

Monday, 3rd February, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to Address, a Return of the amounts paid by the Government for all Printing done by other than the Government Printers.

Mr. *McCreight* presented a Report (being the fifth) from the Select Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, That the Committee had considered a Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to authorize the Corporation of the City of *Victoria* to construct Water Works for the City of *Victoria*," and, subject to certain amendments, approved thereof.

The Report was received.

Mr. *McCreight* presented a Report (being the sixth) from the Select Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, That the Committee had considered a Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the *Victoria* and *Esquimalt* Railway Company," and, subject to certain amendments, approved thereof.

The Report was received.

Mr. *McCreight* presented a Report (being the seventh) from the Select Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, That the Committee had considered a Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the City of *Victoria* Water Works Company," and, subject to certain amendments, approved thereof.

The Report was received.

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

The Supplementary Report was received.

Mr. *Bunster* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed for the purpose of considering the practicability and expediency of deeding all that part of the Inlet east of the westerly side of James' Bay bridge, in the City of *Victoria*, to the City of *Victoria*, for the purpose of holding Agricultural and Horticultural Exhibitions.

The Report was received.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Robertson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Reports of the Committee appointed to consider the expediency of revising and altering the Mining Laws of *British Columbia* be referred to a Select Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills in accordance with the suggestions contained in such Reports. Such Committee to consist of Messrs. *Hughes*, *Humphreys*, *Robinson*, *Walken*, *Barnston*, *Robson*, *Todd* and *Robertson*.

Mr. *Bunster* to ask leave to introduce a Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to attach Property in certain cases."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

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

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

Bill read first time accordingly.

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

Mr. *Robertson* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act, 1872.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

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

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

Bill read first time accordingly.

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

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

That this House reconsider the vote taken on the Resolution referring to the Customs and Excise.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to send down to this House a copy of the despatch relating to Act No. 4 of last Session.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that Returns may be sent down to this House, showing the amount of Fees paid to the Crown prosecutor or prosecutors for the conduct of public business during the year 1872.

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

Whereas the Committee appointed on the 13th March, 1872, to enquire into the claim of the *Queen Charlotte Coal Mining Company Limited*, have tendered no Report upon the subject for which they were appointed, it is therefore *Resolved*,—

That another Committee shall be appointed, consisting of Messieurs *McCreight*, *Barnston*, *Booth*, *Semlin*, *Bunster*, and *Duck*, for that purpose, and that the said Committee is required to Report at the earliest opportunity.

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

That the Government be requested to cause to be printed not less than fifty copies of the British North America Act, the Terms of Union with *Canada*, and the Standing Orders of this House, and bound together, for the use of the Members of this House.

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

Whether he has made any arrangements for carrying on the Assay Office at *New Westminster*, so that free assays can be made of minerals; and, if so, what they are?

The Honorable Mr. *De Cosmos* replied as follows:—

“No arrangements have been made for carrying on the Assay Office at *New Westminster* so that free assays of minerals can be made.”

Mr. *Smith* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:—

What is the intention of the Government, as regards the construction of a Bridge, the present year, at the mouth of *Thompson River*?

What is the intention of the Government respecting the expenditure of the \$4,500 in the construction of a Road (in the *Nicola Valley*) from *Woodward's* to *Frank Pickles'*, the above amount having been voted last Session, but not expended?

What is the intention of the Government, with regard to making passable the bluff on the *North Fork of Thompson*, as petitioned for last Session, at a cost of \$1,000?

What is the intention of the Government, respecting the construction of fourteen miles of Waggon Road, at a cost of \$2,000, connecting the *Spillamacheen Valley* with *Lake Okanagan*, and thereby opening up 248 miles of navigation?

What is the intention of the Government, respecting the construction of a Bridge on the *Nicola River*, at the *Nicomcen* crossing?

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

“That amounts voted last year and unexpended are, of course, lapsed votes, and that the Government will be prepared, when the Estimates are under discussion, to give the fullest information possible as to the distribution of the amounts proposed to be expended upon Roads in each District.”

By leave of the House, Mr. *Smith* moved, Mr. *Robinson* seconding, and it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that all papers and correspondence between the Government and

the settlers of *Yale-Lytton* District, in connection with Roads, Trails, and Bridges, be laid before this House.

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

Is it the intention of the Government to provide a Constable or Policeman for *Esquimalt* town, during the current year ?

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

“It is the intention of the Government to transfer the Police of *Victoria* and *Esquimalt* to the Corporation of the City of *Victoria*.”

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

Whether it is the intention of the Government to place a sum on the Estimates for making a Road from *New Westminster* to *Semihamo* ?

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

“There will be money placed on the Estimates to be expended on a Trail between *New Westminster* and *Semihamo*.”

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

Is it the intention of the Government to make any effort, during the ensuing year, to open a Road from *Goldstream* to *Cowichan* ?

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

“It is the intention of the Government to make an effort, this year, to open a Road from *Goldstream* to *Sayward's Saw-mill*.”

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

Is it the intention of the Government to provide a second Constable for *Nanaimo*, during the present year ?

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

“No.”

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

Is it the intention of the Government to open a Road from *Chemainis* to *Nanaimo* ?

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

“It is the intention of the Government to provide for the opening of the Trail between *Chemainis* and *Nanaimo*.”

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

Is it the intention of the Government to donate any part of the \$600 now on the Estimates for the benefit of Agricultural Societies, to any Society outside of *Victoria* ?

