

Thursday, 6th February, 1908.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows :—

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
6th February, 1908.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act.'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act, 1904,'" was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The order for the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" was discharged.

Mr. *Forston* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions :—

Re expenditure of \$48,110.44 as per abstract statement of Revenue and Expenditure for six months ending 31st December, 1907,—

1. What firms of surveyers were engaged in this work ?
2. How much was paid to each firm of surveyors so engaged ?
3. What work has been accomplished (approximately) ?

The Hon. M. *Fulton* replied as follows :—

"J. H. *Gray*, Bulkley Valley, Range V., Coast District,—

Surveyed 53,936 acres	\$13,484 00	
Lake and river traverse, 39.9 miles @ \$50	1,995 00	
Adjustment of old survey, 18.7 miles @ \$50	935 00	
Connection lines for new surveys, 130.5 miles @ \$50	6,525 00	
		\$22,939 00

"A. W. *Harvey*, Cassiar District, Kispiox Valley,—

Surveyed 25,645 acres	\$5,129 00	
Lake and river traverse	3,126 00	
		8,255 00

"*Gore & McGregor*, Cariboo District and Coast,—

Traverse of trail from Quesnel to surveyed townships (Fraser Lake), surveyed 54,520 acres		12,961 00
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<i>Carried forward</i>		44,155 00
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<i>Brought forward</i>	\$44,155 00
“ <i>E. P. Colley</i> , Range IV., Coast District,—	
Surveyed 93.32 miles @ \$50 per mile.....	\$ 4,666 00
Survey and report on trail, Bella Coola to Ootsa Lake (153 miles)	200 00
	4,866 00
Total	\$49,021 00”

Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act for the Protection of Persons employed in Factories,” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Master and Servant Act Amendment Act, 1902,’” was read a third time and passed.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled “An Act to prevent Discrimination against Members of Trade Unions,” a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, the order for the third reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Tax Act, 1900,’” was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* to be re-committed to-morrow, for the purpose of striking out section 4 of said Bill.

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Railway Assessment Act, 1907,’” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

The order for the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Electors and Elections in Municipalities,” was discharged, and the Bill referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act granting to the Corporation of the City of New Westminster certain Lands in said City for Park Purposes,” was read a second time.
To be committed to-morrow.

The order for the second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Clauses Act,’” was discharged, and the Bill referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to authorise the grant of certain Lands to the Corporation of the City of Victoria,” was read a second time.
To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. the Premier presented a Return of copies of all correspondence or telegrams between the Government, or any member thereof, and any other person or persons, in respect to the acquisition of Indian Reserve lands in the vicinity of Port Rupert by the G. T. P. Ry. Co.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:25 o’clock P.M.

PAIRS FOR THE DAY.

Messieurs

Grant,
McGuire,

Oliver,
Jones.

Friday, 7th February, 1908.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. T. Tapscott*.

Mr. Speaker *Eberts*, in reply to a request for a ruling with reference to the powers of Standing Committees, gave as his opinion that the Standing Committees of the House had power to make all necessary amendments to Bills referred to them, and report same, as amended, to the House.

On the motion of Mr. *Manson*, Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to Regulate the Sale of Proprietary Medicines," was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *McPhillips* presented the Seventh Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 7th, 1908.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders beg leave to report as follows :—

That the preamble of Bill (No. 54), "An Act respecting the Dominion Trust Company, Limited," has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. E. McPHILLIPS,
Chairman.

The report was received.

Mr. *Williams* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture and Finance the following questions :—

1. Is the Government aware that advertisements are appearing in "Lloyd's Weekly," "Reynolds' Newspaper" and other newspapers circulating in the industrial districts of England to the following effect :—

"CANADA.—One thousand men and women wanted to join parties going to British Columbia ("the Garden of Canada") on February 20th and March 26th next, under B. C. Government auspices. Ideal climate. WORK GUARANTEED. Canadian Officers welcome and direct new arrivals. Favourable social conditions and exceptional opportunities for women. Assisted Passages to selected applicants. Canadian trains specially fitted and reserved for exclusive use of Party. Particulars of Spring Sailings on application. Weekly Conducted Parties. Early application necessary. Write to the SALVATION ARMY EMIGRATION OFFICES. Address, COLONEL D. C. LAMB, 122, Queen Victoria-street, London, E. C."

2. Is there any shortage of labour existing at the present time in the Province of British Columbia?

3. If not, will the Government order the immediate cancellation of the agreement indicated in the above advertisement?

4. Has the Government any information or knowledge as to whether "Lloyd's Weekly" and "Reynolds' Newspaper" are agricultural or industrial papers?

The Hon. Mr. *Tallow* replied as follows :—

"1. The Government has no official information as to the advertisements referred to. The matter of advertising in connection with the undertaking of the Salvation Army to bring desirable farm labourers and domestic help to British Columbia is entirely under their control.

"2. The applications for farm and domestic help received by the Bureau of Information indicate that there is a shortage in those classes of labour.

"3. The object of the agreement was to meet the shortage referred to. The Government does not propose to continue the agreement when satisfied that the situation has been relieved.

"The newspapers referred to are said to have very large circulations in the sections of Great Britain from which the above-mentioned classes of immigrants are to be drawn."

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

Has the record of 14,000 inches of water from the Somas River, Alberni, granted to the B. C. Paper Company on April 29th, 1892, lapsed?

