

Friday, 21st April, 1876.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, for copies of the several Charters, and of all agreements or correspondence, referring to the *Forks of Quesnelle* Bridge, and to the renewal of the lease thereof to the present lessee, Mr. *Barry*.

Mr. *Fisher* moved, seconded by Mr. *Tolmie*,—

That a Committee of members of this House form a Committee for drawing up an Address to the Dominion Government, on the Tariff. The Committee to be composed of the following members: Messrs. *Tolmie*, *Smithe*, *Morrison*, *W. M. Brown*, *Ash*, *E. Brown*, and *Fisher*.

Mr. *Mara* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*,—

That all the words after "That," in the first line, be struck out, and the following inserted:—

"This House is of opinion that it would be desirable, before drafting the Address to the Dominion Government on the Tariff question, that the whole subject should be enquired into by a Select Committee, comprising representatives of the various Provincial industries, and that such Committee be instructed to draw up an Address accordingly."

Amendment, and Motion as amended, put and carried.

The following Members were named to form the Committee:—

Messrs. *Douglas*, *Fisher*, *Vowell*, *Smithe*, *Tolmie*, *Bryden*, and *Mara*.

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable the Premier the following Question:—

In reference to Messrs. *Tolmie* and *Finlayson's* land, *Esquimalt*, required for dock purposes, has any claim been made by those gentlemen to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works in accordance with the Public Works Acts? If so, what is its date and amount?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows;—

"The law has been complied with to the satisfaction of the Counsel employed by the late Government to represent the Crown. When the award is taken up, the Honourable Member will be entitled to the information he seeks; not before."

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable the Premier the following Question :—

Have the arbitrators in *re* Messrs. *Tolmie* and *Finlayson's* land, *Esquimalt*, been informed that their services were unnecessary at the time they commenced their sittings?

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

“No.”

Mr. *W. M. Brown* asked the Chairman of Committee on Public Accounts the following Question :—

If any progress has been made, and when the Report will be laid before the House?

Mr. *Tolmie* stated, in reply, that some progress had been made, but that the Committee were not yet prepared to make any Report.

Mr. *Vowell* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following Question :—

Whether the sum of Six hundred dollars (\$600) paid to Mr. *Amor DeCosmos* on 20th of October, 1875, as commission on the sum of Thirty thousand dollars borrowed by the Provincial Government from Sir *James Douglas*, was paid in pursuance of warrant under the hand of the Governor, in accordance with the 46th Section of the “Constitution Act, 1871,”? and, if not, under what authority?

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

“The sum of \$600 was not paid to Mr. *Amor DeCosmos* in pursuance of warrant under the hand of the Governor, in accordance with the 46th Section of the “Constitution Act, 1871.” It was paid under requisition from the late Finance Minister, and was included in a sum of \$9728 on account of miscellaneous items not detailed.”

The second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws respecting the Branding and Marking of Cattle, and for the better prevention of Cattle stealing on the Mainland of British Columbia,” was postponed to Tuesday next.

The second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to make better provision for the Fencing of Land,” was postponed to Wednesday next.

The second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters,” was postponed to Monday next.

The Committee on Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to make provision as to investment of Trust Funds, and appointment and powers of Trustees and Executors,” was postponed to Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 4:30 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, 24th April, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Smithe* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 23) intituled “An Act respecting Boundary Fences and Water Courses.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that the Trust Deed, Deed of Confirmation, and Letters Patent constituting the Cemetery Board, and on file in the Land Registry Office, be printed and sent down to this House.

On the motion of Mr. *Ash*, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to take charge of the Library of this House, with authority to direct the expenditure of any appropriation granted by the Legislature for the uses of the Library; such Committee to consist of Messrs. *Mara*, *Davie*, *Tolmie*, *Walkem*, and *Ash*.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*,—

Whereas, the Volunteer Fire Department of *Victoria City* are at present compelled to pay ground rent for certain lots in *Victoria City* for the use of their buildings; and, whereas, there exists a vacant piece of land between the North boundary of *Pembroke Street* and Section 3, *Victoria District*, said piece of land having, as shown on the official map of *Victoria City*, a frontage of about 60 feet on *Government Street* and 440 feet on *Pembroke Street*, be it *Resolved*,—