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

“The \$600 on the Estimates for Agricultural Societies will be fairly distributed among all the Agricultural Societies in the Province.”

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Bill (No. 36) intituled “An Act to repeal ‘The Legislative Assembly Privileges Act, 1872.’”

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

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the said 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 "An Act to authorize one Justice of the Peace to do any matter or thing heretofore to be done by two Justices of the Peace," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Wednesday, 5th February.

The Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration Section 12 of the Terms of Union, respecting the construction of a first class Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*, was postponed until Tuesday, 4th February.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to Address, a copy of the Despatch relating to Act No. 4 of last Session.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Bills of Sale Ordinance, 1870,'" was considered.

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

The Motion was put and carried.

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

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

The House adjourned at 5-30 p.m., until 7-30 o'clock this evening.

7.30 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the First Report of the Committee of Supply was considered. Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, for the year ending December 31st, 1873, the sum of \$1,600 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of *British Columbia*.

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

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

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee on Tuesday, 4th February.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Mr. *Robson* moved, That in the Provincial Secretary's Department, "\$3,500" be struck out, and "\$2,500" substituted therefor.

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Robson*,

*Humphreys*,

*Bunster*.—3.

NAYS:

Messieurs

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

*Todd*,  
*Robinson*,  
*Hunter*,  
*Scmlin*,  
*Duck*,

*Hughes*,  
*McCreight*,  
*Booth*,  
*Holbrook*,  
*Barnston*,

*Saul*,  
*Cogan*,  
*Mr. Speaker*,  
*Smithe*.—19.

Mr. *Holbrook* moved, That in the Provincial Secretary's Department "\$3,500" be struck out, and "\$3,000" instituted therefor.

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Robson,*                      *Holbrook,*                      *Humphreys,*                      *Bunster.*—4.

NAYS:

Messieurs

*De Cosmos,*                      *Todd,*                      *Duck,*                      *Barnston,*  
*Walkem,*                      *Hunter,*                      *Mc Creight,*                      *Saul,*  
*Beaven,*                      *Semlin,*                      *Booth,*                      *Cogan,*  
*Ash,*                      *Robinson,*                      *Mr. Speaker.*                      *Smith.*—18.  
*Armstrong,*                      *Hughes,*

The House continued to sit until after midnight.

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2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,410 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the "Provincial Secretary's Department."

Mr. *Robson* moved, That the Committee rise and report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

The motion was put and resolved in the negative on the following division:

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Robson,*                      *Robinson,*                      *Bunster,*                      *Holbrook,*  
*Hunter,*                      *Mc Creight,*                      *Humphreys,*                      *Saul.*—8.

NAYS:

Messieurs

*De Cosmos,*                      *Ash,*                      *Semlin,*                      *Barnston,*  
*Walkem,*                      *Beaven,*                      *Hughes,*                      *Booth,*  
*Armstrong,*                      *Todd,*                      *Duck,*                      *Cogan.*—12.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,150 be granted Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Printing Branch of the Provincial Secretary's Department.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Audit Branch of the Provincial Secretary's Department.

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

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

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee, at the next sitting of the House.

The House then adjourned at 12.45 a. m., until 2 o'clock p. m. this 4th February.

Tuesday, 4th February, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

"JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

"The Lieutenant-Governor forwards herewith, a Bill providing for the adoption of the Wild Land Tax, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

"GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS,

"Victoria, February 4th, 1873."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE).

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

That the "Wild Land Tax Act, 1873," be recommended to the House for adoption.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Friday, 7th February.

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

If any appropriation is intended to be made to the *New Westminster* Fire Department, out of Miscellaneous Services not detailed in the Estimates?

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

"It is not intended to make any appropriation out of Miscellaneous Services for the Fire Department of *New Westminster*."

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to Address, a Return showing the Expenditure on Immigration account, during the year 1872.

*Ordered* That the Return be printed. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* presented, pursuant to the "Civil Officers' Securities Act, 1872," a Statement of Securities given by Public Officers.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Bills of Sale Ordinance, 1870,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

The consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to Incorporate Agricultural Societies," was postponed until Wednesday, 5th Februray.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE).

The Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* moved,—

*Resolved*, That Article 12 of the Terms of Union between this Province and the Dominion of Canada, provides for the construction of a first class Graving Dock, in the following words:—"The Dominion Government shall guarantee the interest for ten years, from the date of the completion of the works, at the rate of (5) five per centum per annum of such sum, not exceeding £100,000 sterling, as may be required for the construction of a first class Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*."

That the Terms above specified, were adopted in the full belief that the proposed guarantee would be sufficient to secure the construction of the Dock by private enterprise.

That, although Tenders have been publicly invited in *England*, *Canada*, and the *United States*, yet none have been received since the close of the last Session of the Legislature.

That only one Tender had been received previous to the close of last Session, and that the Legislative Assembly refused to accept.

That, from trustworthy information, it is certain that the guarantee for the construction of the Graving Dock is not sufficient to induce private enterprise to engage in the undertaking.

That it is highly desirable, from a naval and mercantile point of view, that the Graving Dock should be constructed without delay.

That Article 9 of the Terms of Union, states that—"The influence of the Dominion Government will be used to secure the continued maintenance of the Naval Station at *Esquimalt*.

