

Tuesday, 14th January, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to Address, a Return of Public Lands Reserved, (*See Sessional Papers.*)  
*Ordered*, That the Return be printed.

Mr. *McCreight* presented a Report (being the fourth) from the Select Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, "That in consequence of the delay which has taken place in the appointment of the Committee, it is expedient that Standing Order No. 48 should be modified by substituting "five weeks," in lieu of "four weeks," in such Order; and by the substitution of "seven weeks," in lieu of "six weeks," in such Standing Order."

The Report was received.

Mr. *Barnston* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 16) intituled "The *Williams Creek* Fire Brigade Protection Act."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

On motion of Mr. *Barnston*, the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, seconding,—

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, Mr. *Barnston* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Standing Orders be suspended, for the purpose of reading a second time The *Williams Creek* Fire Brigade Protection Bill.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Thursday, 16th January.

On the motion of Mr. *Robson*, Mr. *Duck* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that the Report of the Commission appointed last Session, to enquire into the condition of *Victoria Gaol*, together with a statement showing how far the recommendations of said Report have been, or are about to be, complied with, may be sent down to this House.

On the motion of Mr. *McCreight*, Mr. *Bunster* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That, during this Session, Standing Order No. 48 shall be modified, by substituting "five" for the word "four," and "seven" for the word "six," therein.

Mr. *Robson* asked the Honorable the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

What have been the results (if any) of an Address passed by this House, on the 12th March, 1872, praying that, in subsidising a Steamer to carry the Mails on the East Coast of this Island, certain provision might be made for the rates to be charged for freight and passage?

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* replied as follows:—

"The Address was duly forwarded by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to the Dominion Government, and no reply has, up to the present time, been received."

Mr. *Robson* asked the Honorable the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Whether any arrangement has been made with the Federal Government whereby this Province shall be relieved of the expense of maintaining a class of criminals who would properly be inmates of a Penitentiary, did one exist; and, if not, whether any steps are being taken, or are contemplated, towards the attainment of that object?

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* replied as follows:—

"The Government of the Province has taken for granted that all reasonable charges for the safe custody and maintenance of prisoners condemned to penal servitude, will be defrayed by the Dominion Government, as is the case in other Provinces.

"No definite arrangement has yet been arrived at, but the sum of seventy-five cents per diem, for each prisoner, was named to the Financial Agent of the Dominion, as the sum intended to be claimed by the Provincial Government."

Mr. *Bunster* moved, Mr. *Humphreys* seconding,—

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to prepare a petition to the Dominion Government to consider the expediency of altering the Customs duties on certain articles to be described in the petition, and also the Excise, in order to afford protection to agriculture and manufacturing interests in this Province.

The Hon. Mr. *De Cosmos* moved in Amendment, Mr. *Booth* seconding,—

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

"The question of petitioning the Dominion Government to modify the Customs and Excise, with a view to the protection of agriculture and manufactures, be referred to a Select Committee, and that such Committee consist of Messieurs *Bunster*, *Booth*, *Cogan*, *Duck*, *Humphreys*, and *Hughes*."

The words after "That" were struck out on a division.

The words proposed to be substituted were negatived on a division.

Mr. *Robson* moved in Amendment, Mr. *Holbrook* seconding,—

That the following words be added:—

"This House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, on Monday, 20th January, to consider the propriety of preparing a petition to the Dominion Government to consider the expediency of altering the Customs duties on certain articles to be described in the petition, and also the Excise, in order to afford protection to agriculture and manufacturing interests in this Province."

The Amendment was put and carried.

The Motion as amended was then put and carried.

Mr. *McCreight* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Company*."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

On the motion of Mr. *McCreight*, Mr. *Bunster* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

Referred to Select Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

Mr. *Bunster* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to incorporate the *City of Victoria Water Works Company*."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

On the motion of Mr. *Bunster*, Mr. *Smithe* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

Referred to Select Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to extend the Rights of Property of Married Women," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The House then adjourned, at 6 p.m.

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Wednesday, 15th January, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Hon. Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to Address, a Return of all Lands sold by the Provincial Government, from June, 1870, to December, 1872. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

*Ordered*, That the Return be printed.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Robinson* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the expediency of altering and revising the Mining Laws of British Columbia; such Committee to be composed of Messieurs *Barnston*, *Smith*, *Humphreys*, *Robertson*, *Robinson*, *Hughes*, and *Todd*, with power to call for persons and papers.

On the motion of Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Bunster* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying for all correspondence between the Government of this Province and the Government of Canada, relative to the Resolution passed by this House on the 5th day of March, 1872, and referring to the appointment of County Court Judges for this Province, to be laid before this House.

On motion of Mr. *Robson*, Mr. *Duck* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Courts of Assize and Nisi Prius shall be held more frequently at *Victoria* and other places.

Mr. *Robson* asked the Honorable the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Whether certain Reports of Grand Juries at *Nanaimo*, respecting the condition of the Gaol, and setting forth other requirements of the Town, have been laid before the Government; and, if so, why no action has been taken in respect of the same?

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* replied as follows:—

“I have examined the Records of the Office, and find that no Reports of Grand Juries at *Nanaimo*, were received during the last year.”

Mr. *Robson* asked the Honorable the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

What have been the results (if any) of the Address passed by this House, on the 15th March, 1872, urging the importance of establishing Telegraphic communication between *Victoria* and *Nanaimo*, with a view to extending the same across the *Gulf of Georgia*, by means of a submarine cable, so as to connect with the telegraphic system of the Mainland?

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* replied as follows:—

“The Address of the House, on the subject of Telegraphic communication between *Victoria* and *Nanaimo*, was duly forwarded to the Dominion Government, and its receipt has been acknowledged.”

Mr. *Robertson* asked the Premier the following question:—

Whether it is the intention of the Government to dispense with the services of the Registrar or Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court; and, if so, which?

The Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* replied as follows:—

“The Government have the matter under consideration.”

Mr. *Humphreys* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

Whether the Government have or intend to take any steps, with respect to the appointment of a Surveyor General, and when the said appointment is to be made; and whether the Government, or any Member of the Executive, have promised said appointment to any person; and, if so, to whom?

