated as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, in the place of Mr. *Rogers*, withdrawn.

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

Whether it would not be practicable and desirable for the Government to dispose of the surveyed lands in the *Nechaco Valley* to actual settlers, in accordance with the principles of the single tax system ; that is, that the Province should retain its proprietary rights in, but dispose of, the lands on perpetual lease to those who will occupy and improve them, levying yearly as rental or tax a single impost, which shall include and exclude all other Provincial taxes?

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

“It would not be practicable for the Government to dispose of the surveyed lands in the *Nechaco* to actual settlers in the manner indicated without legislation.

“The desirability of such legislation is a question upon which I am not prepared at the present time to pronounce an opinion.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:45 o'clock, p. m.

Thursday, 25th January, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Perrin*.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

From *C. G. Major* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate “The Delta and New Westminster Railway Company.”

From “The British Columbia Southern Railway Company,” for a Private Bill to consolidate their corporate Acts, and for additional powers.

On the motion of Mr. *Watt*, seconded by Mr. *Punch*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented by this House to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to again move the Dominion Government to increase the per capita tax on Chinamen coming into the Dominion to \$100 each ; at the same time expressing strongly the opinion of this House that three-fourths of all moneys received at British Columbia ports from the proposed higher tax, or (if such higher tax be not imposed) from the present tax of \$50, should be paid to this Province, as the chief injury from the presence of these Chinamen is sustained by this Province, and not by the Dominion.

The Honourable the Attorney-General presented a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Premier (Hon. *T. Davie*) and Mr. *H. C. Beeton*, extending over the period between June, 1893, and the present time.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Horne*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a return of all correspondence between the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Mr. *Gauvreau* and Capt. *Moore*, regarding the management of the *Gauvreau* expedition in the north-western portion of the Province in the year 1892.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Turner*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Davie*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be sent down to this House a Return showing in detail—

- (a.) All appointments made to the Provincial Health Board since July 1st, 1892.
(b.) Salaries and allowances paid to persons so appointed.

Mr. *Sword* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government the following question:—

Upon what terms was the time for commencing the actual work of construction on the Canadian Western Central Railway extended to the 1st August, 1894?

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

“In granting the application of the Railway Company for an extension of the time for the commencement of actual work of construction, no new terms were imposed.”

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

Has the bond given by the Canadian Western Central Railway Company as security that \$50,000 would be expended within a year in surveys for the purpose of locating the railway, been declared forfeited?

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

“No steps have been taken in the matter.”

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

What sums have been diverted to newly formed Municipalities between the preparation of the Estimates last year and the present time, as stated in clause 13 of the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor?

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

“The estimate of amount derivable from property taxes was based on a calculation from the Rolls of 1892, the assessment of which was made in 1891, consequently all sums diverted to Municipalities formed in 1892 affect the estimate of revenue made for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1893.

“The sum so diverted amounts, approximately, to \$40,000, in the following Municipalities:

“NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.

“Sumas	Incorporated	January 5th,	1892.
“Nicomen	”	March 24th,	”
“Dewdney	”	April 7th,	”
“South Vancouver	”	April 13th,	”
“Mission	”	July 4th,	”
“Burnaby	”	Sept. 22nd,	”
“Matsqui	”	Novr. 26th,	”

“YALE DISTRICT.

“Spallumcheen	Incorporated	July 21st,	”
“Vernon	Application	Oct. 17th.	”

Mr. *Eberts* presented a Petition from *R. A. Anderson* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate “The Great Western Telegraph Company.”

Laid on the table.

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to protect the Goods of Lodgers from Distress,” was committed, with Mr. *Booth* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting Partnership," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Sword* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Witnesses and Evidence," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:50 o'clock, p. m.

Friday, 26th January, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *Scriven*.

Mr. *Horne* presented a Petition from *A. G. Ferguson* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Consolidated Electric Railway and Light Company."

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Eberts* presented a Petition from "The Hall Mines, Limited," for a Private Bill to obtain power to take water from *Kootenay River* and expropriate lands for tramway, electric light, mining and other purposes.

Laid on the table.

The Petition from *R. A. Anderson* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Great Western Telegraph Company," was read and received.