That the construction of the Dock would be a powerful inducement to Her Majesty's Government to continue *Esquimalt* as a Naval Station; and that the continuance of Her Majesty's ships in the waters of *British Columbia* would contribute most materially to preserve peace between the White population and Indians, and by that means save to the Dominion Government large sums that might otherwise be expended in suppressing Indian outbreaks.

That the Graving Dock partakes more of a National and Federal than of a Provincial character. This is especially the case in view of the necessity of a first class Dock for the repair of Her Majesty's ships in the North Pacific, and also in view of the early construction of the *Canadian Pacific* Railway and the consequent development of an extensive trade carried on in steamships and sailing vessels of the largest class, between *China*, *Japan* and *Australasia* on the one side, and *British Columbia* on the other.

That as the true intent and spirit of Section 12 of the Terms of Union was to secure beyond a doubt the construction of the Dock, and as the guarantee in Section 12 is insufficient, this House respectfully recommends His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to open negotiations with the Dominion Government to secure its construction without delay, on one of the following conditions:

1. To increase the guarantee on £100,000 sterling from 5 per centum per annum for 10 years to £120,000 sterling at 7½ per centum per annum for 25 years.
2. In lieu of the present or proposed increased guarantee, the Dominion Government to construct the Dock.
3. The Dominion Government to grant to this Province such sum of money in cash, in lieu of the guarantee in Section 12 of the Terms of Union, as may enable the Provincial Government to undertake the construction of the Dock.

Mr. *Robertson* moved, in amendment,—

That the Committee rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again, in order that he may move the following Resolution:—

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee be appointed, to inquire into the best means of building a Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*. Such Committee to consist of Messieurs *McCreight*, *Robinson*, *Walkem*, *Robson*, and *Robertson*.

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Robson,</i>	<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Cogan,</i>
<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Smithe,—8.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>DeCosmos,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>Holbrook.—13.</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>			

The original motion was put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Wednesday, the 5th February.

The House then adjourned, at 5.50 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Wednesday, 5th February.

Wednesday, 5th February, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* presented Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to extend and amend the 'Public Works Act, 1872.'"

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, the Honorable Mr. *De Cosmos* seconding, *Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Thursday, 6th February.

On the motion of Mr. *Cogan*, Mr. *Booth* seconding, it was *Resolved*,—

That the dissemination abroad of information respecting the agricultural, mining, lumber fishing, and other industrial resources of the Province, with the object of encouraging Immigration hither, is highly desirable, and that a pamphlet in a compendious form, embracing such information, ought to be prepared and disseminated abroad, but without incurring other expense than such as may be provided for in the Estimates for the current year.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to draft a Bill to provide for the Privileges and Immunities necessary to be enjoyed by the Legislative Assembly of this Province; Committee to be composed of the following members:—Messieurs *Robertson*, *McCreight*, *Robson*, *Scmlin*, *Duck*, and *Smithe*.

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

What kind of duty or work was Mr. *O. Hare* employed on, for which a commission of \$88 49 was paid him, as appears by the Public Accounts and Returns?

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

"The Stipendiary Magistrate authorized Mr. *O. Hare* to collect certain Taxes and Licenses from Chinamen and others working on outlying Creeks of the *Cariboo* District.

"Mr. *Hare* was paid by a commission on the amount collected, in lieu of payment by salary."

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

Is it the intention of the Government to retain an Immigration Agent at *San Francisco*, and an Agent-General at *London*?

The Honorable Mr. *De Cosmos* replied as follows:—

"The Government intend to continue the Agent-General in *London* for the current year; but it is uncertain whether an Immigration Agent will be continued at *San Francisco*."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to authorize one Justice of the Peace to do any matter or thing heretofore to be done by two Justices of the Peace," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 33), intituled "An Act to incorporate Agricultural Societies," was considered.

Mr. *Booth* moved, the Honorable Mr. *De Cosmos* seconding,—

That the Bill be re-committed.

The Motion was put and carried.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Thursday, 6th February.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to prevent the profanation of the Lord's Day in *British Columbia*."

(IN THE COMMITTEE).

Mr. *Robinson* Chairman.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith* it was *Resolved*,—  
That the Chairman do now leave the Chair.

Pursuant to Order, the Report of the Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration Section 12 of the Terms of Union, respecting the construction of a first class Graving Dock at *Esquimatt*, was considered.

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the First Report of the Committee of Ways and Means was considered.

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the Second Report of the Committee of Supply was considered.  
Report adopted.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE).

Mr. *Robson* moved,—

That the whole of the items in the Treasury Department be struck out, and that the Treasury Department be amalgamated with that of the Provincial Secretary.

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Robson,*

*Humphreys,*

*Bunster*.—3.

NAYS:

Messieurs

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

*Todd,*  
*Hunter,*  
*Semlin,*  
*Robinson,*

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

*Booth,*  
*Holbrook,*  
*Cogan,*  
*Saul*.—17.

Mr. *Holbrook* moved,—

That, in the Treasury Department, "\$3,500" be struck out, and "\$3,000" substituted therefor.

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Holbrook,*

*Bunster,*

*Robson*.—3.

NAYS:

Messieurs

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

*Todd,*  
*Hunter,*  
*Semlin,*  
*Robinson,*

*Hughes,*  
*Duck,*  
*Barnston,*  
*Humphreys,*

*Mc Creight,*  
*Booth,*  
*Cogan,*  
*Saul*.—17.

Mr. *Robson* moved,—

That, in the Treasury Department, "\$3,500" be struck out, and "\$2,500" substituted therefor.