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

“That steps have been taken by this Government with respect to the appointment of a Surveyor General; but, so far, without results. That the appointment has not been promised to any one by the Government, or by any Member of the Executive.”

Mr. *Humphreys* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

Whether any steps have been taken by the Government, with respect to the construction of a Ferry Boat at *Lillooet*?

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

“No.”

Mr. *Robson* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

Whether it is the intention of the Government, and, if so, *when*, to cause the approaches (without which the structure is utterly useless) to be made to the new Bridge over *Nanaimo River*?

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

“The Expenditure of last year, at this point, exceeded the vote by about \$750, and that the approaches will be attended to as soon as possible.”

Mr. *Holbrook* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General the following question:—

Whether it is the intention of the Government to recommend the more frequent holding of Assizes on the *Mainland* of the Province, and the residence, for the season, of at least one Judge in *Cariboo*, or elsewhere on the *Mainland*?

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

“Yes.”

Mr. *Robertson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to extend the action of Replevin.”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the committal of Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to extend the Rights of Property of Married Women.”

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Friday, the 17th January.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *McCreight* moved, Mr. *Robson* seconding,—

That Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to extend the ‘Public Works Act, 1872,’ and to promote the Drainage and Dyking and Irrigation of Lands in British Columbia,” be read a second time.

Mr. *Smith* moved in Amendment, Mr. *Barnston* seconding,—

That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

Amendment withdrawn by leave.

Hon. Mr. *DeCosmos* moved in Amendment, the Hon. Mr. *Beaven* seconding,—

That the Bill respecting Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation, be referred to a Select Committee, with instructions to report at an early date; and that such Committee consist of Messrs. *McCreight*, *Booth*, *Armstrong*, *Robinson*, *DeCosmos*, and *Barnston*.

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

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, 16th January, 1873.

2 O’CLOCK, P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to Address, a Return of payments made on account of *Omineca* District Roads.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 20) intituled “The Public Inquiries Aid Act Amendment, 1873.”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, the Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday, 20th January.

Mr. *Robertson* presented, pursuant to leave granted, Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to extend the action of Replevin."

On the motion of Mr. *Robertson*, the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That said Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Monday, the 20th January.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Robinson* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will have additional Polling places established in the *Yale-Lytton* District, as follows:—*Boston Bar, Cook's Ferry, head of Nicola Lake, Savona's Ferry, Okanagan Lake Mission, Keremeos, Duck & Pringle's*; and *Wild Horse Creek* in the *Kootenay* District.

On the motion of Mr. *Robson*, seconded by Mr. *Bunster*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will take such steps as may be necessary, for the purpose of urging upon the Federal Government the necessity for having *Nanaimo* Harbour properly buoyed and marked.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor praying that all the Tenders and all correspondence (if any) in respect of the building of the new Court House at *New Westminster*, be laid before this House.

On the motion of Mr. *Mara*, Mr. *Hughes* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will recommend the Dominion Government to pass an Act legalising all sales of Land in this Province since the 1st June, 1870.

Mr. *Humphreys* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General the following question:—

Whether the services of the Clerk in the Attorney-General's Office now are, or have been, employed to do any work in respect of the private practice of the late or the present Attorney-General?

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

"The Clerk does no private work for the present Attorney-General. I am informed that during the last sixteen months the Clerk did about two days' work for the late Attorney-General."

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to extend the 'Public Works Act, 1872,' and to promote the Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation of Lands in British Columbia" was resumed.

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>De Cosmos,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Saul,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Cogan.</i> —15.
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Barnston,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Mc Creight,</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Robertson,</i>
<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Holbrook,</i>	<i>Smithe.</i> —9.
<i>Robson,</i>			

The Motion, as amended, was then put and carried.

Pursuant to Order, the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* moved, the Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* seconding,—

That Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Road Ordinance, 1869,' and to make the same applicable to the Mainland of British Columbia," be read a second time.

Mr. *Semlin* moved in Amendment, Mr. *Robinson* seconding,—  
That all the words after “That” be struck out, and the following substituted there-  
for :—

“The Road Extension Act, 1873, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of  
Messieurs *Saul, Mara, Barnston, Semlin, McCreight, and Smith*.”

The Amendment was put and carried.

The Motion as amended was then put and carried.

The House then adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Friday, 17th January, 1873.

2 O’CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *McCreight* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to secure to  
Wives and Children the benefit of Assurances on the lives of their Husbands and  
Parents.”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

On the motion of Mr. *McCreight*, the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Tuesday, the 21st January.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 22) intituled “The Land Amendment Act, 1873,”

Bill (No. 23) intituled “The Members’ Indemnity Act, 1873.”

Bill (No. 24) intituled “The County Courts Merger Act, 1873.”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bills presented.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, the Honorable Mr. *Beaven* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That Bill (No. 22) intituled “The Land Amendment Act, 1873,” be now  
read a first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 21st January.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, the Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* second-  
ing,—

*Ordered*, That Bill (No. 23) intituled “The Members’ Indemnity Act, 1873,” be now  
read a first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 21st January.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, the Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* second-  
ing,—

*Ordered*, That Bill (No. 24) intituled “The County Courts Merger Act, 1873,” be  
now read a first time.

Bill read a first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 21st January.

The Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos*, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-  
Governor, informed the House that the request of the Settlers on *San Juan*, for relief,  
addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, had been considered by the Privy  
Council of *Canada*, and had been forwarded by the Governor-General to Her Majesty’s  
Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

On the motion of Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Bunster* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that full returns may be sent down to this House, of the cost of all material, and machinery in the Government Printing Office, distinguishing between material for consumption and material for operating, and showing what additions have been made to the plant since union with Canada.

Mr. *Bunster* moved, Mr. *Saul* seconding,—

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the expediency of deeding all that part of the Inlet East of the Westerly side of *James' Bay Bridge*, in the City of *Victoria*, for the purpose of holding Agricultural and Horticultural Exhibitions.

Mr. *Robertson* moved in Amendment, Mr. *Holbrook* seconding,—

That all words after "That," up to "for," be struck out and the following substituted, "a Select Committee be appointed by the Speaker;" and after the first word "the" in the second line the following words be inserted, "practicability and;" and after the word "Victoria," the following words be inserted, "to the City of Victoria."