The Hon. M. *Fulton* replied as follows :—

“The record in question, which reads as follows :—

“Recorded this 29th day of April, 1892, in favour of ‘The British Columbia Paper Manufacturing Company, Limited,’ the right to divert, for a term of thirty years, by one or more flumes, 14,000 inches of water to be taken from Somas River, Alberni District, Vancouver Island, at or near a point on the right ascending bank of said river situate at the first rapids, for the purpose of manufacturing paper and for driving machinery. This record is granted subject to any regulations or to any legislation which may be made relative to water rights.

(Signed) “W. S. GORE,
“Deputy Commissioner L. & W.”

is still standing in the books of the Department.”

Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Tax Act, 1900,’” was recommitted. Reported complete with amendments. Report to be considered on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 4) intituled An Act to amend the ‘Railway Assessment Act, 1907,’ was considered.

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* moved to add to section 2 the following words:—

“Provided that such exemption shall only be granted upon the express condition that the lowest wages paid to any workman for unskilled labour shall not be less than two dollars and fifty cents per day.”

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Jardine,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>McInnis—8.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>King,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Behnsen,</i>
<i>Naden,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Young,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>
<i>Eagleson,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Mackay,</i>
<i>Kergin,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Parson,</i>
<i>Munro,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Davey,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Schofield—29.</i>
<i>McBride,</i>			

PAIRS :

Messieurs

<i>McGuire,</i>	<i>Oliver.</i>
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Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to authorise the grant of certain Lands to the Corporation of the City of Victoria,” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed on Monday next :—

Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Constitution Act.’”

Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to establish a Department of Lands.”

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to establish a Department of Public Works." "

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act.' "

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act, 1904.' "

On the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act with respect to the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia and to make provision for the Superannuation and Retirement of Persons employed in such Public Service," a debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Garden*, Private Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver and Nicola Valley Railway Company," was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Railway Committee.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Hudson Bay Pacific Railway Company," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to authorise the Ladysmith Lumber Company, Limited, to construct and operate a Railway for Logging and Lumbering purposes," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Crow's Nest and Northern Railway Company," was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the City of Chilliwack." was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

PAIRS FOR THE DAY.

Messieurs :

McLure,

Oliver.

Monday, 10th February, 1908.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Jos. McCoy*.

Mr. *Ross* presented the Third Report from the Railway Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
10th February, 1908.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways beg leave to report as follows :—

The preamble proved of—

Bill (No. 52)—“ An Act to Incorporate the Eastern British Columbia Railway Company.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. R. *Ross*,
Chairman.

The report was received.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Resolution—“ That a Supply be granted to His Majesty.”

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

Resolution reported and adopted.

On the motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Honourable the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will on Monday, February 17th next, resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow :—

By Mr. *Hall*—Bill (No. 33) intituled “ An Act to enable the City of Nelson to borrow Eighty-five Thousand Dollars for Electric Light and Power purposes.”

By the Hon. Dr. *Young*—Bill (No. 31) intituled “ An Act regarding the approval of Cemetery Sites.”

Mr. *McGuire* moved, seconded by Mr. *Mackay*,—

Whereas it would appear that the cost of coal to the consumer in the Province of British Columbia is out of all proportion to the cost of production ; and

Whereas, owing to the abundance of the coal deposits in this Province and the proximity of the sources of supply to the market, the cost of coal to the consumer in British Columbia should be much less than at present is the case ; and

Whereas the excessive price of coal in British Columbia has the effect of retarding and preventing the establishment, in this Province, of industries depending upon a fuel supply ; and

Whereas much of the product of the coal mines of the Province is being exported to foreign markets and sold at a price that enables it to compete with coal from other countries in such foreign markets ; and

Whereas a belief exists that an understanding exists between the persons or corporations controlling or owning such coal mines to maintain the high prices now being charged to consumers in this Province ;

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by this House praying him to request the Dominion Government, through the proper channel, to cause an inquiry to be instituted by the Dominion Department of Trade and Commerce, to decide whether there exists a combine or understanding between the owners or controllers of the coal mines of this Province, whereby an excessive price is charged to consumers in the Province for coal produced from said mines, or any of them.

Mr. *Oliver* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Brewster*,—

“That all the words of the resolution after the word “Province,” at the end of the last recital, be struck out, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof :—

“and whereas there is reason to believe that the laws for the protection of workers underground in coal mines are not being observed :

“Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee, consisting of five Members of this House, be appointed, with instructions to enquire into the truth of the above allegations, with power to call for persons, papers, books and documents, to examine witnesses under oath, and to report their findings, recommendations and the evidence to the House.”

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

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>McInnis,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Mackay,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Parson,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Behnsen,</i>	<i>Davey,</i>
<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Schofield—25.</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Naden,</i>	<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Jardine,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Kergin,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Brewster—11.</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	

PAIRS :

Messieurs

Ross, *Eagleson.*

Resolution agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by Mr. *Eagleson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of a copy of the map, plan and book of reference (with certificate of the Hon. Chief Commissioner attached) deposited by the Victoria Terminal Railway Company in connection with the acquisition by the Company of additional rights of way through the lands of *John Weaver*, at Mud Bay.

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question :—

Is it the intention of the Government to bring down a measure this Session amending the “Vancouver Island Settlers’ Rights Act,” so as to extend the period of time during which settlers can put in a valid application ?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows :—

“The matter is receiving the consideration of the Government.”

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions :—

1. What amount has been collected in tolls for use of Westminster Bridge during the period from January 1st to December 31st, 1907 ?
2. What amount has been paid to Toll Collectors for the same period, with the names of the Collectors and the amounts paid to each ?
3. How many persons are now employed as Toll Collectors ?

The Hon. Mr. *Tallow* replied as follows :—

"1. \$15,000.00 from the Great Northern Railway Co., \$9,830.30 from tolls—travellers, vehicles, etc.