The Motion was put, and resolved in the negative.

Mr. *Robson* moved,—That, in the Treasury Department, "\$1,600" be struck out.

The Motion was put, and resolved in the negative.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,552 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Treasury Department, for the year 1873.

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

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee at 7.30 o'clock, this evening.

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

7.30 O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Mr. *Robson* moved,—That, in the Lands and Works Department, “\$3,500” be struck out, and “\$2,500” be substituted therefor.

The Motion was put, and resolved in the negative.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lands and Works Department, for the year 1873.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,940 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Registrar-General of Titles, for the year 1873.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to Address, a Return of the amount of Fees paid to the Crown Prosecutor or Prosecutors for the conduct of public business, during the year 1872.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department, for the year 1873.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Department of the Executive Council, for the year 1873.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, for the year 1873.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,880 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Supreme Court, for the year 1873.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Sheriffs of the Province, for the year 1873.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,616 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Superintendent of the Provincial Police, and of the Provincial Gaol situated in the City of *Victoria*, for the year 1873.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,864 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial Gaol situate in the City and District of *New Westminster*, for the year 1873.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,108 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols of the Districts of *Kootenay* and *Columbia*, for the year 1873.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,360 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Police and Gaols of the *Cariboo* District, for the year 1873.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5704 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Police and Gaols of the *Omineca* District, for the year 1873.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,016 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Police and Gaols, *Yale* and *Kamloops* Districts, for the year 1873.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Police and Gaols of the *Nanaimo* District, for the year 1873.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Assay Office, *Cariboo*, for the year 1873.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,184 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the service of the Lunatic Asylum of the Province, for the year 1873.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Elections, and the Contingencies of Legislation, for the year 1873.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$850 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Chemicals and Fuel required for the use of the Assay Office, and the freight on the same, for the year 1873.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,975 be granted to Her Majesty to defray

the expenses of Administration of Justice (exclusive of salaries) throughout the Province, for the year 1873,

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,825 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Goals (exclusive of salaries) throughout the Province, for the year 1873.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,487 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lunatic Asylum (exclusive of salaries), for the year 1873.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted as a Gratuity to the daughter of the late Mr. *Ogilvy*, for the year 1873.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,340 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Charitable Allowances throughout the Province, for the year 1873.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses throughout the Province of Education, for the year 1873.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses which may be incurred during the year 1873, on account of Immigration.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Surveys, for the year 1873.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$444 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Rents, for the year 1873.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Transport, for the year 1873.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, for the year 1873.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,350 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Repairs to Public Buildings, Provincial, for the year 1873.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,050 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Government House, *Victoria*, for the year 1873.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Government House, *New Westminster*, for the year 1873.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Thursday, 6th February.

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee, on Thursday, 6th February.

The House then adjourned at 11.30 p.m., until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

### Thursday, 6th February, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Bunster* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to exempt certain Property from forced seizure or sale."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

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

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

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday, 10th February.

Mr. *Bunster* asked the Government the following question:—

What steps have been taken to ascertain the resources of the different Districts of the Province for Settlement.

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

"Steps have already been taken by the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to ascertain the resources of the different Districts for Settlement; but sufficient time has not elapsed to get the information sought."

Pursuant to Order, the Third Report of the Committee of Supply was considered. Report adopted.

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

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

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee, on Friday, 7th February.

The House adjourned at 6 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Friday, 7th February.

Friday, 7th February, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Robertson* asked leave to introduce the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Ordinance, 1869.'"

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,' and the 'Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1872.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bills presented.

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

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

Bills read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday, 10th February.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that Returns may be sent down to this House, showing the Public Officers, of whatever grade, who have been dismissed by the present Government, or who have been notified that their services are to be dispensed with; and giving the dates of such dismissal or notification.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$87,950 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Roads, Streets, and Bridges, for the year 1873.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Beaven*, the sum of "\$360" for copies of Maps for Registrar, was struck out, and "\$176 83" substituted therefor.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,926 83 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1873.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Saturday, 8th February.

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee, on Saturday, 8th February.

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

What steps have been taken to induce Settlement of the Public Lands in the Province; and what information and instructions have been given to the Agents at *San Francisco* and *London*?

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

“Government propose to encourage Settlement; in the first place, by being in a position to receive and supply information to intending Settlers, as to the capabilities and requirements of each District; then by offering Free Homesteads in certain Districts; and by surveying as much public land as possible each year, and obtaining information as to the quality of each section of land; and by the opening, and keeping in repair, the public roads of the Province; by amending the Land Laws, and by placing as few difficulties in the way of acquiring homes in the Province as possible; by making liberal provision for Schools, and by setting aside lands for School purposes.

“At the same time, it must be remembered, that this Government are precluded, by the Terms of Union with *Canada*, from dealing with the public lands, other than by pre-emption, before the 20th July next.

“That this Government have given no further instructions to Immigration Agents, at *London* and *San Francisco*, than were given by the previous Government.”

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 33), intituled “An Act to incorporate Agricultural Societies,” 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. 23) intituled “An Act relating to the Indemnity to Members, and the Salary of the Speaker, of the Legislative Assembly,” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for the next sitting of the House.

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

7.30 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Bill (No. 23) intituled “An Act relating to Indemnity to Members, and the Salary of the Speaker, of the Legislative Assembly.”