Pursuant to Order, the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session was considered.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Turner*, seconded by the Honourable Colonel *Baker*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

Mr. *Milne* asked the Honourable the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Did *J. N. Muir* furnish satisfactory proof of his good moral character to the Board of Examiners of Teachers, last July?

2. Did the Board of Examiners grant to *J. N. Muir* last July the opportunity of appearing before it to satisfy section 56 of the School Act? If not, why not?

3. Did the Board of Examiners examine *J. N. Muir* last July, in order to satisfy section 56 of the School Act? If not, why not?

4. Did the Board of Examiners give *J. N. Muir* any reason for its refusal to grant him a teacher's certificate last July? If not, why not?

5. Why did the Board of Examiners refuse to grant *J. N. Muir* a teacher's certificate last July?

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* replied as follows:—

"Answer to Question 1—Yes; but Mr. *J. N. Muir* did not satisfy all the requirements of section 56 of the 'Public School Act.'

"Answer to Question 2—It is not the practice for candidates to be required to appear before the Board of Examiners, in order to satisfy the requirements of section 56 of the 'Public School Act.'

“Answer to Question 3—No; for the reason stated in answer given to second question.

“Answer to Question 4—It has not been the practice of the Board of Examiners, in making its report, to state the reason of the failure of any candidate to obtain a certificate who did not fully satisfy the requirements of section 56 of the ‘Public School Act.’

“Answer to Question 5—I am not in a position to state what individual considerations influenced the members of the Board in unanimously refusing to grant to Mr. Muir a certificate in 1893, but do not doubt that it was because he failed to fully satisfy the requirements of section 56 of the ‘Public School Act.’”

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* presented 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 :—

E. DEWDNEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to provide for the establishment of a Bureau of Labour Statistics, and also for the formation of Councils of Conciliation and Arbitration,” and in accordance with the provisions contained in section 54 of “The British North America Act, 1867,” he recommends the Bill to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
25th January, 1894.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to protect the Goods of Lodgers from Distress,” was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act respecting Partnership,” was again committed, with Mr. *Sword* in the Chair.

The Committee reported the Bill complete with amendments.

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act respecting Witnesses and Evidence,” was committed, with Mr. *McKenzie* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:05 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 29th January, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by Rev. Dr. *J. Campbell.*

The Petition from *A. G. Ferguson* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate “The Consolidated Electric Railway and Light Company,” was read and received.

Mr. *Martin* presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
January 29th, 1894.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders beg to report that the Standing Orders in connection with the following Petitions have been complied with:—

No. 1—An Act to Incorporate the Delta and New Westminster Railway Company.

No. 2—An Act to amend and consolidate the B. C. Southern Railway Company.

GEO. B. MARTIN,
Chairman.

The Report was read and received.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the establishment of a Bureau of Labour Statistics, and also for the formation of Councils of Conciliation and Arbitration," with Mr. *Martin* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Honourable Colonel *Baker*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Turner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Committee rise and report to the House "An Act to provide for the establishment of a Bureau of Labour Statistics, and also for the formation of Councils of Conciliation and Arbitration."

The report was received and adopted.

On the motion of the Honourable Colonel *Baker*, Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to provide for the establishment of a Bureau of Labour Statistics, and also for the formation of Councils of Conciliation and Arbitration," was read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to Consolidate and amend the Acts respecting the Provincial Board of Horticulture."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

Whereas by an Act entitled "An Act authorizing the transfer of certain Public Property to the Provincial Government," chapter 7, 54 and 55 Victoria, the Governor-General in Council may by such instrument as he authorizes for that purpose transfer, without pecuniary consideration, to the Province of British Columbia all the interests of Her Majesty in the rights of Canada in the foreshore and bed of every or any stream, river, lake, harbour, bay, open sea, or other territorial waters of Canada within the limits of this Province;

And whereas the Corporation of the City of *Vancouver* is desirous of obtaining, for public purposes, all that portion of *False Creek* lying to the east of *Westminster Avenue*, in the City of *Vancouver*, together with the tidal lands of the same, and the right to dam and drain the said portion of *False Creek*;

Be it therefore Resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to take such steps as he may deem necessary to have that portion of *False Creek* and tidal lands referred to transferred to the Province of British Columbia, for the purpose of having the said tidal lands conveyed to the Corporation of the City of *Vancouver*.