That all the vacant Crown land between the northern boundary of *Pembroke Street* and Section 3, *Victoria District*, be surveyed and staked out on the ground by the Surveyor-General, and laid down and numbered on the official map of *Victoria City*; and that it be transferred, free of cost, to the *Victoria Fire Department*.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Motion out of order.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying for Returns of all Lands applied for, or now held, for timber cutting purposes; giving reasons for refusal when applications for land for such purposes have not been granted, and shewing date and term of lease, with name of lessee, also conditions of lease; together with all other information, in possession of the Land Office, on the subject of timber cutting leases.

Mr. *Evans* moved, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that instructions be sent to the Gold Commissioner of *Cariboo*, to post up Notices of Cancellation on the works of the *Lane and Kurtz Co.*, on *Williams Creek*, if found that they have not complied with the terms of lease.

The Motion was negatived, on the following division:—

YEAS:
Messieurs

Walkem,
Beaven,

Evans,
Davie,

Armstrong,
Ash,

Smith,
Williams.—8.

NAYS:
Messieurs

Smithe,
Morrison,
Dickinson,
W. Brown,

Vonell,
Fisher,
Gallagher,
Tolmie,

Mara,
Elliott,
Humphreys,

E. Brown,
Vernon,
Pimbury.—14.

Mr. *Gallagher* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following Question:—

Do the Government intend to arrange for the holding of a session of the Supreme Court, and of two or more sessions of County Court, at *Kootenay*, this year?

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

“The matter shall have the earnest consideration of the Government.”

Mr. *Gallagher* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following Question:—

Do the Government intend to appoint a Gold Commissioner at *Kootenay*, this year?

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

“This matter is now under the consideration of the Government.”

Mr. *Williams* asked the Ministry the following Question:—

Has any claim been made to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works by Messrs. *Tolmie* and *Finlayson*, for land taken up at *Esquimalt* for dock purposes; if so, what is its date and amount?

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Question was out of order.

Mr. *Walkem* asked the Ministry the following Question :—

Did the Honourable the Chief Commissioner, before granting a renewal to Mr. *Barry*, of the *Forks of Quesnelle* Bridge Charter, communicate with or consult any of the members of the *Cariboo* District; and, if so, with which member, and what was the substance or nature of the communication and of the advice (if any) tendered to the Chief Commissioner?

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

“In a verbal communication with Mr. *Davie*, one of the honorable members for the *Cariboo* District, he informed me the present bridge had been seriously damaged last spring. Mr. *Davie* did not advocate a renewal of the Charter, neither did he offer any objection to it.”

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to establish Liens in favour of Mechanics, Labourers, and others,” was discharged.

The Standing Orders were suspended, and

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

That the Lien Law Bill be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. *Tolmie*, *Humphreys*, *Smithe*, *Morrison*, and *Smith*.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to make provision as to investment of Trust Funds, and appointment and powers of Trustees and Executors.”

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

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

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

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

Tuesday, 25th April, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Mr. *Tolmie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 24) intituled “An Act respecting Breeding Stock.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Smithe* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act, 1875.’”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Act, 1872,' and Amendments thereto," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock p.m.

7:30 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Act, 1872,' and Amendments thereto."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments, and that he had been instructed to report that Mr. *Beaven* had moved the following amendment:

"That Section 10, 'Municipality Amendment Act, 1876,' be struck out, and the following inserted: It shall be lawful for the Municipal Council of any City or Town duly incorporated under this Act, or under any other Municipality Act or Ordinance, to appoint from time to time, at such salary as the said Council may fix and pay, a Police Magistrate, who shall have and exercise all the same lawful powers and authorities as have hitherto been had and exercised by any Stipendiary Magistrate of this Province; the said Council shall also have the power to revoke any such appointments; Provided always that nothing in any Act contained shall prevent the Mayor or Warden of a Municipality from holding such appointment of Police Magistrate; Provided always, that no such appointment shall be valid until assented to by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council."

And that the same was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—Messrs. *Walkem, Armstrong, Beaven, Ash, Douglas, Gallagher, Evans, Williams*—8.