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Saturday, 8th February.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend ‘The Municipality Act, 1872,’” was read a second time.

*Ordered*, to be committed on Monday, 10th February.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act to extend and amend the ‘Public Works Act, 1872,’” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Monday, 10th February.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to amend ‘The Constitution Act, 1871,’” a debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday, 10th February.

The House then adjourned, at 11.40 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Monday, 10th February.

Monday, 10th February, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Hon. Mr. *Ash* presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to Address, a full Inventory of all the public property in the Government House, *Victoria*.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that he will cause to be sent down to this House, a detailed statement of the amount of money paid out of the \$40,000, voted last Session for School purposes, to December 31st, 1872; and to whom paid.

Pursuant to Order, the Fourth Report of the Committee of Supply was considered. Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act relating to the Indemnity to Members, and the Salary of the Speaker, of the Legislative Assembly," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to extend and amend the 'Public Works Act, 1872,'" was considered.

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

That the Bill be re-committed.

The motion was put and carried.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Tuesday, 11th February.

Pursuant to Order, the debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Constitution Act, 1871,'" was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* moved,—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. *Mara* moved, in amendment, Mr. *Hunter* seconding,—

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

The debate was again adjourned until 7.30 o'clock this evening.

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

7.30 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Constitution Act, 1871,'" was resumed.

The Amendment of Mr. *Mara* was put and lost on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Robson,*  
*Mara,*

*Hunter,*  
*Humphreys,*

*Bunster,*  
*McCreight,*

*Holbrook,*  
*Smithe.*—8.

NAYS:

Messieurs

*De Cosmos,*  
*Walkem,*  
*Beaven,*  
*Ash,*

*Armstrong,*  
*Todd,*  
*Robinson,*  
*Semlin,*

*Hughes,*  
*Duck,*  
*Barnston,*

*Booth,*  
*Saul,*  
*Cogan.*—14.

The original motion was put and resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Procedure at Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Tuesday, the 11th February.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to confirm titles to certain real property in the City of *New Westminster*," was ruled out of order as a Private Bill.

The House then adjourned at 10.50 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Tuesday, 11th February.

Tuesday, 11th February, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he may be pleased to urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of the speedy liquidation of all just claims in respect to the Quarantine of the steamship "Prince Alfred," at *Victoria*, in June and July, 1872.

Pursuant to Order, the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* presented Bill (No. 1), intituled "An Act to promote the Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation of Lands in *British Columbia*."

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

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

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Wednesday, 12th February.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to extend and amend 'The Public Works Act, 1872,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to procedure at Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly of *British Columbia*," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

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

“JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

“The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, a copy of correspondence between himself and the Secretary of State for the Provinces, in relation to the Address of the Assembly to him, last Session, on the subject of the collection of a Poll Tax on British Subjects entering *California* by sea. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

“GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
“*Victoria, February 11th, 1873.*”

*Ordered,* That the said Message and copy of correspondence be printed.

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

“JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

“The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, a copy of correspondence between himself and the Secretary of State for the Provinces, in relation to the Address of the Assembly to him last Session on the subject of the Boundary Line between this Province and *Alaska*. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

“GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
“*Victoria, February 11th, 1873.*”

*Ordered,* That the said Message and copy of correspondence be printed.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend ‘The Municipality Act, 1872,’”

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and

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

“JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

“The Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the consideration of the House of Assembly, Supplementary Estimates for the year 1873.

“GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
“*Victoria, February 11th, 1873.*”

*Ordered,* That the said Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Supplementary Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Todd, Chairman of the Committee on Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend ‘The Municipality Act, 1872,’” reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered,* That leave be granted.

*Resolved,* That the House will again resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on the said Bill on Wednesday, 12th February.

The House then adjourned at 6 o’clock, until 2 o’clock p.m. on Wednesday, 12th February.

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Wednesday, 12th February, 1873.

2 O’CLOCK, P. M.

The Hon. Mr. *Ash* presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to Address, a detailed Statement of the amount of money paid out

of the \$40,000 voted last Session for School purposes, to December 31st, 1872; and to whom paid. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

“JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

“The Lieutenant-Governor transmits a Supplementary Estimate to provide for the Expenditure of the year 1872, for which no vote was taken, and recommends the same to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

“GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

“*Victoria, February 12th, 1873.*”

*Ordered*, That the said Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Supplementary Estimate accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

“JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor forwards to the Legislative Assembly the enclosed proposed Amendment to the “Members’ Indemnity Act, 1873,” so far as such Act applies to the salary of Mr. Speaker.

“GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

“*Victoria, February 12th, 1873.*”

*Ordered*, That the said Message be now referred to a Committee of the whole House.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

That the clause proposed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor as clause 18, in lieu of the clause 18 appearing in the “Indemnity to Members Act, 1873,” be inserted as part of the Act.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Mr. *Cogan* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act to amend ‘The Homestead Ordinance, 1867.’”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

On the motion of Mr. *Cogan*,—

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

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Friday, 14th February.

On the motion of Mr. *Smithe*, the Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* seconding, it was *Resolved*, That five copies of the Acts passed during the present Session, and Journals, be bound, at as early a date as possible, and forwarded by mail to each Member.

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

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That a further sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department, for the year ending December 31st, 1873.

*Resolved*, That a further sum not exceeding \$2,836 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Department of Lands and Works, for the year ending December 31st, 1873.