On the motion of Mr. *Sword*, seconded by Mr. *Kitchen*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to send down to the House a Return showing the amount of taxes due and unpaid in each district at the close of the financial year, 30th June, 1893. Also a statement showing how much of these amounts has accrued in each year.

On the motion of Mr. *Watt*, seconded by Mr. *Milne*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be laid before this House a Return of all hospitals receiving aid from the Legislature, showing—

1. Number of directors or trustees, and how elected or appointed.
2. Number of patients, male or female, who may be accommodated in each.
3. Number of patients treated during the year 1893; number discharged; number died; and ages of those died or discharged.
4. Number of free patients; number of paying patients.
5. Totals of income and expenditure for year 1893. Receipts to show amounts from Legislative grant; from paying patients; from subscriptions or other sources.
6. Cost of buildings erected, showing amounts contributed from private sources; amounts received from Government.
7. Number of hospitals having infectious or isolation wards or buildings.
8. Number of hospital boards sending in copies of annual reports to Government.
9. Number of hospitals inspected during the year.

Upon the motion given notice of by Mr. *Watt*, as follows:—

“That in the opinion of this House the ‘Municipal Act’ should be so amended as to empower Municipal Councils to require every person, company, or corporation employing Chinamen in any capacity within the municipality to take out a license for that purpose, paying to such municipality for such license a fee of such sum as may be deemed expedient, up to \$50 per year for each Chinaman so employed, for a year or portion of a year,” being called,—

Mr. *Speaker Higgins* ruled the same out of order, his decision being as follows:—

The Resolution of the Hon. Member for Cariboo (Mr. *Watt*) proposes to inaugurate a system of indirect taxation, which the Province, not having power to adopt for its own purposes, cannot confer on a municipality (*see sec. 92, “British North America Act,” sub-sec. 2*). The tax, although paid by the employer in the first instance, would indirectly be paid by the employé, as the amount would be deducted from his wages. In view, too, of the decisions of the Supreme Court in the cases of *Tai Sing v. Maguire* and *Regina v. Wong Chung* (‘British Columbia Law Reports,’ Vol. 1, Parts I. and II.), in which it was sought by the Province to impose unequal taxation on Chinese, I think it would be waste of time and money to allow a resolution of this nature to go through, since the principle it involves could not be enforced. I, therefore, rule that the motion proposes a tax that is *ultra vires* of the power of the Legislature.

D. W. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Supreme Court Act.’”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

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

What portion of *Vancouver Island* is included in the *Coast District*?

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

“Coast District does not include any portion of Vancouver Island.”

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

What Crown grants have been issued for mineral claims under both Mining Acts (Mineral and Placer)?

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

“The ‘Placer Mining Act, 1891,’ does not contain provisions under which a Crown grant can be acquired.

“Twenty-five Crown grants have been issued under the provisions of the ‘Mineral Act, 1891.’”

Mr. *Kitchen* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following question:—

On what date, and on what terms or conditions, was \$20,000 granted to the Island Mountain Quartz Mining Co.?

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

“The grant to the Island Mountain Quartz Mining Company was made on the 23rd of May, 1887, by authority of “An Act to aid the development of Quartz Mines;” and in accordance with an Order in Council, approved on 23rd May, 1887, authorizing the guarantee and repayment within five years of a sum not exceeding \$20,000, with the interest thereon; the interest not to exceed 6 per cent. per annum. The Company obtained \$20,000 from the Bank of British Columbia, and failed to comply with the conditions of section 5 of the Act herein referred. On the 31st March, 1890, the amount, together with accumulated interest, was paid by the Government to the Bank, amounting in all to \$22,973.44, which, in accordance with the Act, stands as a charge and claim against the property of the Company.”

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act respecting Witnesses and Evidence,” was again committed, with Mr. *McKenzie* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented a Return to an Order of the House for all correspondence between the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Mr. *Gauvreau* and Capt. *Moore*, regarding the management of the *Gauvreau* expedition in the north-western portion of the Province in the year 1892.