The Amendment was put and carried.

The Motion as amended was put and carried.

Mr. *Robertson* asked the Honorable the Premier the following question:—

Whether the Government intend to set apart, by way of reserve, any of the Public Lands of British Columbia for the purpose of affording a site for the erection, at some future time, of a Provincial University, and endowing the same?

The Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* replied as follows:—

"The Government, in framing a proposed amendment to the Land Ordinance, have already made provision for making reserves for Education generally, which will include provision for a site and endowment for a Provincial University."

Mr. *Robertson* asked the Honorable the Premier the following question:—

Whether it is the intention of the Government to make a gratuity to such of the public servants as the Government may see fit to dismiss from the service, in pursuance of its retrenchment policy; and if so, upon what principle will the amount of such gratuities be determined?

The Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* replied as follows:—

"The Government, in pursuance of its retrenchment policy, intend to give compensation to some of the public servants whose services may not be retained; but the amount of compensation will depend on age, time of service, and position."

Mr. *Booth* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner the following questions:—

What amount of land is held under Pastoral Leases throughout the Province? and, What is the average amount of rent received per acre for the same?

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

"There are thirty-eight thousand acres of Land under Pastoral Lease; the average rent per acre is four cents."

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honorable the Premier the following question:—

If it be the intention of the Government to place a sum on the Estimates for the purpose of providing for the Immigration to this Province of agricultural laborers?

The Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* replied as follows:—

"It is the intention of the Government to place as large a sum on the Estimates for Immigration as the finances of the Province, aided by the Dominion, will permit; and that provision for the Immigration of agricultural laborers will be included in the same."

The second reading of Bill (No. 7), intituled "An Act to amend 'The Municipality Act, 1872,'" was postponed, by leave, until Tuesday, 21st January.

The second reading of Bill (No. 13), intituled "The Petitions of Right and Crown Procedure Act, 1873," was postponed, by leave, until Monday, 20th January.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 2), intituled "An Act to extend the Rights of Property of Married Women," was considered and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a third time on Friday, 24th January.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 5), intituled "An Act to make further provision touching the Election of Members to the Legislative Assembly," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be received on Monday, the 20th January.

The second reading of Bill (No. 6), intituled "An Act to amend 'The Courts Merger Ordinance, 1870,'" was postponed, by leave, until Monday, 20th January.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 8), intituled "An Act respecting Asylums for the Insane," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be received on Monday, the 20th January.

The Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to Address, a Return of correspondence between the Government of the Province and the Government of *Canada*, referring to the appointment of County Court Judges for the Province. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

*Ordered*, That the Return be printed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 14), intituled "An Act to allow matters to be proved under oath, for the purposes of the Legislative Assembly," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be received on Monday, the 20th January.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of Bill (No. 10), intituled "An Act to render Members of the House of Commons of *Canada* ineligible as Members of the Legislative Assembly of *British Columbia*,"

Mr. *Semlin* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Beaven* seconding,—

That this Bill be now read a second time.

The Motion was carried on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Holbrook,</i>
<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Robertson,</i>
<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Saul.—13.</i>
<i>Robinson,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Cogan.—9.</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>			

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday, 20th January.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m., until Monday, the 20th Instant.



Monday, 20th January, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

By leave of the House, the Order of the Day for the Report on Bill (No. 5), intituled "An Act to make further provision touching the election of Members to the Legislative Assembly," was read.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

By leave of the House, the Order of the Day for the Report on Bill (No. 8), intituled "An Act respecting Asylums for the Insane," was read.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

By leave of the House, the Order of the Day for the Report on Bill (No. 14), intituled "An Act to allow matters to be proved under oath, for the purposes of the Legislative Assembly," was read.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Mr. *Robson* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the Public Works Act, 1872."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

On the motion of Mr. *Robson*, Mr. *Mara* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read a first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Friday, 24th January.

Mr. *Semlin* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the Bills of Sale Ordinance, 1870."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

On the motion of Mr. *Semlin*, Mr. *Robson* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Friday, the 24th January.

Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to further amend the Constitution Act, 1871."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, the Honorable Mr. *De Cosmos* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Thursday, 23rd January.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Procedure at Parliamentary Elections."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, Mr. *Smith* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Thursday, 23rd January.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act providing for a Scale of Fees to be taken by certain Officers in lieu of Salary."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, the Honorable Mr. *De Cosmos* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read a first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Friday, 24th January.

The Honorable Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce Bill (No 30) intituled "An Act to render legitimate, children born out of lawful wedlock, whose parents now are or may hereafter, under certain restrictions, be married."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Beaven*, Mr. *Duck* seconding —

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Wednesday, 22nd January.

Mr. *Smith* moved, Mr. *Semlin* seconding,—

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor that he will be pleased to extend the Capitation Law now in force in *Vancouver Island*, for the destruction of wild animals, to the *Mainland* of British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of Order.

On the motion of Mr. *Robson*, Mr. *Mara* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that any correspondence between the Provincial Government and the Chief Justice, respecting the disposition of the Reports of Grand Juries, may be laid before this House.

Mr. *Semlin* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to consider the expediency of altering and amending the "Land Ordinance, 1870."

The Report was received, and

*Ordered* to be printed.

On the motion of Mr. *Hughes*, the Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will have additional Polling Places established in the *New Westminster* District, as follows: at the head of *Sumass Lake*, *Harrison Mouth*, and at *Matsqui Prairie*.

On the motion of Mr. *Robertson*, Mr. *Holbrook* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the correspondence between the Government and the Judges of the Supreme Court, as to the dismissal of the Registrar or Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court, be laid before this House.

On the motion of Mr. *Holbrook*, Mr. *Robertson* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will take into consideration the expediency of encouraging the manufacture of Sugar from Beet Root in the Province.

On the motion of Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Bunster* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that full Returns of all moneys paid by the Government of the Province, for all Printing done by any person, other than the Government Printers, be sent down to this House; and to whom paid, during the year 1872.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to have additional Polling Places appointed for the purpose of holding Elections in the *Cowichan* Electoral District, viz.: at *Chemainis*, Steamboat Landing, *Cowichan*, and at the Steamboat Landing, *Maple Bay*.