*Resolved*, That a further sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray expenditure on Roads, Streets and Bridges, for the year ending December 31st, 1873.

*Resolved*, That a further sum not exceeding \$14,900 be granted to Her Majesty for Miscellaneous Services during the year ending December 31st, 1873.

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$2,500, granted for the purpose of carrying out the agreement made by the Government with Mr. *T. A. Bulkley*, shall not be paid unless the agreement shall have been first referred to two or more arbitrators, and that the award of such arbitrators shall be carried out by the Government, so far as it may concern the paying to Mr. *Bulkley* the aforesaid sum.

*Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$103,045 28 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenditure incurred, in excess of votes, during the year ended December 31st, 1872.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Thursday, 13th February.

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee, on Thursday, 13th February.

The House adjourned at 5.30 p.m., until 7.30 o'clock this evening.

7.30 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to Address, a copy of the papers and correspondence between the Government and the Settlers of *Yale-Lytton* District, in connection with Roads, Trails, and Bridges. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, for the financial year ending December 31st, 1873, the further sum of \$351,040 08 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of *British Columbia*.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Thursday, 13th February.

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee, on Thursday, 13th February.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to impose a Wild Land Tax," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Thursday, 13th February.

The House then adjourned, at 11.35 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Thursday, 13th February.

Thursday, 13th February, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

“JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

“The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith, a further Estimate of sums required for the service of the year 1873, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

“GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
“13th February, 1873.”

*Ordered*, That the said Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the further Estimate accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency Lord *Dufferin*, congratulating His Excellency upon his appointment as Governor-General, and his safe arrival in the Dominion of *Canada*; said Committee to consist of the mover, the Honorable the Premier, the Honorable Attorney-General, and Messieurs *McCreight*, *Robertson*, *Mara*, and *Hunter*.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will request the Dominion Government to admit into *British Columbia*, all Stock of every kind, and all Farming Produce, Implements, Furniture, and Goods belonging to British Subjects at present resident on *San Juan Island*, free of duty.

The Motion was referred to the following Select Committee appointed by Mr. Speaker, namely: Messrs. *Bunster*, *Semlin*, *Humphreys*, *Todd*, and *Robson*.

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

If it is the intention of the Government to take any steps to carry out the provisions of “The Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1869?”

The Honorable Mr. *De Cosmos* replied as follows:—

“The subject of Weights and Measures will be brought under the notice of the Dominion Government.”

Pursuant to Order, the Fifth Report of the Committee of Supply was considered.

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

That in the Resolution referring to the payment to Mr. *T. A. Bulkley*, all the words after “Mr. *T. A. Bulkley*” be struck out.

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Walkem</i> ,	<i>Hunter</i> ,	<i>Barnston</i> ,	<i>Robertson</i> ,
<i>Armstrong</i> ,	<i>Semlin</i> ,	<i>McCreight</i> ,	<i>Cogan</i> ,
<i>Ash</i> ,	<i>Robson</i> ,	<i>Humphreys</i> ,	<i>Smith</i> .—15.
<i>Robinson</i> ,	<i>Mara</i> ,	<i>Holbrook</i> ,	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>De Cosmos</i> ,	<i>Smith</i> ,	<i>Duck</i> ,	<i>Booth</i> ,
<i>Beaven</i> ,	<i>Hughes</i> ,	<i>Bunster</i> ,	<i>Saul</i> .—9.
<i>Todd</i> ,			

The Report, as amended, was adopted.

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

“JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

“The Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the consideration of the House of Assembly, the insertion of a clause in the “Petitions of Right and Crown Procedure Act, 1873,” to the effect that the Act shall not be retrospective in its operation.

“GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

“Victoria, February 6th, 1873.”

*Ordered*, That the said Message be now referred to a Committee of the whole House.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

That a clause, as recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, be added to the said Bill.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* presented the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act for granting certain sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the year 1873, and for making good certain sums expended in the Public Service in 1872, and for other purposes.”

Bill (No. 49) intituled “An Act to Indemnify Members of the Executive Council and others, for the unavoidable expenditure of public money without a grant of the Legislative Assembly.”

Bills read first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Friday, the 14th February.

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

7.30 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the Fifth Report of the Committee of Supply was considered. Report adopted.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to indemnify the Members of the Executive Council, and all other persons concerned, for the advance made during the year 1872, of the sum of \$103,045 28, to meet the Expenditure on account of certain requirements of the Province not provided for by vote, detailed accounts of such expenditure having been laid before this House.

*Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray further Expenditure on Roads, Streets, and Bridges in the Province during the year ending 31st December, 1873.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Friday, 14th February.

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee, on Friday, 14th February.

Pursuant to Order, the Second Report of the Committee of Ways and Means was considered.

Report adopted.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

## (IN THE COMMITTEE).

*Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, for the year ending December 31st, 1873, the sum of \$3,250 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of *British Columbia*.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Friday, 14th February.

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee, on Friday, 14th February.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Municipality Act, 1872,'" "

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, on the said Bill, on Friday, 14th February.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to enable Attorneys of the Supreme Court of *British Columbia* to be called to the Bar of the said Court," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Friday, 14th February.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend and extend the provisions of 'The Public School Act, 1872,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Friday, 14th February.

The House then adjourned at 12.30 a.m., until 2 o'clock p.m., this 14th February.

## Friday, 14th February, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the Sixth Report of the Committee of Supply was considered. Report adopted.