"2. \$3,335.50—G. Hargreaves, \$712.50; C. Eagles, \$720.00; E. Oddy, \$720.00; T. Anderson, \$720.00; T. Hatherley, \$277.00; T. Dominey, \$186.00.

"3. 4."

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions :—

Has the Government constructed a new school-house at or near Annieville during the past year? If not, why has such school not been constructed?

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* replied as follows :—

"The contract has been awarded and the building is to be completed by the 15th March next."

The Report on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Tax Act, 1900,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to Establish and Incorporate a University for the Province of British Columbia," was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act granting to the Corporation of the City of New Westminster certain Lands in said City for Park Purposes," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act, 1904,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the City of Chilliwack," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented a Statement of Special Warrants, signed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the expenditure incurred thereon between the 13th March, 1907, and the 10th February, 1908, required by the "Revenue Act," chapter 166, R. S., section 42.

Mr. *Manson* presented a petition from *A. E. Todd*, opposing Private Bill to amend the Victoria Water-Works Act. (No. 11B.)

The petition was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Thomson*, Private Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Corporation of Victoria Water-Works Act, 1873,' and the 'Victoria Water-Works Amendment Act,' Chapter 64 of Statutes of 1892, and to give additional powers," was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

PAIRS FOR THE DAY:

Messieurs :

Ross,
Macgowan,

Eagleson,
King.

Tuesday, 11th February, 1908.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Jos. McCoy*.

On the motion of the Hon. Dr. *Young*, Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act, 1902,'" was introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

On the third reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Assessment Act, 1907,'"—

Mr. *Henderson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Jardine*, that the Bill be referred back to Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of striking out sub-section (1), and inserting in lieu thereof—

"(1). That neither directly nor indirectly, shall any person of Oriental birth or extraction be employed, either (a) in the construction of the said railway, or (b) on the exempted railway during the life of the exemption."

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

King,
Naden,
Jones,
Yorston,

Kergin,
Oliver,
Macdonald,
Henderson,

Munro.
Jardine,
Brewster,

Williams,
Hawthornthwaite,
McInnis—14.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Tatlow,
McBride,
Cotton,
Ellison,
Shatford,
McPhillips,

Thomson,
Hunter,
Fulton,
Young,
Taylor,
Garden,

Gifford,
Grant,
Behnsen,
Manson,
Hayward,

McGuire,
Mackay,
Parson,
Davey,
Schofield—22.

PAIRS :

Messieurs

Bowser,
Ross,

Hall,
Eagleson.

Mr. *Macdonald* moved, seconded by Mr. *Munro*, that all the words after the word "That," in the resolution "That Bill (No. 4) intituled 'An Act to amend the Railway Assessment Act, 1907,' be read a third time now," be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof :—

"this House, while not affirming that certain lines of railway may not properly be granted exemption from taxation upon terms advantageous to the public interests, strongly dis-

approves of placing the power to so exempt in the hands of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and affirms that such power should be exercised only by the Legislative Assembly."

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>King,</i>	<i>Kergin,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Naden,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Jardine,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>
<i>Jones.</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>McInnis—14.</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Mackay,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Behnsen,</i>	<i>Parson,</i>
<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Young,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Davey,</i>
<i>Shatford,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Schofield—22.</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>		

Bill read third time on same division and passed.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair,

Mr. *Thornton Fell*, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills :—

- (No. 2) An Act to Regulate Immigration into British Columbia.
- (No. 5) An Act to amend the "Oaths Act."
- (No. 6) An Act to Regulate the Purchase, Sale and Transfer of Stocks of Goods in Bulk.
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the "Summary Convictions Act."
- (No. 9) An Act to amend the "Farmers' Institutes and Co-operation Act."
- (No. 11) An Act to amend the "Revenue Act."
- (No. 12) An Act regarding a Certificate issued to the Greenwood City Water-Works Company, under the provisions of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897."
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the "Coal Tax Act, 1900."
- (No. 16) An Act to amend the "Master and Servant Act Amendment Act, 1902."
- (No. 27) An Act to authorise the grant of certain Lands to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.
- (No. 53) An Act to Incorporate the City of Chilliwack.

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

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words :—

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

The Hon. Dr. *Young* presented a copy of the report submitted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by Professor *Louis G. Carpenter*, of Fort Collins, Colorado, and the Hon. *Fred. J. Fulton*, who were appointed Commissioners to inquire into the irrigation of land in the Province of British Columbia.

Ordered to be printed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

PAIRS FOR THE DAY.

Messieurs

<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Eagleson.</i>

Wednesday, 12th February, 1908.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Jos. McCoy*.

The Report on Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Hudson Bay Pacific Railway Company," was adopted.
Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Crow's Nest and Northern Railway Company," was committed.
Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting the Dominion Trust Company, Limited," was read a second time.
To be committed to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Eastern British Columbia Railway Company," a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act.'"

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act, 1904.'"

The Report on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act granting to the Corporation of the City of New Westminster certain Lands in said City for Park purposes," was adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to Establish and Incorporate a University for the Province of British Columbia," was committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Hayward presented the First Report from the Committee on Municipal Matters, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 12th, 1908.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters beg leave to report as follows :—

That they have considered Bill (No. 22), "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Electors and Elections in Municipalities," and recommend that the Bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. HAYWARD,
Chairman.

The report was received.

Mr. McPhillips presented the Eighth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 12th, 1908.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders beg leave to report as follows :—

That the time limited for the receiving of Petitions, presenting Private Bills and Reports from the Committee on Private Bills, be extended until February 24th, 1908.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. E. McPHILLIPS,
Chairman.