Mr. *Hughes* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General the following question:—

Under what authority the Government pay bounties to parties for the destruction of Wolves and Panthers?

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

“By authority of an Address of the Legislative Council to His Excellency the Governor, on the 18th January, 1869.”

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of Bill (No. 16), intituled “The *Williams Creek* Fire Brigade Protection Act.”

*Ordered* to be postponed to Thursday, 23rd January.

The Honorable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to Address, a Return, showing in detail what amount has been expended, and to whom paid, and for what services rendered, of the sum of \$7,000, voted last Session, for the purpose of making surveys, preparing plans and specifications, in in regard to supplying *Victoria City* with water. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 10), intituled “An Act to render Members of the House of Commons of *Canada* ineligible as Members of the Legislative Assembly of *British Columbia*,” was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

On reading the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 11), intituled “An Act to alter and amend ‘The Fireman’s Protection Act, 1861,’” the Speaker ruled that the Bill was a Private Bill.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Ash*, the Honorable Mr. *Beaven* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Standing Orders be suspended, in order to allow Bill (No. 11), intituled “An Act to alter and amend ‘The Fireman’s Protection Act, 1861,’” to be now read a second time.

Bill read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report received, and to be considered on Tuesday, 21st January.

The Committee of Supply was postponed to Friday, 24th January.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that in accordance with the Resolution passed yesterday, he had appointed Messrs. *Bunster*, *Robertson*, *Smithe*, *Hunter*, and *Hughes* to be a Select Committee for the purpose of considering the practicability and expediency of deeding all that part of the Inlet east of the westerly side of James’ Bay Bridge, in the City of *Victoria*, to the City of *Victoria*, for the purpose of holding Agricultural and Horticultural Exhibitions.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of preparing a Petition to the Dominion Government, to consider the expediency of altering the Customs Duties on certain articles to be described in the Petition, and also the Excise, in order to afford protection to agriculture and manufacturing interests in this Province.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The House then adjourned, at 6 p.m., until 2 o’clock to-morrow.

Tuesday, 21st January, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to Address, a copy of correspondence between the Government and the Judges of the Supreme Court, as to the dismissal of the Registrar, or Deputy-Registrar, of the Supreme Court. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

*Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Holbrook* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to confirm Titles to certain Real property in the City of *New Westminster.*"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

On the motion of Mr. *Holbrook*, the Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read a first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Thursday, the 23rd January.

Mr. *Humphreys* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to alter and amend the Constitution Act, 1871."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

On the motion of Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Saul* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That said Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Monday, the 27th January.

The Honorable Mr. *De Cosmos* presented a Report from the Select Committee on the Bill respecting Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation.

The Report was received and

*Ordered* to be printed, and considered on Friday, 24th January.

Mr. *Bunster* moved, Mr. *Humphreys* seconding,—

That the Honorable Attorney-General be requested to frame a Bill entitled a Dower Bill, for the purpose of giving to married women a right in the real estate of her husband.

The Motion was withdrawn by leave.

The Honorable Mr. *Ash*, presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to Address, the correspondence between the Provincial Government and the Chief Justice, respecting the disposition of the Reports of Grand Juries.

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

Mr. *Duck* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* seconding,—

That the fee of Sixty Dollars in respect of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Fireman's Protection Act, 1861;'" and the fee of Sixty Dollars in respect of Bill (No. 16) intituled "The *Williams Creek* Fire Brigade Protection Act," be respectively remitted.

Objection being made that the motion was out of order, Mr. Speaker reserved his decision on the point until to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to secure to Wives and Children the benefit of Assurances on the lives of their Husbands and Parents," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report received, and to be considered on Wednesday, 22nd January.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 11), intituled "An Act to alter and amend 'The Fireman's Protection Act, 1861,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of preparing a Petition to the Dominion Government, to consider the expediency of altering the Customs Duties on certain Articles to be described in the Petition; and, also the Excise, in order to afford protection to Agriculture and manufacturing interests in this Province.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5.50 p.m., until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Wednesday, 22nd January, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that the motion of Mr. *Duck*,—"That the fee of sixty dollars, in respect of Bill (No. 11), intituled 'An Act to amend the Fireman's Protection Act, 1861;' and the fee of sixty dollars, in respect of Bill (No. 16), intituled 'The *Williams Creek Fire Brigade Protection Act*,' be respectively remitted," was contrary to the 54th Section of "The *British North America Act*, 1867," and out of order.

Mr. *Booth* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 33), intituled "An Act to provide for the Incorporation of Agricultural Societies within the Province of *British Columbia*."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

On the motion of Mr. *Booth*, the Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 29th January.

Mr. *Robertson* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to prevent the profanation of the Lord's Day in *British Columbia*."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

On the motion of Mr. *Robertson*, the Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday, 27th January.

On the motion of Mr. *Semlin*, Mr. *Mara* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee, composed of Messieurs *Robertson*, *Hughes*, *Mara*, and *Semlin*, be appointed to draft an explanatory Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in respect to legalizing the Sales of Land in the Province since 1870.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved, Mr. *Bunster* seconding,—

That when papers are presented by command, or in pursuance of an order of this House, or in answer to an Address, the same shall be laid upon the Table in such a form as to ensure a speedy delivery thereof to Members.

The Motion was put, and lost on a division.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved, Mr. *Bunster* seconding,—

That whereas doubts have arisen with regard to the interpretation and application

within the Province, of copies of two Despatches from His Grace the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated respectively the 23rd and 24th July, 1868; the former containing an amended Table of Precedence within the Dominion, and the latter, certain revised Regulations respecting Titles in the Dominion:

Be it therefore *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he may be graciously pleased to enquire of the Honorable the Secretary of State for the Provinces, whether the Despatch referring to the Table of Precedence, within the Dominion of *Canada*, dated *Ottawa*, 30th December, 1871, applies to gentlemen who were Legislative Councillors in this Province at the time of the Union.

The Motion was withdrawn by leave.

On the motion of Mr. *Barnston*, the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will have additional Polling places established in the present *Cariboo* Electoral District, viz.:—at *Manson Creek*, and *Stewart's Lake*.

Mr. *Robertson* asked the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

Have any tenders for the construction of a Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*, been received; if so, state particulars?

