

Tuesday, 1st April, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The several Resolutions of the Committee of Supply, No. 72 to 95 inclusive, and Schedule B, Votes No. 1, 32, 35, 36, 38, 46, 47, 61, 70, 71, 77, 81, having been read a second time, were agreed to.

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

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

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith to the Legislative Assembly, a further Estimate to make good certain amounts expended for the Public Service and not brought to account under their proper heads, and to indemnify the several Officers for making such expenditure, and recommends the same to the attention of the House.

*Victoria, B. C., 28th March, 1879.*

*Ordered*, That the said Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be referred to the Committee of Supply for consideration to-morrow.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the sum of One hundred and eighty-eight thousand six hundred and twenty-one dollars and sixty-eight cents be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of British Columbia.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith.

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

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

On the motion, "That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow," the House divided, and it was resolved in the affirmative.—12 to 9.

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

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

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

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

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

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

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Wednesday, 2nd April, 1879.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Return be sent down to this House of all moneys paid in connection with the dispatch of Volunteers, or Militia, to *Nanaimo*, relative to the Miners' Strike, in the Spring of 1877, showing to whom paid, and the amount in each case, together with the authority for such payment.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consolidated Public School Act, 1876,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

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

On the motion, "That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow," the House divided, and it was resolved in the affirmative.—12 to 4.

Mr. *J. W. Williams* moved "That the House do now adjourn," which was negatived on division.—7 to 6.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act respecting the fees of Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and Constables, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to cancel certain Debentures issued under the authority of the British Columbia Loan Acts, 1874 and 1876, and to repeal the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1876,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of Mechanics and others," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Wilson*, Clause 23 was amended by striking out the words "for their or his own use," in the ninth line thereof.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Chairman of the Committee on the Cofferdam Contract be empowered to take the evidence annexed to the Report of said Committee, for the purpose of getting the same signed by the witnesses.

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

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Thursday, 3rd April, 1879.

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TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Evans* presented a Petition from the Free and Accepted Order of Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which was read and received.

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

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

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

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,381 54 be granted to Her Majesty, to make good the following amounts expended for the Public Service in the years 1874, 1875, 1876, and 1877, and not brought to account under their proper heads of Service:—

1874 and 1875.—Public Works (Graving Dock) .....	\$495 04
1874.—Transport .....	139 00
1874.—Administration of Justice.. .....	3 00
1875.—Revenue Services .. .....	178 00
1875.—Legislation .. .....	4 00
1876 and 1877.—Miscellaneous Services.....	562 50
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On Mr Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and asked leave to sit again.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Consolidated Public School Act, 1876,’” Mr. *Bennett* being absent, Mr. *Pimbury* was appointed to act as Chairman.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 38) intituled “An Act to cancel certain Debentures issued under the authority of the ‘British Columbia Loan Acts, 1874 and 1876,’ and to repeal the ‘British Columbia Loan Act, 1876,’” was committed.

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

Report adopted.

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

On the Order being read for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 33) intituled the “Cemetery Act, 1879,” Mr. *Evans* moved That the Bill be re-committed, for the purpose of amending Clause 31.

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

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

Mr. *E. Brown* moved That the House do now adjourn, which was carried on division.—9 to 8.

And then the House adjourned at 4.30 o'clock p. m.

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Friday, 4th April, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

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

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Monday.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* moved That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock on Monday.

Mr. *Smithe* moved, in amendment, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.

Amendment put and lost.

Original motion put and carried.

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

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

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits a Supplementary Estimate to provide for the expenditure up to the 30th June, 1880, for which no vote has been granted, which he recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly.

*Victoria, B. C., 4th April, 1879.*

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

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Registrar-General's Department, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

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

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$93 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *New Westminster*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

28A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Clinton*, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation (Contingent Fund), for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,125 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

49A. and 57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$360 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

96. and 97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$450 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880.

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

The Resolutions being read a second time, were agreed to.

By leave of the House, the Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 39) intituled the "Judicial District Act, 1879."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Fifth Annual Report of the Minister of Mines. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of Timber Leases in the Province of British Columbia. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the sum of Three thousand seven hundred and seventy-three dollars be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of British Columbia.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Monday, 7th April, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock, on Wednesday the 16th instant.

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

That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider "An Act to provide for the management of certain Cemeteries."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bennett*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the draft Act, and recommended that it be brought in by the Government.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That this Bill be adopted in lieu of the one introduced by Mr. *Evans*.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, it was *Ordered* That Bill No. 21 be amended, by adding at the end of Clause 1, the words "Save and except that portion of Section 2 ending with the word 'proper,'" in the third line thereof.