The report was received, the Rules suspended and the report adopted.

The Hon. Mr. *Tallow* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows :—

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act further to amend the ‘Railway Assessment Act, 1907,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
11th February, 1908.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act further to amend the ‘Railway Assessment Act, 1907,’” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

PAIRS FOR THE DAY.

Messieurs

Bowser,
Tallow,

Eagleson,
Jones.

Thursday, 13th February, 1908.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Geo. Kinney.*

On the motion of Mr. *Davey*, Bill (No. 35) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Clauses Act,’” was introduced and read a first time.
Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Mr. *Ross* presented the Fourth Report from the Railway Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
13th February, 1908.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways beg leave to report as follows :—
The preamble proved of—

Bill (No. 57), "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver and Nicola Valley Railway Company."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. R. Ross,
Chairman.

The report was received.

Mr. *Kergin* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions :—

1. What extension of time, if any, has the Bella Coola Development Company been granted since that granted March 7th, 1907 ?

2. On what grounds has such extension, if any, been granted ?

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* replied as follows :—

"1. None.

"2. Answered by reply to question 1."

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question :—

Is it the intention of the Government to discontinue the collection of tolls from travellers, vehicles, &c., using the Government Bridge at New Westminster ?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows :—

"When the Legislature approved the grant for the construction of the Westminster Bridge it was understood that there should be tolls collected from travellers, vehicles, &c. On the opening of the bridge a schedule of fees was adopted and enforced. Since then reductions have been made in the schedule. The Government hopes from time to time to be able to make further reductions."

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

Is it the intention of the Government to make provisions providing for the granting to the City of Phoenix of a portion of the mineral tax collected from the mines within the corporate limits of the City of Phoenix ?

The Hon. Mr. *Tallow* replied as follows :—

"The Government does not propose to grant to any municipality any portion of the mineral tax collected from mines situated wholly or partly within the boundaries of the municipality, but a claim having been made by the Cities of Rossland and Phoenix for a grant to cover the equivalent of the real property tax which these municipalities might have collected upon the assessed values of the surface rights and improvements of these mines within such municipalities, were such municipalities not prohibited by Statute from taxing such surface rights and improvements, the Government, taking into consideration the peculiar situation of the mines in relation to these municipalities, has now their claims under consideration."

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Persons employed in Factories," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

PAIRS FOR THE DAY.

Messieurs

Bowser,
Shatford,

Naden,
Jardine.

Friday, 14th February, 1908.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Geo. Kinney*.

Mr. *Ellison* presented a petition from the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, opposing Private Bill to amend the "Victoria Water-Works Act" and amending Acts. (No. 11c.)

Received.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next:—

By Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*—Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to Regulate Employment in Dangerous Industries."

By Mr. *McInnis*—Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to Establish a General Eight-Hour Day."

Mr. *Oliver* moved, seconded by Mr. *Jones*,—

That the evidence and exhibits submitted to a Select Committee appointed to inquire into the workings of the British Columbia Immigration Act during the Session of 1904 be printed forthwith, and that printed copies of said evidence be returned to this House at the earliest possible date.

Negatived.

Mr. *Williams* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What disposal has been made of Vote No. 233 of last Session? (\$15,000 for Immigration.)

2. If spent, to whom has it been paid, and for what service?

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* replied as follows:—

" 1. \$8,200.00.	
" 2. (a.) Salvation Army	\$8,000 00
(b.) F I. Clarke	200 00
	\$8,200 00

(a.) Grant to Salvation Army towards construction of 'Welcome Hotel,' Vancouver	\$ 2,500 00
Grant to Salvation Army for expenses in connection with immigration	500 00
Amount advanced as loan to Salvation Army to assist in introducing domestic servants and farm labourers	5,000 00
(b.) Payment for writing bulletin	200 00"

Mr. *McInnis* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:—

1. Are there any lands situated on the North Fork of Kettle River, near Pass Creek, being held in reserve by the Government?

2. If so, when was such reserve made?

3. For what purpose?

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* replied as follows:—

" 1. Yes.

" 2. 13th March, 1896.

" 3. For Government purposes."

Mr. *Williams* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions :—

1. How many road foremen were employed in the District of Newcastle during last season ?

2. What are the names of such foremen ?

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* replied as follows :—

“ 1. Three.

“ 2. *Walter Michael, D. Ferguson, John Love.*”

Bill (No. 14) intituled “ An Act to Establish and Incorporate a University for the Province of British Columbia,” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 29) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Constitution Act,’ ” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 18) intituled “ An Act to establish a Department of Lands,” was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 19) intituled “ An Act to establish a Department of Public Works,” was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

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

Mr. *Henderson* presented a petition from the Oak Bay Municipality, opposing Private Bill to amend the “ Victoria City Water-Works Act ” and amending Acts and amendment Bill. (No. 11D.)

Received.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

PAIRS FOR THE DAY.

Messieurs

Shatford,
Bowser,

Yorston,
Kergin.

Monday, 17th February, 1908.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. A. Carson*.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented a Return of copies of (a) correspondence, (b) documents, shewing the contentions and claims of the Province against the Dominion, or *vice versa* in regard to—

- (1.) Fisheries, whether sea or inland ;
- (2.) Hatcheries ;
- (3.) Foreshores.

June 1st, 1901, to February 12th, 1908.