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

“No tenders have been received by Government, for the construction of a Graving Dock, at *Esquimalt*.”

Mr. *Robertson* asked the Premier the following question:—

What steps the Government intend to take to secure the construction, at an early date, of a Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*?

The Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* replied as follows:—

“The Government are not prepared, at present, to state what steps will be taken to secure the construction of a Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*; but will shortly explain their views on the subject to the House.”

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* asked the Senior Member for *Esquimalt*, the following question:—

What plans the late Government had formed for the construction of the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock?

Mr. *Robertson* replied as follows:—

“The late Government was prepared, in the event of no tender coming in for the construction of a Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*, which it could recommend to the acceptance of this House, to submit to the House the following scheme:—The Dominion guarantee of 5 per cent., for ten years, on £100,000, to be capitalised. The amount thus obtained to be invested. Provincial Debentures to be issued for the sum required, and the interest thereon to be defrayed *pro tanto* out of the profit of the investment of the capitalised sum obtained from the Dominion Government. If the Dominion Guarantee could not have been capitalised, it would have been proposed to undertake the construction as a Provincial work.”

On the Order of the Day being for the second reading of Bill (No. 30), intituled “An Act to render legitimate, Children born out of lawful wedlock, whose parents now are or may hereafter, under certain restrictions, be married,”

The Honorable Mr. *Beaven* moved,—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* moved, in amendment, Mr. *McCreight* seconding,—

The the word “now” be struck out, and the words “this day six months” be added at the end thereof.

The amendment was put and *Resolved* in the negative, on the following division:—

## YEAS:

Messieurs

*Walkem,*  
*Armstrong,**Barnston,*  
*Mc Creight,**Booth,**Holbrook.*—6.

## NAYS:

Messieurs

*Ash,*  
*Beaven,*  
*Todd,*  
*Hunter,*  
*Robinson,**Semlin,*  
*Smith,*  
*Mara,*  
*Robson,**Hughes,*  
*Duck,*  
*Humphreys,*  
*Bunster,**Saul,*  
*De Cosmos,*  
*Smithe,*  
*Cogan.*—17.

The original motion was put and carried.

Bill read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Thursday, 23rd January.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 21), intituled "An Act to secure the wives and children the benefit of Assurances on the lives of their husbands and parents," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of preparing a Petition to the Dominion Government, to consider the expediency of altering the Customs Duties on certain Articles to be described in the Petition; and, also the Excise, in order to afford protection to Agriculture and Manufacturing interests in this Province.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m., until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, 23rd January, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Bunster* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to appoint a competent person to carefully explore and report upon that country lying between Buck's Bar, or Flying Dutchman's Landing, and Dease's Lake, in the *Stikeen* country.

The motion was withdrawn by leave.

Mr. *Hunter* asked the Honorable the Premier the following question:—

Whether any steps have been taken by the Government with respect to holding of Assizes or County Courts at *Omineca*?

The Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* replied as follows:—

"The Government will consider the subject of holding Assizes and County Courts in *Omineca*, when they take into consideration the question of Assizes and County Courts throughout the Province."

Mr. *Hunter* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

What is the date of the latest communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works at *Omineca*, in regard to the Public Works in that section; and if it is the intention of the Government to take such steps as will provide for all Returns of Expenditure in outlying Districts being laid before the House, if called for, during first session after such expenditures shall have been made?

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

“That the latest communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works, *Omineca*, is under date the 16th October, 1872; and Government intend to take steps to insure having Returns sent in from all Districts, in future, as regularly as possible.”

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 15), intituled “An Act to amend ‘The Land Registry Ordinance, 1870,’” 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, with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Friday, 24th January.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 13), intituled “An Act to provide for the institution of Suits against the Crown by Petition of Right, and respecting procedure in Crown Suits,” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act for the protection of the *Williams Creek* Fire Brigade,” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Friday, the 24th January.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act to render legitimate, children born out of lawful wedlock, whose parents now are, or may hereafter, under certain restrictions, be married,” was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

The House then adjourned at 5.40 p.m., until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

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Friday, 24th January, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Semlin* presented a Report from the Select Committee to whom the “Road Extension Act, 1872,” was referred.

The Report was received, read, and

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

Mr. *Robertson* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to draft an explanatory Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in respect to legalizing the Sales of Land in the Province since 1870.

The Report was received, read, and

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



The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of preparing a Petition to the Dominion Government, to consider the expediency of altering the Customs Duties on certain Articles to be described in the Petition; and, also the Excise, in order to afford protection to Agriculture and manufacturing interests in this Province.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Monday, 27th January.

On the Order of the Day being read for the third reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to extend the Rights of Property of Married Women,"

The Honorable Mr. *Beaven* moved,—

That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. *Smithe* moved in Amendment,—

That all the words after "That" be struck out, and the following substituted therefor, "the Bill be re-committed."

The Amendment was put and Resolved in the negative.

The original Motion was put and carried on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Saul,</i>
<i>De Cosmos,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Mc Creight,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Cogan.—16.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Holbrook,</i>	<i>Smithe,—5.</i>
<i>Robson,</i>			

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

The Committee of Supply was postponed to Monday, 27th January.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 15), intituled "An Act to amend 'The Land Registry Ordinance, 1870,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to provide for the institution of Suits against the Crown by Petition of Right, and respecting procedure in Crown Suits."

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Monday, the 27th January.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 16), intituled "An Act for the Protection of the *William Creek* Fire Brigade," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

The House then adjourned at 4 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Monday, 27th January.

Monday, 27th January, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

“JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

“The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain of the sums required for the service of the Province of British Columbia, for the year ending 31st December, 1873, and he recommends these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

“GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

“*Victoria, January 27th, 1873.*”

*Ordered*, That the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before this House to-day, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Wednesday next, 29th instant, resolve itself into Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

“JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

“The Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the House of Assembly the payment to the *Victoria Fire Department* and to the “*Williams Creek Fire Brigade*,” of the sum of Sixty Dollars each, being the amount of the Fees paid by them respectively under the Standing Orders of the House for certain Acts introduced by each of them respectively during the present Session.

“GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

*Victoria, January 27th, 1873.*”

*Ordered*, That the said Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

“JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

“The Lieutenant-Governor forwards herewith an Act providing for the Indemnity to Members of the House of Assembly, and recommends the same for their adoption.

“GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

“*Victoria, January 27th, 1873.*”

*Ordered*, That the said Message be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Honorable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to Address, a Return of Expenditures on Public Works in 1872, distinguishing Contracts.

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

Mr. *Robertson* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to consider the expediency of altering and revising the Mining Laws of British Columbia.

The Report was received, read, and

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

On the motion of Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Saul* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the Returns of the amount of Fees paid and taken into the Supreme Court, the Court of Chancery, the Court of Bankruptcy, the Probate Court, and the Admiralty Court, including the Fees and the amount of money taken by and paid to Commissioners, Assignees, Official Administrators; as also Fees paid and taken, and by whom, for copies

of affidavits and all other documents of the several Courts, of every kind and nature whatsoever appertaining thereto; and, also, what portion of said money and Fees was paid into the Provincial Treasury, and what portion was paid to, or retained by, the Registrars and Deputy Registrars, or to or by any other person or persons, for their own use and benefit; distinguishing the one from the other; and, also to whom, and to what Estates, in the Court of Chancery, the Probate Court, and the Admiralty Court, the said fees and commissions were charged, since the first day of January, 1871, to the first day of January, 1873.

On the motion of Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Bunster* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas doubts have arisen with regard to the interpretation and application within the Province, of copies of two Despatches from His Grace the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated respectively the 23rd and 24th July, 1868: the former containing an amended Table of Precedence within the Dominion; and the latter, certain revised Regulations respecting Titles in the Dominion:

Be it therefore *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he may be pleased to enquire of the Honorable the Secretary of State for the Provinces, whether the Table of Precedence, referred to in the Despatch, dated *Ottawa*, 30th December, 1871, applies to gentlemen who were Legislative Councillors in this Province at the time of the Union; and, if not, whether it is intended to apply said Table of Precedence to this Province, in respect to Legislative Councillors at the time of the Union.

On the motion of Mr. *Robson*, Mr. *Smith* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that Returns may be sent down to this House, showing the number of Homesteads registered under "The Homestead Ordinance, 1867," distinguishing between the Mainland and Island; and, also, those registered under a former Act, in force on *Vancouver Island*.

Mr. *Robson* asked the Honorable the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Have all the Fines, Forfeitures, and Fees of Court, whether imposed and collected under Imperial or Local Acts, since Union with *Canada*, been paid to the credit of the Provincial Revenue? and, if not, why?

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* replied as follows:—

"They have not. Up to the 25th October, 1872, all Fines, Fees, &c., collected under Imperial Statutes, were paid into the Crown Fund. Fees collected under Local Acts, since Confederation, have been paid into General Revenue.

"I am unable to assign any reason for such sums having been originally paid into the Crown Fund, or subsequently diverted into the General Revenue."

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to further alter and amend 'The Constitution Act, 1871.'"

*Ordered* to be postponed to Wednesday, 29th January.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of preparing a Petition to the Dominion Government, to consider the expediency of altering the Customs Duties on certain articles to be described in the Petition, and also the Excise, in order to afford protection to agriculture and manufacturing interests in this Province.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Mr. *Bunster* moved:—

That this House having taken into consideration the way in which the Tariff and Excise affect this Province, are of the opinion that it is very desirable, in the interest of Trade and Agriculture, to modify the Tariff and Excise on Wheat, Barley, Oats, Hay, Hops, Potatoes, Butter, Cheese, Bacon, and Lard, and to exempt this Province from the operation of the Stamp Act, and Brewers and Malsters from Excise Duties and Licences; and that this House therefore recommend the Dominion Government to raise the Tariff, so far as it may affect British Columbia, on Barley, Oats, Potatoes, Bacon,

Hams, Lard, Hay, Hops, Butter, and Cheese, to the rate levied on them respectively under the British Columbian Tariff at the date of Union; that the Tariff on Wheat be 10 cents per bushel, and Flour be 50 cents per barrel:

That no Excise be enforced on Brewers and Malsters; and that the Stamp Duty be not extended, at present, to this Province:

That His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to transmit, as soon as possible, the above Resolution to His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of *Canada*.

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

That the words "and Flour be fifty cents per barrel," be struck out; and that after the word "bushel," the following words be added: "and that Iron, Mining and Agricultural Machinery and Implements, and also materials used in the manufacture thereof, be admitted free of Duty."

Mr. *Todd* moved,—That the Chairman do now leave the Chair.

The Motion was put, and resolved in the negative.

The Honorable Mr. *Armstrong*, subsequently moved,—That the Chairman do now leave the Chair.

The Motion was put, and resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Saul,</i>	<i>Robertson,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Holbrook,</i>	<i>McCreight.</i> —9.
<i>Todd,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>DeCosmos,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Cogan,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Smith.</i> —14.
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>		

Mr. *Holbrook* subsequently moved,—That the Chairman do now leave the Chair.

The Motion was put and resolved in the negative.

The Amendment of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* was withdrawn by leave.

The original Motion of Mr. *Bunster* was withdrawn by leave.

Mr. *Barnston* moved,—

That this House having taken into consideration the way in which the Tariff and Excise affect this Province, are of the opinion that it is very desirable, in the interest of Trade and Agriculture, to modify the Tariff on Barley, Oats, Hay, Hops, Potatoes, Butter, and Cheese; and to exempt this Province from the operation of the Stamp Act; and Brewers and Malsters from Excise Duties; and that this House therefore recommend the Dominion Government to raise the Tariff, so far as it may affect British Columbia, on Barley, Oats, Hay, Potatoes, Hops, Butter, and Cheese, to the rate levied on them respectively under the British Columbia Tariff, at the date of Union:

That no Excise be enforced on Brewers and Malsters; and that the Stamp Duty be not extended, at present, to this Province; and in place of the Excise, a Licence be put on Brewers and Malsters; and that Iron, Mining and Agricultural Machinery and Implements, and also materials used in the manufacture thereof, be admitted free of Duty:

That His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to transmit, as soon as possible, the above Resolution, to His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of *Canada*.