The Committee of Supply was discharged.

Pursuant to Order, the Third Report of the Committee of Ways and Means was considered.

Report adopted.

The Committee of Ways and Means was discharged.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of money required for defraying the Expenses of Civil Government for the year 1873, and for making good certain sums expended in the Public Service in 1872, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a third time on the next day on which the House sits.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to indemnify Members of the Executive Council, and others, for the unavoidable expenditure of public money without a grant of the Legislative Assembly," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 40), intituled "An Act to enable Attorneys of the Supreme Court of *British Columbia* to be called to the Bar of the said Court," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No 1) intituled "An Act to promote the Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation of Lands in *British Columbia*," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, on the said Bill, on the next day on which the House sits.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend and extend the provisions of 'The Public School Act, 1872,'" was considered.

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

That the Bill be re-committed.

The motion was put and carried.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on the next day on which the House sits.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Municipality Act, 1872.'"

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, on the said Bill, at the next sitting of the House.

The House then adjourned at 5:45 p.m., until 7:30 o'clock this evening.

7:30 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Municipality Act, 1872.'"

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

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act respecting the Office of Sheriff," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, on the said Bill, on Monday, 17th February.

The House then adjourned at 10 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Monday 17th February.

### Monday, 17th February, 1873.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Humphreys* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to enable any person to appear in behalf of Suitors in any County Court, Police Court, or Justice's Court, within the Province of *British Columbia*."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

On the motion of Mr. *Humphreys*,—

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

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Tuesday, 18th February.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to impose a Wild Land Tax," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act respecting the Office of Sheriff."

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Tuesday, the 18th February.

Mr. *Saul* asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act respecting Breeding Stock."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

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

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Tuesday, 18th February.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Bill (No. 1,) intituled "An Act to promote the Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation of Lands in *British Columbia*."

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Tuesday, 18th February.

The House adjourned at 5:45 p.m., until 7.30 o'clock this evening.

7.30 O'CLOCK, P.M.

In the absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. *Mara* occupied the Chair.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Ordinance, 1869,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Tuesday, 18th February.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Bunster* moved,—

That Bill (No. 43) intituled “An Act to exempt certain property from forced seizure or sale,” be now read a second time.

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

## YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Soul,</i>	<i>Smithe.</i> —6.
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>		

## NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>De Cosmos,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Holbrook,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Cogan.</i> —15.
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend ‘The Municipality Act, 1872,’” was considered.

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

That the Bill be re-committed.

The Motion was put and carried.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Tuesday, 18th February.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Ordinance, 1870,’” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for the next sitting of the House.

The House then adjourned at 12.15 a.m., until 2 o'clock p.m. this 18th February.

Tuesday, 18th February, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *McCreight* presented a Report from the Committee appointed to draft a Bill to provide for the Privileges and Immunities necessary to be enjoyed by the Legislative Assembly.

The Report was received.

Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to define some of the Privileges of the Members of the Legislative Assembly” presented.

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

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

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read a second time forthwith.

Bill read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed this evening.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act for granting certain sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the year 1873, and for making good certain sums expended in the Public Service in 1872, and for other purposes,” was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend and extend the provisions of 'The Public School Act, 1872,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Municipality Act, 1872,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act respecting the Office of Sheriff," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to promote the Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation of Lands in *British Columbia*," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Land Ordinance, 1870,'"

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Wednesday, 19th February.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act providing for a Scale of Fees to be taken by certain Officers," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

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. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Road Ordinance, 1869,' and to make the same applicable to the Mainland of *British Columbia*," 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 third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

The House then adjourned at 5.40 o'clock, until 7.30 o'clock this evening.

7.30 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act for the Supply of Water to the City of *Victoria*," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for this evening.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,' and the 'Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1872,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act for the Supply of Water to the City of *Victoria*."

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.

The House then adjourned at 1.40 a.m., until 2 o'clock p.m., this 19th February

### Wednesday, 19th February, 1873.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Robson* presented a Report from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency *Lord Dufferin*, congratulating His Excellency upon his appointment as Governor-General, and his arrival in the Dominion of *Canada*.

Report adopted.

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

That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to transmit the Address prepared by the Committee to *Lord Dufferin*.

Mr. *McCreight* presented a Report from the Committee appointed to enquire into the claim of the *Queen Charlotte Coal Mining Company, Limited*.

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 22), intituled "An Act to amend 'The Land Ordinance, 1870,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That the said 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 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,' and the 'Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1872,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to define some of the Privileges of the Members of the Legislative Assembly."

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

The Honorable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to Address, a Return of Tenders and Correspondence in respect of the building of the new Court House at *New Westminster*. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to Address, a Return of the amounts collected and expended for Road Tax in 1872. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to enable any person to appear in behalf of Suitors in any County Court, Police Court, or Justices' Court within the Province of *British Columbia*," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to authorize the attachment and sale of property in certain cases," was discharged.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Ordinance, 1869.'"

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for the next sitting of the House.

The House then adjourned at 5:50 p.m., until 7:30 o'clock this evening.

7:30 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Ordinance, 1869.'"

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

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. 17) intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Victoria and Esquimalt* Railway Company," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

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. 47) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Homestead Ordinance, 1867,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

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. 51) intituled "An Act respecting Breeding Stock," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.  
The Committee rose without Report.

The House then adjourned at 11.50 p.m., until 12.30 o'clock p.m., on Friday, 21st February.