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* moved, seconded by Mr. *McInnis*,—

Whereas this Legislature enacted in 1895 “ An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act,” providing that no person should be employed underground in any coal mine for a longer period than eight hours from “ bank to bank ” (surface entrance into a mine) ; and,

Whereas this Legislature further enacted in 1903-4 “ An Act to further amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act,” which provides “ ‘ Coal Miner ’ shall mean a person employed underground in any coal mine to cut, shear, break or loosen coal from the solid, whether by hand or machinery, and, after the coming into force of this Act, possessed of a certificate of competency as such,” and further, 111. “ No certificate of competency shall be granted to any coal miner who does not satisfy the majority of the Board of Examiners that he is sufficiently conversant with the English language, and with the provisions of the Acts relating to coal mining and rules and regulations made thereunder, to render his employment as such safe, and also that he has been employed in a coal mine for at least twelve months previous to the date of his application for such certificate, and his sufficient knowledge of methods of coal mining to render him competent to perform the duties appertaining to his employment ” ; and,

Whereas it is well known that these and other laws for the protection of underground workers in coal mines are not observed in the coal mines on Vancouver Island, more especially the mines operated by the Union Colliery Company ; and

Whereas it is also well known that a horde of illiterate Orientals are employed underground in the mines at Cumberland ;

Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Government take prompt measures to enquire into the foregoing matters and enforce the laws in question.

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

King,
Naden,
Hall,
Eagleson,

Jones,
Yorston,
Oliver,

Macdonald,
Henderson,
Jardine,

Williams,
Hawthornthwaite,
McInnis—13.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Tatlow,
McBride,
Bowser,
Cotton,
Ellison,
Ross,

McPhillips,
Thomson,
Hunter,
Fulton,
Young,
Taylor,

Garden,
Macgowan,
Gifford,
Grant,
Behnsen,
Manson,

Hayward,
McGuire,
McKay,
Parson,
Davey—23.

PAIRS :

Messieurs

Shatford,
Schofield,

Munro,
Kergin.

Mr. *Oliver* moved, seconded by Mr. *Jones*,—

That whereas the revenue available to municipalities generally is inadequate for the requirements of the municipalities :

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable to increase the revenue-producing power of the municipalities by allowing to the municipalities the tax upon personal property now collected by the Government.

Mr. Speaker *Eberts* ruled the motion out of order under Rule 45.

Mr. *Oliver* moved, seconded by Mr. *Jones*,—

That in the opinion of this House it is advisable to provide text books for use in the public schools of British Columbia at the cost of the Province.

Mr. Speaker *Eberts* ruled the motion out of order under Rule 45.

Mr. *McPhillips* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions :—

Are the provisions of the "Shops Regulation Act, 1900," being enforced? Particularly in regard to the following matters :—

Are young persons (any boy or girl under the age of sixteen years) employed in or about a shop, store or warehouse for a longer period than sixty-six and a half hours, including meal times, in any one week?

Are said persons employed during any Saturday for more than thirteen hours, including meal times?

Are said persons employed during any other day for more than eleven hours, including meal times?

Are suitable seats provided for the use of every female employed, and are all female employees permitted to use the same?

Are notices of the hours of employment, as provided by the Act, exhibited in conspicuous places in the shop, store or warehouse?

Are the provisions of section 26 of the Act complied with and enforced, and are all sanitary provisions made?

Are all bakeshops constructed and kept in a sanitary manner?

Are there any sleeping places in the bakeshops?

Are employees in bakeshops required to work on Sunday?

Are employees in bakeshops employed more than twelve hours on any one day, or more than sixty hours in any one week?

Are the provisions of section 8 of the "Shops Regulation Act, 1900," and "Amendment Act, 1901," providing against disease, enforced?

Are any employees in bakeshops under the age of eighteen years employed between the hours of nine of the clock at night and five of the clock in the morning?

Are any persons under the age of fourteen years employed in any bakeshops?

Are there any bakeshops in a cellar or underground, and contrary to section 11 of the said amended Act?

Are the provisions of the Act kept posted up in all bakeshops?

Has the Superintendent of Police, whose duty it is to enforce the provisions of the Act, made a report as to the enforcement of the provisions of the Act?

If not, will a report be asked from him?

The Hon. Mr. *Bowser* replied as follows :—

"The Superintendent of Provincial Police is absent from the Province; when he returns information will be obtained from him regarding the enforcement of the 'Shops Regulation Act, 1900.'"

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

Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum on the Estimates for the erection of a new school building at Quesnel?

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* replied as follows :—

"No requisition has as yet been received in this connection from the Education Department."

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted :—

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act.'"

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to establish a Department of Lands."

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to establish a Department of Public Works."

Bills read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to Establish and Incorporate a University for the Province of British Columbia," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow :—

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act regarding the approval of Cemetery Sites."

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act, 1902.'"

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act further to amend the 'Railway Assessment, 1907.'"

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions :—

1. What quantities of coal were purchased by the Government during the year 1907 at each of the following points :—Nanaimo, Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster ?
2. What price was paid per ton (state whether short or long ton) in each case ?
3. Who supplied the coal in each case ?
4. Were tenders for the supply of coal called for ?
5. If not, why not ?

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* replied as follows :—

"1. Nanaimo, 21½ tons. Victoria, 530½ tons. Vancouver, 88 tons 1,200 lbs. New Westminster, 2,143 tons 1,284 lbs.

"2. Nanaimo, \$4.50, \$5 and \$5.50 per ton, short. Victoria, \$6, \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$20 per ton, short (forge coal). Vancouver, \$6.30, \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8.50 per ton, short. New Westminster, \$5, \$6, \$6.40, \$6.50, \$7.45, \$7.50 and \$9.25 per ton, short. Dykes, \$5 per ton, long.