Mr. *Todd* moved in amendment,—

That the words "the Dominion Government to raise" be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—"to the Members of the House of Commons for this Province, that they press upon the attention of the Dominion Government the propriety of raising."

The amendment of Mr. *Todd* was withdrawn by leave.

The motion of Mr. *Barnston* was put and Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>De Cosmos,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Cogan,</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Smithe.—12.</i>

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Robertson,</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Mc Creight,</i>	<i>Saul.—11.</i>
<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Holbrook,</i>	

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hunter*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the said Resolution.

The adoption of the Report was Resolved in the negative on the following division :—

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>De Cosmos,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Cogan,</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Smithe.—12.</i>

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Saul,</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Holbrook,</i>
<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Mc Creight,</i>	<i>Robertson.—12.</i>

Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote against the adoption of the Report, stating that upon his election he had promised to support the Canadian Tariff.

The second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to further alter and amend 'The Constitution Act, 1871,'" was postponed until Wednesday, the 29th January.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to provide for the institution of suits against the Crown by Petition of Right, and respecting procedure in Crown Suits," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass.

The Report of the Select Committee on the Bill respecting Drainage, Dyking and Irrigation, was considered.

Report adopted.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *De Cosmos* the Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* seconding, it was *Ordered,*—

That two Bills be introduced, in accordance with the Report.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* moved,—

That the House do now adjourn until half-past seven o'clock this evening.

Mr. *Robson* moved, in amendment,—

That all the words after "until" be struck out, and the words "two o'clock, tomorrow," be substituted therefor.

The amendment was put and lost on the following division :—

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Robertson,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>Holbrook,</i>	<i>Saul.—10.</i>
<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>		

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

*De Cosmos,*  
*Walkem,*  
*Beaven,*  
*Armstrong,*

*Ash,*  
*Todd,*  
*Hunter,*  
*Semlin,*

*Hughes,*  
*Duck,*  
*Mc Creight,*

*Booth,*  
*Cogan,*  
*Smithe.—14.*

7.30 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 30) intituled, "An Act to amend the 'Public Inquiries Aid Act, 1872,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Thursday, the 30th January.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act relating to Replevin," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Wednesday, the 29th January.

The House then adjourned at 10.10 p. m.

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Tuesday, 28th January, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

"JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

"The Lieutenant-Governor forwards herewith a Bill to provide for the payment of Jurors in Criminal cases, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

"GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
*Victoria, January 28th, 1873.*"

*Ordered*, That the said Message, together with such Bill, be referred to a Committee of the whole House, for consideration to-morrow.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, Mr. *Smithe* seconding, it was *Resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, recommending "The Indemnity to Members Act, 1873," together with such Act, be referred to a Committee of the whole House, for consideration to-morrow, and that the order made by this House to refer the same to the Committee of Supply be rescinded.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, Mr. *Smithe* seconding, it was *Resolved*, That the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, recommending the payment, to certain Fire Departments, of certain moneys, be referred to a Committee of the whole House, for consideration to-morrow, and that the order made by this House to refer the same to the Committee of Supply, be rescinded.

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to Address, a Return of the estimated cost of all material and machinery in the Government Printing Office; distinguishing between material for con-

sumption, and material for operating; and showing what additions have been made to the plant since Union with *Canada*.

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

The Report from the Select Committee appointed to draft an explanatory Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in respect to legalizing the Sales of Land in the Province since 1870, was considered.

Report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Semlin*, Mr. *Smith* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, asking His Excellency to forward the said Report to the proper authorities at *Ottawa*, to be considered in connection with the Address already presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor respecting the legalizing of Sales of Land.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to Address, the Report of the Commissioners appointed to inspect the condition of the *Victoria* Gaol, together with a Statement shewing what alterations have been carried out in accordance with the recommendations made by the Commissioners.

*Ordered*, That the Report and Statement be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Act, 1872,'" was postponed until Thursday, 30th January.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Bills of Sale Ordinance, 1870,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Thursday, 30th January.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos*, the Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Courts Merger Ordinance, 1870,'" was read.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* moved,—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

A debate arose which was adjourned till to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m., until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

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Wednesday, 29th January, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Robertson* presented a Clause, accidentally omitted from the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the expediency of altering and revising the Mining Laws of *British Columbia*.

The Clause was read, received, and

*Ordered* to be added to the Report.

Mr. *Robson* was substituted for Mr. *Smith*, as a member of the said Committee, and the Committee was instructed to consider the Mining Laws generally.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce Bill (No 36) intituled "An Act to repeal 'The Legislative Assembly Privileges Act, 1872.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, Mr. *Todd* seconding,—



*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Thursday, 30th January.

Mr. *Barnston* asked the Honorable the Premier the following question :—

What is the object and desired end of the Government in reducing the salary of the Attorney General to the sum of \$2,500, with practice, when, according to Estimates introduced, the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Provincial Secretary's salaries are retained at \$3,500; the latter gentlemen being entitled to follow and practice their respective trade and profession?

The Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* replied as follows :—

"The reduction was made in the salary of the Honorable Attorney-General in conformity with the usage that formerly prevailed in the Province, of remunerating him by fees for Crown prosecutions, &c., in addition to the fixed salary."

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to further alter and amend 'The Constitution Act, 1871.'"

Mr. *Humphreys* moved,—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Beaven* seconding,—

That the word "now" be struck out, and the words "this day six months" be added at the end thereof.

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

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m., until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

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### Thursday, 30th January, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos*, the Honorable Mr. *Beaven* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, on Friday next, to take into consideration Section 12 of the Terms of Union, respecting the construction of a first class Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*.

On the motion of Mr. *Robson*, Mr. *Mara* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that any Report which may have been made by the Attorney-General, or any other officer, respecting the disposition of Fines, Fees, &c., of Court or Courts, collected before the 25th October, 1872, may be placed before this House.

Mr. *Duck* asked the Honorable the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Has any Report from the Committee appointed on Wednesday, the 13th of March, 1872, to take into consideration the claim of the Liquidators of the *Queen Charlotte* Coal Mining Company, Limited, been presented to the House; and, if so, what action has been taken by the Government on such Report?