Mr. *Abrams* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following question:—  
Have the Government made any arrangement to hold a Supreme Court at *Cassiar* during the present season; if so, about what time will such Court be held?

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

"No arrangement has been made with respect to any Assizes as yet."

Mr. *Ash* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the Medical Ordinance, 1867."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

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

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

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880, and for other purposes," and recommends the same for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria, B. C., 5th April, 1879.

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

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880, and for other purposes," be introduced.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Beaven* introduced Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880, and for other purposes."

Bill read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipality Acts," was considered

Report adopted.

*Ordered* to be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Beaven*, Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting the Civil Service, the Collection and Management of the Revenue, and the duties and liability of the Auditor and Accountants" was re-committed for the purpose of considering certain proposed amendments.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith.

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. 36) intituled "An Act respecting the fees of Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and Constables, and for other purposes," was committed.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith.

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. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867,'" was considered.

*Ordered*, That Sub-sections (g.) and (r.) of Section 2, be struck out.

Report adopted.

*Ordered* to be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to cancel certain Debentures issued under the authority of the British Columbia Loan Acts, 1874 and 1876, and to repeal the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1876,'" was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

On the order being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 33) intituled the "Cemetery Act, 1879,"

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

To insert, after the word "Registrar," in line 10 of section 2, the words "Joint Stock Companies," and strike out the words "in which the ground is situate," and to strike out, in the second line of section 4, the words "of such height as the municipality may by by-law direct," and insert at the end of said section the words "and where such cemetery is within a municipality, shall enclose every part thereof by walls or other sufficient fences, of such height as such municipality may by by-law direct;" and to strike out, in section 30, the words "any person contravening the provisions of this Act," and insert in lieu thereof the following:—

"Any person who—

- "(1.) Wilfully destroys, mutilates, defaces, injures, or removes any tomb, monument, or other structure placed in any such cemetery, or any fence, railing, or other work for the protection or ornament of a cemetery, or of any tomb, monument, gravestone, or other structure aforesaid, or of any cemetery lot within such cemetery; or
- "(2.) Wilfully destroys, cuts, breaks, or injures any tree, shrub, or plant in any such cemetery; or
- "(3.) Plays at any game or sport therein; or
- "(4.) Discharges firearms (save at a military funeral) therein; or
- "(5.) Wilfully and unlawfully disturbs persons assembled for the purpose of burying a body therein; or who
- "(6.) Commits a nuisance in such cemetery."

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the following Despatch and Telegram from the Dominion Government respecting the "Better Administration of Justice Act, 1878:"—

[DESPATCH.]

"OTTAWA, 19th March, 1879.

"SIR.—With reference to your despatch of the 24th April, 1878, enclosing copies of the Acts passed by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia at their then last Session, I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council has been pleased to order that the Act known as the 'Better Administration of Justice Act, 1878,' be left to its operation.

"To His Honour

"the Lieutenant-Governor of B. C.

"I have, &c.,  
(Signed) "J. C. AIKENS,  
"Secretary of State."

[TELEGRAM.]

"OTTAWA, April 5th, 1879.

Received at Victoria, April 6th 1879.

"To the Hon. G. A. Walkem,  
"Attorney-General.

"Despatch referred to should have been September and not April.

(Signed) "J. C. AIKENS,  
"Secretary of State."

Mr. *J. W. Williams* moved, seconded by Mr. *McIlmoyl*,—

That an Address to the Dominion Government be passed by this House, setting forth the baneful effect of the presence of Chinese in our midst, and the necessity of such measures being adopted as will effectually prevent their future immigration to this Province.

By leave of the House the following words were added: "And a Committee of three be appointed to draft an Address, such Committee to consist of Messrs. *Walkem*, *Evans*, and the mover."

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

And then the House adjourned at 4.50 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday, 16th April, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Wilson* presented a Report from the Committee appointed to enquire into any charges of malfeasance in office against the late Gold Commissioner at *Kootenay* (*C. Booth*), which was read and received.

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

Mr. Speaker stated that he had received two despatches from the Secretary of State for Canada, which were read, and are as follows:—

“OTTAWA, 21st March, 1879.