"3. Nanaimo, *Thompson & Scoville* and *A. Gilfillan*. Victoria, *J. E. Painter* and *J. Kingham*. Vancouver, *McDonald, Marpole & Co.*, *Evans, Coleman & Evans* and *Crowder & Penzer*. New Westminster, *Mayers & Preston, Gilley Bros.* and *J. W. Creighton*.

"4. Tenders were obtained in the cases of the Victoria Gaol, Boys' Industrial School, New Westminster Gaol, Hospital for the Insane and for the Dykes. In the other cases it has been always the custom to purchase from time to time as required, and the practice has been continued until the present.

"5. Answered by reply to question No. 4."

On the third reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Hudson Bay Pacific Railway Company," Mr. *Williams* moved to add the following as a new sub-section :—

"(21A.) Provided always, that neither directly nor indirectly shall any person of Oriental birth or extraction be employed in the construction of the said railway."

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order, under Rule 55.

Mr. *Williams* then moved the adjournment of the debate, which was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

King,
Naden,
Hall,
Eagleson,

Jones,
Yorston,
Oliver,

Macdonald,
Henderson,
Jardine,

Brewster.
Williams,
McInnis—13.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Tatlow,
McBride,
Cotton,
Ellison,
Ross,

Thomson,
Hunter,
Fulton,
Taylor,
Garden,

Gifford,
Grant,
Behnsen,
Manson,

McGuire,
Mackay,
Parson,
Davey—18.

PAIRS :

Messieurs

Shatford,
Schofield,

Munro,
Kergin.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Hayward* presented a petition from *Joseph Norman*, opposing Private Bill to amend the Victoria City Water-Works Act Amendment Bill. (No. 11E.)
Received.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

PAIRS FOR THE DAY.

Messieurs

Shatford,
Schofield,

Munro,
Kergin.

Tuesday, 18th February, 1908.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. A. Carson*.

On the motion of Mr. *McPhillips*, Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act further to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897,'" was introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* moved, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,—

Whereas a conflict of interests has arisen between the Province of British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada in respect to Oriental immigration into British Columbia; and

Whereas a treaty, known as the Anglo-Japanese Treaty, has been endorsed by the Dominion Government; and

Whereas the said Treaty contained the following section:—

"The subjects of each of the two high contracting parties shall have full liberty to enter, travel or reside in any part of the dominions and possessions of the other contracting party, and shall enjoy full and perfect protection for their persons and property."

And whereas the industrial and labour interests of British Columbia have been seriously affected by the abnormal influx of Japanese immigrants under said section; and

Whereas laws enacted by this Province to regulate said immigration have been uniformly disallowed by the Dominion authorities; and

Whereas the existing condition cannot continue without injuring the various interests referred to, and further endangering the good understanding that has existed between the people of Japan and the people of this Province;

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House memorialise the Imperial Government, through the Colonial Secretary, to appoint a Royal Commission to fully inquire into all the circumstances in connection with these matters.

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

Mr. *Williams* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:—

1. What amount was spent on roads, trails and bridges in the District of Newcastle from July 1st to December 31st, 1907?

2. What position did Mr. *Henry Trudell* hold in the District of Newcastle during last season?

3. What was the total sum paid, as salary, wages and expenses, to the following parties during last season:—*John Cairns*, *Walter Michael*, *D. Ferguson*, *John Love* and *H. Trudell*?

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* replied as follows:—

“1. \$6,143.81.

“2. Cruising for road to Green Mountain.

“3. *John Cairns*—salary, \$136; expenses, \$44. *Walter Michael*—salary, \$334.75; expense, *nil*. *D. Ferguson*—salary, \$256.75; expenses, *nil*. *John Love*—salary, \$68.25; expenses, *nil*. *H. Trudell*—salary, \$154; expenses, *nil*. (All in Newcastle District.)

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* presented—

A Return of a copy of the map, plan and book of reference (with certificate of the Hon. Chief Commissioner attached) deposited by the Victoria Terminal Railway Company in connection with the acquisition by the Company of additional rights of way through the lands of *John Weaver*, at Mud Bay.

A Return of copies of all correspondence, telegrams or reports in any way relating to the construction of a bridge over the Kettle River at or near Rock Creek.

Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to Establish and Incorporate a University for the Province of British Columbia,” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act regarding the approval of Cemetery Sites,” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Hospital Act, 1902,’” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Electors and Elections in Municipalities,” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act further to amend the ‘Railway Assessment Act, 1907,’” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to authorise the Ladysmith Lumber Company, Limited, to construct and operate a Railway for Logging and Lumbering purposes," was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Crow's Nest and Northern Railway Company," Mr. *Williams* moved to add the following as a new sub-section:—

"(21A.) Provided always, that neither directly nor indirectly shall any person of Oriental birth or extraction be employed in the construction of the said railway."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Eagleson,</i>	<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Jardine,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>McInnis—8.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>King,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Behnsen,</i>
<i>Naden,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Young,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>
<i>Kergin,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>
<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>	<i>Parson,</i>
<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Davey,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Schofield—30.</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>		

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

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting The Dominion Trust Company, Limited," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Eastern British Columbia Railway Company," was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver and Nicola Valley Railway Company," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Order called for the House to again resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Persons employed in Factories."

Mr. Speaker *Eberts* gave the following ruling on a point of order raised yesterday in Committee of the Whole:—

In the Committee of the Whole on the above Bill a point of order was taken by the Honourable Member for Yale that the same had not been properly launched, in that, being a Bill dealing with trade, it should have been introduced by a resolution from the Committee of the Whole, and having been introduced by motion the procedure was in direct conflict with Rule 43, which is as follows:—

"No Bill relating to trade, or the alteration of the laws relating to trade, is to be brought into the House until the proposition shall have been first considered in a Committee of the Whole House and agreed unto by the House."