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act for the better prevention of Fraudulent or Misleading Statements by Companies and others,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

Mr. *Punch* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Delta and New Westminster Railway Company.”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

And then the House adjourned at 4:30 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 30th January, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by Rev. *J. M. Douglas*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 2:25 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 31st January, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by Rev. Dr. *J. Campbell*.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Croft*, from *C. T. Dupont* and others, for a Private Bill (*re Kaslo-Carpenter Creek Railway*).

By Mr. *Horne*, from *Lachlan McLean* and others, for a Private Bill (*re claim against Richmond Municipality*).

The Petition from “The Hall Mines, Limited,” for a Private Bill to obtain power to take water from the *Kootenay River* and expropriate lands for tramway, electric light, mining and other purposes, was read and received.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to extend the application of the ‘Marriage Act’ and the ‘Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act’ to the Society called the Salvation Army.”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Licences Act.’”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to abolish the right to access and use of Light by prescription.”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Orders in Council authorizing the allowance of a drawback or rebate on royalties on any piles, spars, or timber, with the amount of the same allowed, and the name of the company or person to whom the rebate has been granted.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to the House copies of all correspondence between the Government of this Province and the Government of the Dominion, and Orders in Council, relative to the *Songhees Indian Reserve*, or better known as the *Indian Reserve*, situated within the corporation limits of the City of *Victoria*.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Twenty-second Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province for the year 1892-93, together with a Manual of School Law and School Regulations.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* presented the following papers:—

Statement of Bonds deposited in the Provincial Secretary's Office by Civil Officers;

Statement of Commons established, showing revenue collected;

Statement of the names and places of residence of Collectors of Revenue.

Mr *Martin* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act (1892) Amendment Act, 1893.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Witnesses and Evidence," was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *McKenzie* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Sword*, seconded by Mr. *McKenzie*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the sums, if any, due and unpaid on land sold in the various districts at the present time.

On the motion of Mr. *Sword*, seconded by Mr. *McKenzie*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the amount, if any, of Land Registry fees due and unpaid at the present time, the names of those in arrears, with the respective amounts, and the years in which such arrears accrued.

On the motion of Mr. *Semin*, seconded by Mr. *Grant*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking His Honour to be pleased to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Orders in Council, contracts, tenders, and correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and the contractor for the construction of the *Nakusp* and *Slocan* Railway.

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

Is the Government prepared to name the date upon which the Redistribution Bill will be brought down to this House?

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

"The Bill will be brought down in due time. I cannot name the date."

The adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. *McKenzie*,—

"That a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Milne*, *Smith*, *Anderson*, *Rogers*, *Hall*, and the mover, be appointed to enquire into the management of the *Gauvreau* expedition in the north-western portion of the Province in the year 1892; the cost of the expedition; the work accomplished, and all other matters connected with the same, with power to call for persons and papers and to report to this House," was resumed.

The motion was carried.

Mr. *Keith* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following questions :—

1. Is the amendment to the Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1890 constitutional, or in other words, is said Act workable?

2. And if said Act is "constitutional," is it the intention of the Government to enforce it?

The question was ruled out of order on the ground that it involved a legal opinion.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was committed, with Mr. *Stoddart* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again

Leave granted for to-morrow.

Mr. *Watt* presented a Petition from "The Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company," for a Private Bill to amend their corporate Act, and for additional powers.

Laid on the table.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to Consolidate and amend the Acts respecting the Provincial Board of Horticulture," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Keith* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

Mr. *Eberts* presented the following Petitions, which were laid on the table :—

From “The Horsefly Hydraulic Mining Company,” for a Private Bill to consolidate the Company’s mining properties.

From “The Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company,” for a Private Bill to consolidate the Company’s mining properties.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:45 o’clock, p. m.

Thursday, 1st February, 1894.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by Rev. Dr. *J. Campbell*.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table :—

By Mr. *Booth*, from *John Irving* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate “The Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company.”

By Mr. *Booth*, from *James H. Brownlee* and others, for a Private Bill to amend the “Mount Tolmie Park and Cordova Bay Railway Company Act, 1893.”