“SIR,—Adverting to your telegram of the — instant, addressed to the Right Honourable Sir John A. Macdonald, and to my message in reply thereto, of the 19th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the Petition of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia to the Queen, to which you refer, passed during the last Session of the Provincial Legislature, was received here on the 11th October last

“At that time the Ministry had resigned, and only held office until the appointment of their successors, and the attention of the present Ministry not having been called to the Petition, it remained unnoticed. Upon its being discovered, however, it was at once transmitted to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

“This will account for the Petition not having been answered by the Colonial Secretary.

“I may add, that this Government greatly regret the oversight. I have, &c.

(Signed) “J. C. AIKINS,  
“Secretary of State.

“*The Honourable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,*  
“*Victoria, British Columbia.*”

“OTTAWA, 24th March, 1879.

“SIR,—With reference to your telegrams of the 19th ultimo and the 1<sup>st</sup> instant, and to my replies thereto of the 6th and 22nd instant, on the subject of the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, I have the honour to inform you that, as regards the Order of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council of the 9th June, 1876, a copy of which was enclosed in the letter from this Department of the 13th of that month,—that Order in Council was superseded by a subsequent Order, in so far as the route to be followed is concerned, defining that route from Tête Jaune Cache to Burrard Inlet.

“I have to add, that by an Order in Council of the 3rd September last, a copy of which was enclosed to the Lieutenant-Governor on the 9th of that month, the British Columbia Government was requested to convey to the Dominion Government certain lands along the line of railway, as shown on a plan, which plan was enclosed to the Lieutenant-Governor on the 23rd of the same month. I have, &c.

(Signed) “J. C. AIKINS,  
“Secretary of State.

“*To the Speaker, Legislative Assembly,*  
“*Victoria, British Columbia.*”

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

Are Mineral Claims held under Crown Grant liable to the tax of fifty cents per foot, set forth in the “Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,” and amendments thereto, or not? Are such claims liable to any tax after a Crown Grant has been issued; if so, how much?

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

“Mineral Claims held under Crown Grant if not represented or worked according to law, are taxed 50 cents per lineal foot measured along the length of the Claim.”

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Licences Ordinance, 1867,’” was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem* (by leave of the House) Bill (No. 30) intituled the “Public School Act, 1879,” was amended by adding, after the word “regulations,” in Sub-section 3 of Clause 35, the words “and to send to the parent or guardian



of each pupil, a monthly report of the progress, attendance, and punctuality of such pupil." and striking out the words "to be purchased, as hereinafter provided, in this Province," in the first and second lines of Sub-section 3 of Clause 9, and inserting the words "that may be procured," after the word "apparatus," in the first line.

*Ordered*, That the Report be adopted.

*Ordered* to be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, 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. 24) intituled "An Act to protect Winter Stock Ranges," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to provide for the management of certain Cemeteries in the Province of British Columbia," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 o'clock p. m.

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Thursday, 17th April, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Speaker read the following Telegram :—

"OTTAWA, ONTARIO, April 16th 1879.

"To Speaker Legislative Assembly.

"We thank you for your most loyal and kindly Address, and for your proffered welcome.

(Signed) "LORNE."

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Statement of all moneys paid in connection with the dispatch of Volunteers, &c., to *Nanaimo*, in the spring of 1877, with the authority for such payment. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to protect Winter Stock Ranges," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended for the purpose of introducing a Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act respecting the Graving Dock at Esquimalt."

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to repeal the "Cemetery Ordinance, 1870,"" was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 30) intituled "The Public School Act, 1879," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended for the purpose of introducing a Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Act, 1872.'"

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended for the purpose of introducing a Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act respecting Charters for Toll Bridges."

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 2 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 2.30 p.m.

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Friday, 18th April, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Ash* presented a further Report from the Committee appointed to enquire into the circumstances attending the non-production of a Despatch relating to the reservation of Railway Lands, dated *Ottawa*, 13th June, 1876, which was read, received, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Committee on Printing. (*See Appendix.*)

Mr. *Wilson* presented a Second Report from the Public Accounts Committee, which was read, received, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Committee on Printing. (*See Appendix.*)

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act respecting the Graving Dock at Esquimalt," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, it was *Resolved*,—  
That the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended for the purpose of introducing a  
**Bill** (No. 45) intituled “An Act respecting the ‘Sumass Dyking Act, 1878.’”  
Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* moved, That the House, at its rising, do stand  
adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. *J. W. Williams* moved, in amendment, That “Monday” be substituted for the  
word “to-morrow.”

Amendment put and lost.

Original motion put and carried.

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

Saturday, 19th April, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* moved the third reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled “An  
Act respecting the Graving Pock at Esquimalt.”