The Honourable Member for Skeena, the Chairman of the Committee, held that the Bill was properly before the House and Committee, and an appeal against his decision to the Speaker has been taken by the Honourable Member who took the point of order.

Trade in general terms means the act or business of exchanging commodities by barter, the business of buying and selling for money.

This Bill, as its title denotes, is an Act for the protection of persons employed in factories. I have perused the Bill carefully, and I fail to find any of its sections altering the laws concerning trade, as the word is used in its general acceptation. Certainly the persons who are to be protected under the Bill are indirectly connected with the trade carried on by the persons by whom they are employed, but their avocation in no way relates to trade, nor is their better protection any alteration of the laws concerning trade.

A similar rule to 43 of the Rules of this House is in force in the British and Dominion Houses, and the object of the rule is that Bills relating to trade should be founded on the resolution of a preliminary Committee, in order to give an opportunity for a fuller discussion and a wider notice to those interested.

A Bill for regulating the employment of children in factories has been introduced into the English House on motion only, and the Bill itself is in effect of the same nature as the one now under discussion.

The Bill is simply to protect the life and limb of a person employed in any of the factories designated in the Act, and may fairly be termed a police regulation.

I therefore hold that the Bill has been properly introduced by motion.

D. M. EBERTS,
Speaker.

18th February, 1908.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to prevent Discrimination against Members of Trade Unions," was resumed.

The second reading was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>King,</i>	<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>McInnis,</i>
<i>Naden,</i>	<i>Kergin.</i>	<i>Jardine,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Eagleson,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Schofield—15.</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>
<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>Tallow,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Mackay,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Parsons,</i>
<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Behnsen,</i>	<i>Davey—23.</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	

PAIRS:

Messieurs

McPhillips, *Hall.*

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to enable the City of Nelson to borrow Eighty-five Thousand Dollars for Electric Light and Power purposes," was, with the consent of the Government, announced by the Hon. the Attorney-General, read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

PAIRS FOR THE DAY.

Messieurs

McPhillips, *Hall.*

Wednesday, 19th February, 1908.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. A. Carson*.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow :—

By Mr. *Macdonald*—Bill (No. 44) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Provincial Home Act.’ ”

By the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*—Bill (No. 42) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Bills of Sale Act.’ ”

By the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*—Bill (No. 43) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Jurors Act.’ ”

By the Hon. Mr. *Fulton*—Bill (No. 41) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Interpretation Act.’ ”

On the motion of Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by Mr. *Jones*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of a copy of the “ Bulletin ” for the writing of which Mr. *F. I. Clarke* has been paid the sum of \$200. *See* Votes and Proceedings of February 14th, 1908.

Mr. *Kergin* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions :—

1. For how much of the 25,645 acres surveyed by Mr. *A. W. Harvey* in the Kispiox Valley had applications for purchase been made previous to survey?

2. For how many acres had applications for pre-emption been made previous to survey?

3. How many acres were available for pre-emption after completion of survey?

4. Will the applicants to purchase unsurveyed lands, which have since been surveyed by the Government, be required to pay cost of survey?

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* replied as follows :—

“ 1. None. Some advertised but not applied for.

“ 2. None.

“ 3. 8,548 pre-emption; 8,548 purchase; 8,548 University (purchase).

“ 4. Yes; 25 cents per acre.”

Mr. *Kergin* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions :—

1. How much of the 53,936 acres surveyed by Mr. *J. H. Gray* in the Bulkley Valley had been pre-empted previous to survey?

2. For how much of the said 53,936 acres had applications to purchase been received previous to survey?

3. How much of the said 53,936 acres surveyed were available for pre-emption after completion of survey?

4. Will the applicants to purchase unsurveyed lands, which have since been surveyed by the Government, be required to pay cost of survey?

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* replied as follows :—

“ 1. 520 acres (exclusive of scrip land).

“ 2. None.

“ 3. All except 520 acres previously pre-empted, and approximately 1,140 acres scrip land.

“ 4. Yes; 25 cents per acre.

“ NOTE.—About 40,600 acres of above survey are in Bulkley Valley, the remainder lying to the south.”

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question :—

What action has been taken by the Government in respect to the Resolution of the House passed on April 16th, 1907, *re* freight and passenger rates?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows :—

“An Order in Council, setting forth the matter as embodied in the Resolution, was transmitted by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to the Dominion Government, through the Honourable the Secretary of State, Ottawa, on April 17th, 1907. An acknowledgment, dated April 23rd, 1907, was received by His Honour from the Honourable the Secretary of State.

“The matter was also set out by the Honourable the Provincial Secretary in a letter dated April 17th, 1907, to the Board of Railway Commissioners of Canada, Ottawa, and an acknowledgment, dated April 23rd, 1907, was received from Mr. A. D. Cartwright, Secretary to the Commission.”

Bill (No. 55) intituled “An Act to authorise the Ladysmith Lumber Company, Limited, to construct and operate a Railway for Logging and Lumbering purposes,” was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Crow’s Nest and Northern Railway Company,” was further considered.

Mr. *Ross* moved as a new clause—

“23. That no aliens shall be employed on the railway during construction unless it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that the work cannot be proceeded with without the employment of such aliens.”

Carried.

Mr. *Ross* moved as a new clause—

“24. That the workmen, labourers or servants employed in or about the construction and operation of the railway shall be paid such rate of wages as may be currently payable to white workmen, labourers and servants engaged in similar operations in the district in which such railway is constructed and operated.”