By Mr. *Punch*, from *D. McGillivray* and others, for a Private Bill to authorize the reclamation of lands in *New Westminster* District adjacent to *Sumas Lake* and *Vedder Creek*.

By Mr. *Hunter*, from “The Kaslo and Slocan Railway Company,” for a Private Bill to amend their corporate Act.

By Mr. *Rogers*, from *A. H. Maynard* and many others, for a repeal of sub-sec. 29 of sec. 52 of the “Municipality Act Amendment Act, 1893.”

The following Petitions were read and received :—

From *C. T. Dupont* and others, for a Private Bill (*re Kaslo-Carpenter Creek* Railway).

From *Lachlan McLean* and others, for a Private Bill (*re claim against Richmond Municipality*).

From “The Horsefly Hydraulic Mining Company,” for a Private Bill to consolidate the Company’s mining properties.

From “The Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company,” for a Private Bill to consolidate the Company’s mining properties.

From “The Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company,” for a Private Bill to amend their corporate Act, and for additional powers.

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.”

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Turner*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*—*Resolved*,—That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolved,—That the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Martin*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

Report *Ordered* to be considered forthwith.

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

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

Mr. *Martin* presented the Second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
February 1st, 1894.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders beg to report that the Standing Orders in reference to a Petition to incorporate a Company to be known as "The Consolidated Electric Railway and Light Company" have been complied with.

Your Committee beg to recommend that the time be extended one week for receiving Petitions.

Report read and adopted.

GEO. B. MARTIN,
Chairman.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended for the purpose of extending the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills for seven days, and it was *Ordered* accordingly.

Mr. *Croft* presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, as follows:—

February 1st, 1894.

MR. SPEAKER :

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts beg leave to submit an abstract and list of Special Warrants and Orders in Council relating to expenditure, amounting to \$135,176.04, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province, which has been authorized by the Executive Council between the 1st July, 1893, and the 29th January, 1894, in addition to and in excess of the sums sanctioned by the Legislature by the Supply Bill, 56 Vict., Chap. 44, as the estimated expenditure of the Province from 1st July, 1893, to 30th June, 1894.

HENRY CROFT,
Chairman.

The Report was received and *Ordered* to be printed.

On the motion of Mr. *Horne*, seconded by Mr. *Smith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to send down to this House a Return showing the amounts contributed to the Provincial Treasury by the City of *Vancouver* since 30th June, 1888, to 31st December, 1893. Also, a statement showing all amounts in detail granted to and expended in *Vancouver City* during the same period.

On the motion of Mr. *Milne*, seconded by Mr. *Grant*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking for a return of all correspondence between the Lands and Works Department and Mr. *Neil McCarthur*, respecting the *Yukon District*.

Mr. *Horne* moved, seconded by Mr. *Smith*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the corrected census reports from the Dominion Government of the population of British Columbia; showing the number of whites, Chinese and Indians on the Mainland; also the number of whites, Chinese and Indians on *Vancouver Island*.

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Kitchen*,—

That all the words after the words "British Columbia" be struck out, and the following inserted in their place: "showing the number of whites, Chinese, and Indians in the different constituencies of the Province."

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Watt,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Anderson—17.</i>
<i>Fletcher,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Keith—11.</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	

Original question proposed and *Resolved* in the affirmative on the same division.

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting Partnership," was considered. Mr. *Sword* moved, seconded by Mr. *McKenzie*, to strike out Part III.
Negatived.

Mr. *Sword* moved, seconded by Mr. *McKenzie*,—

To amend section 68 by striking out the words "in the place of residence of each member of the firm," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "in the case of any member of the firm ceasing to reside in the Province."

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Witnesses and Evidence," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act for the better prevention of Fraudulent or Misleading Statements by Companies and others," was committed, with Mr. *Sword* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Stoddart* in the Chair.

The Committee reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to Consolidate and amend the Acts respecting the Provincial Board of Horticulture," was again committed, with Mr. *Keith* in the Chair.

The Committee reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to extend the application of the 'Marriage Act' and the 'Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act' to the Society called the Salvation Army," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Act,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:10 o'clock, p. m.