Mr. *Ash* moved, in amendment, That the Bill be read not now but on Tuesday next.

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

YEAS :

Messieurs

*Bennett,*  
*Mara,*

*Pimbury,*  
*Smithe,*

*Vernon,*

*Ash*.—6.

NAYS.

Messieurs

*Walkem,*  
*Beaven,*  
*E. Brown,*  
*Cowan,*

*Drummond,*  
*Evans,*  
*Galbraith,*  
*Gallagher,*

*Harris,*  
*McGillivray,*  
*McIlmoyl,*  
*Saul,*

*Williams,*  
*Wilson,*  
*Helgesen*.—15.

Original motion put and carried.

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 43) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipality  
Act, 1872,’” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, 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. 39) intituled “The Judicial District Act, 1879,” was  
read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 p. m.

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Monday, 21st April, 1879.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to send down to this House copies of all correspondence between the Inspector of Mines (Mr. *Prior*) and Messrs. *Dunsmuir, Diggle, & Co., Wellington Colliery*, in respect to those Mines.

The House then proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 39) intituled "The Judicial District Act, 1879," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Ordinance, 1867,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Harris*, 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. 45) intituled "An Act respecting the 'Sumass Dyking Act, 1878,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned, at 3.55 p. m.

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Tuesday, 22nd April, 1879.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Ordinance, 1867.'"

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act respecting the 'Sumass Dyking Act, 1878,'" 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.

With leave of the House, the Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to draft a report upon the Chinese Question, which was read, received and referred to the Committee on Printing. (*See Appendix.*)

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.30 o'clock, p. m.

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Wednesday, 23rd April, 1879.

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2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Speaker stated he had received a letter from the Honourable *J. W. Trutch*, which was read, and is as follows :

“ FOLKESTONE, March 25th, 1879.

“ SIR,—Having recently received from Victoria a printed copy of the Despatch to which I understand your Telegram to me had reference, namely, a Despatch dated 15th June, 1876, from the Dominion Government, applying for the conveyance of certain lands along a proposed line for the Canadian Pacific Railway from Tête Jaune Pass to the confluence of the Stewart and Chilacoh Rivers, I now beg to state, in connection with my letter to you of the 12th ultimo, that I recollect having received such a communication shortly before the expiration of my term of office.

“ I do not remember any particular circumstances attending the receipt of that Despatch, or its transmission to the Ministry, but I have no doubt that, as noted on the margin of the original, a copy of the Despatch was sent to the Executive Council in the usual course, namely, in an envelope addressed to the Clerk of the Executive Council.

“ I know no reason—nor can I suggest any—why such copy of this Despatch should not have reached its proper destination, and I am, therefore, unable to afford any explanation of the miscarriage, which, from the statement contained in your Telegram, would appear to have occurred.

“ I have, &c.,

(Signed)

“ JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.”

“ *The Hon. the Speaker of the  
Legislative Assembly, British Columbia.*

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 44) intituled “ An Act to enable the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant Charters for the erection of Toll Bridges,” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

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Thursday, 24th April, 1879.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

Is it the intention of the Government to repair the *Yale* and *New Westminster* Waggon Road, or any portion of it, during the coming summer?

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

“ All the Government roads throughout the district will be attended to and repaired to the extent of the vote on the Estimates. The expenditure will depend upon the reports from the District Agent.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 44) intituled “ An Act to enable the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant Charters for the erection of Toll Bridges.”

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

Report adopted.

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

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

Mr. Speaker ordered all strangers to withdraw.

The House then proceeded with closed doors.

The House adjourned at 5 o'clock p.m.

Monday, 28th April, 1879.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Speaker stated that, on Thursday, the 24th instant, he dispatched the following Telegrams :

"VICTORIA, 24th April, 1879.

" To Sir John A. Macdonald, Ottawa.

" House regret delay of your Railway Policy, and unanimously request to be informed of policy immediately, and whether construction and vigorous prosecution will take place in Province this year.

(Signed) "SPEAKER."

" From Speaker to Secretary of State, Ottawa.

" Please forward the following Telegram to Colonial Office:—

" BRITISH COLUMBIA.

" Hon. Secretary of State, Colonies, London.

" 24th April, 1879.

" No action yet taken on Railway by Dominion Government. This Legislature in Session awaiting answer to Petition, unanimously and respectfully request immediate reply to its prayer.

(Signed) "SPEAKER."

And had received from the Secretary of State for Canada, the following reply :—

" OTTAWA, April 26th, 1879.