### Friday, 21st February, 1873.

12.30 O'CLOCK, P.M.

His Excellency *Joseph William Trutch*, Lieutenant-Governor, having entered the House of Assembly, and being seated in the Chair, assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the following Bills:—

An Act respecting the Drainage and Dyking, and Irrigation of Lands in *British Columbia*.

An Act to extend the Rights of Property of Married Women.

An Act to amend the "Game Ordinance, 1870."

An Act further to amend the "Road Ordinance, 1869," and to make the same applicable to the Mainland of *British Columbia*.

An Act to make further provision touching the Election of Members to the Legislative Assembly.

An Act to amend "The Courts Merger Ordinance, 1870."

An Act to amend "The Municipality Act, 1872."

An Act respecting Asylums for the Insane.

An Act for the Supply of Water to the City of *Victoria*.

An Act to render Members of the House of Commons of *Canada*, ineligible as Members of the Legislative Assembly of *British Columbia*.

An Act to alter and amend "The Fireman's Protection Act, 1861."

An Act to provide for the institution of suits against the Crown by Petition of Right, and respecting procedure in Crown Suits.

An Act to allow matters to be proved under oath for the purposes of the Legislative Assembly.

An Act to amend "The Land Registry Ordinance, 1870."

An Act for the protection of the *William Creek* Fire Brigade.

An Act to incorporate the *Victoria* and *Esquimalt* Railway Company.

An Act relating to Replevin.

An Act to amend "The Public Inquiries Aid Act, 1872."

An Act to secure to Wives and Children the benefit of Assurances on the lives of their Husbands and Parents.

An Act to amend the "Land Ordinance, 1870."

An Act relating to the Indemnity to Members, and the Salary of the Speaker, of the Legislative Assembly.

An Act to amend "The Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867," by giving County Court Judges jurisdiction over the Mining Court, as constituted under the said Ordinance, and to declare the powers of the said County Court Judges, and to regulate the procedure in relation thereto.

An Act to extend and amend the "Public Works Act, 1872."

An Act to amend "The Bills of Sale Ordinance, 1870."

An Act to amend "The Constitution Act, 1871."

An Act to amend the Law relating to Procedure at Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly of *British Columbia*.

An Act providing for a Scale of Fees to be taken by certain Officers.

An Act to incorporate Agricultural Societies.

An Act respecting Allowances to Jurors in Criminal Cases.

An Act to repeal "The Legislative Assembly Privileges Act, 1872."

An Act respecting the Office of Sheriff.

An Act to authorize one Justice of the Peace to do any act, matter, or thing heretofore to be done by two Justices of the Peace, and to give an Appeal to Courts of General or Quarter Sessions.

An Act to enable Attorneys of the Supreme Court of *British Columbia* to be called to the Bar of the said Court.

An Act to amend and extend the provisions of "The Public School Act, 1872."

An Act to impose a Wild Land Tax.

An Act to amend the "Mineral Ordinance, 1869."

An Act to amend "The Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867," and "The Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1872."

An Act to amend "The Homestead Ordinance, 1867."

An Act to Indemnify Members of the Executive Council and others, for the unavoidable expenditure of public money without a grant of the Legislative Assembly.

An Act respecting Practitioners in the County Courts and other inferior Courts.

An Act to define some of the Privileges of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly signified His Excellency's assent, in the following words, after reading the titles of said Bills:—

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

To the following Bill His Excellency's assent was reserved:—

An Act to render legitimate, Children born out of lawful wedlock, whose parents now are or may hereafter, under certain restrictions, be Married.

The Clerk signifying the same as follows, after reading the title of said Bill:—

"His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor reserves his assent to this Bill, until the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada has been signified in respect thereto."

Then, the Honorable the Speaker addressed His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

**MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:**

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *British Columbia*, in Session assembled, approach Your Excellency, 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 Excellency's acceptance, a Bill intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of Money required for defraying the Expenses of Civil Government for the Year 1873, and for making good certain sums expended for the Public Service in 1872, and for other purposes."

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

"In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor thanks Her loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill."

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

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

The time has now arrived, when I can relieve you from your labors in this House, on the Public behalf.

The number and importance of the measures to which I have just given my assent, indicate that you have discharged with diligence the duties imposed upon you by the people of *British Columbia*.

I thank you for the provision you have made for the requirements of the Public Service. You may rest assured that the Supply granted shall be expended with care and economy.

I trust that the changes which have been made in the Law affecting the acquisition of the Public Lands, will have the effect of encouraging the settlement of the Province.

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The system of Free Grants will, doubtless, stimulate Immigration; whilst the right of purchasing Lands direct from the Crown, and the power granted to persons who may desire to reclaim land subject to overflow, will conduce materially to the investment of capital on valuable tracts which have hitherto remained unoccupied.

I am glad to observe the increasing application of the principle of self-government under the Municipal system inaugurated last year.

These measures, coupled with the near approach of the time when the work of constructing the *Canadian Pacific* Railway will assuredly begin, warrant me in congratulating you that a new era of prosperity is about to dawn on the Province; and I am sure that you will join with me in the prayer, that our hopes may be realized, and that we may be permitted to meet again to renew the expression of our thankfulness to Him from whom all mercies flow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ash*, Provincial Secretary, then said,—

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

It is His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until Monday, the Fifth day of May next, to be then here holden, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Monday, the Fifth day of May next.

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