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act respecting the Dominion Trust Company, Limited,” was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Eastern British Columbia Railway Company,” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 57) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver and Nicola Valley Railway Company,” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act further to amend the ‘Railway Assessment Act, 1907,’” was re-committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Cotton* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows :—

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to provide for the Maintenance of Provincial Parks,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
19th February, 1908.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to provide for the Maintenance of Provincial Parks," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows :—

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting Crown Lands," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
19th February, 1908.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting Crown Lands," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bush Fire Act,'" was again committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act with respect to the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia and to make provision for the Superannuation and Retirement of Persons employed in such Public Service," was resumed.

Mr. *Jardine* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Yorston*,—

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

"Whereas Bill No. 20 proposes to authorise a payment of \$200,000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purpose of forming a nucleus of a Superannuation Fund for the benefit of Civil Servants ;

"And whereas the said Bill No. 20 provides for ample remuneration being paid to Civil Servants for the services performed by them ;

"And whereas Civil Servants in the employ of the Province of British Columbia have the advantage of short hours, and perform their duties under the most healthy and comfortable conditions ;

"And whereas the moneys required to pay the superannuation allowance proposed to be paid to Civil Servants must, of necessity, be taken by way of taxation from the wealth-producing classes, none of whom are as well remunerated as the Civil Servants, although earning their livelihood under much more onerous conditions ;

“And whereas the \$200,000 proposed to be set aside by the terms of the Bill for the benefit of Civil Servants, could be expended much more advantageously, either by the construction of roads, trails and bridges, or by extending the benefits of our public school system, or by remitting to municipalities the personal property tax now collected within the municipal limits, or in other ways:

“Therefore, be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House Bill No. 20 should be withdrawn and re-introduced, with that portion of the Bill respecting superannuation expunged.”

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

On the motion of Mr. *Williams*, Bill (No. 45) intituled “An Act to Regulate the Procuring or Employment of Workmen,” was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 P.M.

PAIRS FOR THE DAY.

Messieurs

Macgowan,

Yorston.

Thursday, 20th February, 1908.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Baugh Allan*.

Mr. *Grant* presented a petition from *Thos. Cairns* and others, asking for legislation protecting the rights of pre-emptors in the E. & N. Ry. land belt.

Mr. *Kergin* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:—

1. Does the Bella Coola Development Company continue to hold its pulp lease?
2. If so, upon what conditions?
3. What yearly rental does the Company pay per acre upon its limits?
4. Is the Company free to cut upon its limits any or all timber other than pulp wood?
5. If so, upon what condition may the Company cut timber other than pulp wood?

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. On conditions set out in said lease.

“3. Two cents per acre.

“4. The proviso under which the Company can cut timber, other than pulp wood, is as follows:—‘Provided that the said lessee shall not be entitled to cut, carry away or use for any other purpose than for the manufacture of pulp any of the timber on any of the premises hereby demised, unless it shall first take out a special timber licence in that behalf, paying therefor the fees provided from time to time by the Land Act.’

“5. Answered by reply to question 4.”

Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act for the Protection of Persons employed in Factories,” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to enable the City of Nelson to borrow Eighty-five Thousand Dollars for Electric Light and Power purposes," was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Tallow* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows :—

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the nine months ending 31st March, 1909 ;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year ending 30th June, 1908.

Schedule A, Unprovided Items of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1907, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
20th February, 1908.

On the motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Honourable the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That the said Message, and the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to Regulate Employment in Dangerous Industries," a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897,'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day for Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. *Tallow* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *McBride*,—

"That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."

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

Mr. *Hayward* presented the Second Report from the Committee on Municipal Matters, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 20th, 1908

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters beg leave to report as follows :—

Your Committee have examined Bills numbered (25) twenty-five, (26) twenty-six and (35) thirty-five, all amending the "Municipal Clauses Act," and have combined the approved provisions, together with amendments, in one Bill (hereto annexed), and recommend that the same be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. HAYWARD,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 P.M

Friday, 21st February, 1908.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Baugh Allen*.

The following petitions were presented and received :—

By Mr. *Ellison*—From the General Trusts Corporation, for leave to present a petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the Company's Corporate Act. (No. 12.)

By Mr. *Jardine*—From *W. S. Clark, J. S. Mercer* and others, praying that Miss *Agnes Deans Cameron* be restored her teacher's certificate.

The Hon. Mr. *Bowser* presented the report of the Commissioner of Fisheries for British Columbia, 1907.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*, moved on 18th February, inst.

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Tatlow*,—

To strike out the words after the word "Resolved," on the sixteenth line, and to insert the following :—

"That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to request the Governor-General to ask the Imperial Government, through the Colonial Secretary, to appoint a Royal Commission to fully inquire into all the circumstances in connection with these matters."

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

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

Is it the intention of the Government to call for tenders for the coal supplied to the various Government Departments in Victoria in the future?

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* replied as follows :—

"Yes."

The Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bush Fire Act,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Electors and Elections in Municipalities," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

The following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed on Monday next :—

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act.'"

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors Act.'"

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act.'"

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting Crown Lands," was discharged.

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows :—

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting Crown Lands," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
21st February, 1908.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting Crown Lands," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting the Dominion Trust Company, Limited," was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver and Nicola Valley Railway Company," was adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Eastern British Columbia Railway Company," was adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

PAIRS FOR THE DAY.

Messieurs :

Manson,
Young,
McPhillips,

King,
Jones,
Yorston.