" To Mr. Speaker Williams, Legislative Assembly.

" Canadian Government is determined to commence work of construction in British Columbia this season, and to press it vigorously.

(Signed) " J. C. AIKENS,  
" Secretary of State."

The Honourable Mr. Walkem presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a copy of a Despatch from the Right Honourable Sir M. E. Hicks Beach, respecting the Railway Petition forwarded last Session by this House. (See Sessional Papers.)

The House then proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 44) intituled " An Act to enable the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant Charters for the erection of Toll Bridges," was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.20 o'clock p. m.

Tuesday, 29th April, 1879.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

His Honour the Honourable Albert Norton Richards, Lieutenant-Governor, having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair,

The Clerk of the House read the Titles to the following Bills:—

- An Act respecting Coroners.
- An Act respecting the Civil Service, the Collection and Management of the Revenue, and the duties and liability of the Auditor and Accountants.
- An Act to provide for the proper management of Gaols.
- An Act respecting the Magistracy.
- An Act to amend the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes relating to the better Administration of Justice.
- An Act respecting the Costs of Arbitrations.
- An Act respecting Law Stamps.
- An Act to amend the "British Columbia Line Fences and Water Courses Act, 1876."
- An Act to establish Liens in favour of Mechanics and others.
- An Act to amend the "Fence Ordinance, 1869."
- An Act respecting the Costs of Levying Distresses for Rents and Penalties.
- An Act to amend the "Land Act, 1875."
- An Act for the protection and relief of the Nanaimo Fire Brigade.
- An Act to amend the "Constitution Amendment Act, 1878."
- An Act to further amend the "Bills of Sale Ordinance, 1870."
- An Act to repeal the "Cemetery Ordinance, 1870."
- An Act to amend the "Assessment Act, 1876," and the "Assessment Amendment Act, 1877."
- An Act to protect Winter Stock Ranges.
- An Act respecting the printing and distributing of the Statutes, Journals, and Sessional Papers of the Legislative Assembly.
- An Act to amend the "Sumass Dyking Act, 1878."
- An Act respecting the collection of School Tax and Mining Licences.
- The "Public School Act, 1879."
- An Act to repeal section six of the "School Tax Act, 1876."
- The "Cemetery Act, 1879."
- An Act to amend section 4 of the "Land Registry Ordinance, 1870."
- An Act to provide for the management of certain Cemeteries in the Province of British Columbia.
- An Act respecting the Fees of Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and Constables, and for other purposes.
- An Act to amend the "Licences Ordinance, 1867."
- An Act to cancel certain Debentures issued under the authority of the British Columbia Loan Acts, 1874 and 1876, and to repeal the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1876."
- "Judicial District Act, 1879."
- An Act respecting the Graving Dock at Esquimalt.
- An Act to amend the "Municipality Act, 1872."
- An Act to enable the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant Charters for the erection of Toll Bridges.
- An Act respecting the "Sumass Dyking Act, 1878."

His Honour was pleased, in Her Majesty's name, to give assent to these Bills.

The same was announced by the Clerk of the House, in the following words:—

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

Then the Honourable the Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour, at the close of our labours, with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present, for Your Honour's acceptance, a Bill intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money required for defraying the Expenses of Civil Government for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1880, and for other purposes."

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To this Bill the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

“In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill.”

Then His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following Speech:—

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:*

I have much pleasure in thanking you for the care and attention which you have so freely bestowed on the work of the Session.

Your attendance has been unusually prolonged, at great personal inconvenience, I fear, to yourselves; but I venture to think that you will hereafter derive pleasure from the reflection that your patient efforts to secure Railway construction this year resulted happily for the Province. The assurance given by the Dominion Government that railway work in the Province will not only be commenced, but be vigorously prosecuted, this season will be cheerfully received throughout the country, and will tend to restore confidence in our future prosperity.

I hope ere long to be enabled to place the Graving Dock works on a more satisfactory footing.

The amount placed at my disposal for public works is small compared with that of former years, but I regard this fact as an earnest of your desire to co-operate with me in an endeavour to balance our public income and outlay.

I have cheerfully assented to the measures you have passed, and have to congratulate you on the highly useful character of many of them.

I shall now relieve you from further attendance, and trust that your devotion to the interests of the public will be fully appreciated.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, Provincial Secretary, then said,—

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly—*

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until Wednesday, the Ninth day of July next, to be then here holden, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Wednesday, the Ninth day of July next.

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