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* replied as follows:—

"No Report from the Committee appointed to consider the claims of the Liquidators of the *Queen Charlotte* Co., has been presented to the House."

Pursuant to Order, the debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled, "An Act to further alter and amend 'The Constitution Act, 1871,'" was resumed.

The Amendment of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* was put and carried on the following division :—



YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>De Cosmos,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Holbrook,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Mc Creight,</i>	<i>Cogan.—21.</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Robertson,</i>	
<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Saul,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Robson,* *Humphreys,* *Bunster.—3.*

The original Motion, as amended, was put and carried.

\* Pursuant to Order, the debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 6), intituled "An Act to amend 'The Courts Merger Ordinance, 1870,'" was resumed.

The Motion, That the Bill be now read a second time, was put, and carried on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>De Cosmos,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Smithe.—17.</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Saul,</i>	
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>Cogan,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Mc Creight,* *Holbrook,* *Robertson.—3*

Bill read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Public Inquiries Aid Act, 1872,'" was considered.

Mr. *Mc Creight* moved, That the Bill be re-committed.

The Motion was put and carried.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Friday, the 31st January.

The House adjourned at 6 p.m., until 7.30 o'clock this evening.

7.30 o'clock, P. M.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to repeal 'The Legislative Assembly Privileges Act, 1872,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Monday, 3rd February.

Mr. *Robson* moved,—

That the House adjourn until two o'clock to-morrow.

The Motion was put and lost.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act relating to Replevin," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and a Bill to provide for the payment of Jurors in Criminal cases, accompanying the same.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, the Honorable Mr. *De Cosmos* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That this Committee is of opinion, that Jurors in Criminal cases should be allowed fees as in Civil cases, and a Bill relating thereto is herewith submitted.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Booth*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the said Resolution.

Report adopted.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, the Honorable Mr. *De Cosmos* seconding,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Friday, the 31st January.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, recommending the payment to the *Victoria* Fire Department, and to the *William Creek* Fire Brigade, of the sum of sixty dollars each, being the amount of the Fees paid by them respectively, under the Standing Orders of the House, for certain Acts introduced by each of them during the present Session.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, the Honorable Mr. *De Cosmos* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Committee have considered the said Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, respecting Fees paid by the *William Creek* Fire Brigade and the *Victoria* Fire Department, of \$60 each, and recommend that the same be placed on the Supplementary Estimates.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee reported the said Resolution.

Report adopted.

The House then adjourned at 11 p. m.

Friday, 31st January, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 37) intituled "The Sheriffs Act, 1873;"

Bill (No. 38) intituled "The Trades Licences Amendment Act, 1873;"

Bill (No. 39) intituled "The Justices of the Peace Jurisdiction Act, 1873."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bills presented.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, the Honorable Mr. *Beaven* seconding,  
*Ordered*, That the said Bills be now read a first time.

Bills read first time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That Bill (No. 37) intituled "The Sheriffs Act, 1873," be read a second time on Wednesday, 5th February.

*Ordered*, That Bill (No. 38) intituled "The Trades Licences Amendment Act, 1873," be read a second time on Thursday, 6th February.

*Ordered*, That Bill (No. 39) intituled "The Justices of the Peace Jurisdiction Act, 1873," be read a second time on Monday, 3rd February.

Mr. *Robertson* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to enable Attorneys of the Supreme Court of British Columbia to be called to the Bar of the said Court."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

On the motion of Mr. *Robertson*, Mr. *Booth* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read a first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Wednesday, 5th February.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Semlin* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, asking for Returns of the amount of expenditure, as regards Immigration, for the last twelve months; the sum paid to *Agents*, in the way of salaries, at *London* and *San Francisco*; the number of Immigrants shipped by the above *Agents* to this *Province*; and the cost of transportation, &c., for the same.

On the motion of Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Robson* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he may be pleased to send down, for the information of this House, Returns, in detail, of the amount of public money expended in furnishing Government House, and on Government House grounds, *Victoria*; together with a full and complete Inventory of all furniture and other property now in Government House, or on Government House grounds, and for the payment of which public moneys have from time to time been appropriated; also, a full statement of the furniture and other property belonging to the *Province*, which has been removed from the Government House, *New Westminster*, to the Government House, *Victoria*, subsequent to the Union of *Vancouver Island* with *British Columbia*.

Mr. *Duck* asked the Honorable the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Why were the Arrears of Taxes, and sums due and chargeable on Real Estate in *Vancouver Island*, in respect of the Real Estate Tax Acts respectively mentioned in the "Tax Sale Repeal Ordinance, 1867," not collected in the year 1872?

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* replied as follows:—

"Arrears of Taxes on Real Estate, to the amount of \$1,727, were collected during the year 1872. I do not know why the attempt to collect the balance, still due, was not made, but will ascertain at the first possible moment."

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration Section 12 of the Terms of Union, respecting the construction of a first class Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Monday, 3rd February.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act respecting allowances to Jurors in Criminal cases," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

The consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Bills of Sale Ordinance, 1870,'" was postponed until Monday, 3rd Februray.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 33), intituled "An Act to incorporate Agricultural Societies," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Tuesday, the 4th February.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE).

Mr. *Mara* was elected Chairman of the Committee.

The Message of His Excellency, and the Estimates having been read,

I. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding the sum of \$1,600 be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's Office.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Monday, 3rd February.

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee, on Monday, 3rd February.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *De Cosmos*, Mr. *Robertson* seconding, it was *Resolved*, That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to take into consideration a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and a Bill relating to Indemnity to Members, accompanying the same.

(IN THE COMMITTEE).

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, the Honorable Mr. *Beaven* seconding,—*Resolved*, That the Bill relating to Indemnity to Members, forwarded and referred to in His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, be adopted for consideration in the House.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the said Resolution.

Report adopted.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, the Honorable Mr. *Beaven* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday, 3rd February.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,' by giving County Court Judges jurisdiction over the Mining Court, as constituted under the said Ordinance, and to declare the powers of the said County Court Judges, and to regulate the procedure in relation thereto," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to prevent the profanation of the Lord's Day in *British Columbia*," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, to be committed on Tuesday, 4th February.

The House adjourned at 6 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Monday, 3rd February.