NAYS:—Messrs. *Smith, Mara, Vernon, Vowell, E. Brown, Dickinson, W. Brown, Tolmie, Elliott, Davie, Morrison, Humphreys, Fisher, Smithe, Pimbury*—15.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10:45 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Wednesday next.

Wednesday, 26th April, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

That, to-morrow, this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of the Waggon Road from Yale to Cariboo."

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

That, to-morrow, this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering a Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to impose, levy, and collect tolls on goods carried over the Trail from Telegraph Creek to the Mines in the District of Cassiar.”

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

That, to-morrow, this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering a Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to provide for the maintenance of Public Schools in the Province of British Columbia.”

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all papers connected with charges made against the Superintendent, in regard to the management of Lunatic Asylum. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Mr. *Morrison* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Election Regulation Act, 1871.’”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Davie* asked the Honourable the Premier the following Question:—

Will a Court of Assize and *Nisi Prius* be held in *Cassiar* this year; and if so, about what period will such Court be held?

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

“A Court will be held; but I am unable at present to state the date.”

Mr. *Williams* asked the Ministry the following Question:—

When will work on the Cofferdam contract, *Esquimalt* Dock, be commenced?

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

“I am informed, by the gentleman in charge, that the work will be commenced as soon as the working plans are completed.”

Mr. *Pimbury* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following Question:—

Has any person or persons applied to the Government for a lease of timber land along the north shore of *Malaspina Straits*; if so, has the said timber lease been granted, and to whom, for how long a period, on what terms and conditions, what quantity of land, and have the terms and conditions been complied with?

Also, whether the Government have any information that the land, or any part of it, has been stripped of valuable timber, without the conditions stipulated in the lease having been complied with?

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

“Yes; Mr. *Robert P. Rithet* has been granted a Lease for timber cutting purposes on the shore of *Malaspina Straits*, North of *Grief Point*.

“The Lease covers 11886 acres for a term of twenty-one years, dating from the 31st January, 1874.

“The principal terms and conditions are as follows, viz.:—

“A Mill to be erected, capable of cutting not less than Twenty-five thousand feet of lumber per diem, before the 12th August, 1877.

“A rent of one cent per acre, per annum in advance.

“I am not in a position at present to state whether the terms and conditions have been complied with or not. I have no information as to whether any part of this land has been stripped of valuable timber or not.”

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipality Act, 1872,’ and amendments thereto,” was considered.

Report adopted.

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

That, in line one of Section 1 of the Bill, the date "1873," be substituted for the date "1872."

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*,—
That the word "five" in the second line of sub-Section *b.* of Section 8 be struck out and the word "ten" inserted in lieu thereof.

The Motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

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

That sub-Sections *b.* and *c.*, Section 8, be struck out

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

The Order, for the second reading of a Bill (No. 4) intituled the "Coal Mining Regulation Act," was discharged.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Fencing of Land," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Dickinson*, Chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee had risen without reporting.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters."

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

Ordered that the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to make Debts and Choses in action assignable at Law," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

Ordered that the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting Voluntary Conveyances," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Douglas*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without 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, the Report on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to make provision as to investment of Trust Funds, and appointment and powers of Trustees and Executors," 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.

And then the House adjourned at 5:45 o'clock, P.M.

Thursday, 27th April, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition signed by *Charles J. Seghers*, and others, which was read and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the City of *Victoria*, which was read and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Papers relating to the non-payment, in full, of Dominion subsidy on 1st January, 1876. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Further Paper relating to applications to the Dominion Government for advances, under Act No. 4, of the Statutes of 1875, (accidentally omitted from the papers dated 13th April, and presented to the House on the 15th April, 1876.) (*See Sessional Papers*).

On the motion of Mr. *W. M. Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Vowell*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed for the purpose of considering the relative claims of owners of cattle and sheep pastured on the public lands, and to report as to the most desirable mode of protecting cattle owners from the disadvantages of having flocks of sheep pastured immediately in their vicinity; said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Tolmie*, *Smith*, *Vowell*, *Smithe*, and *W. M. Brown*.

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

That, to-morrow, this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider a Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to impose a Wild Land Tax."

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Return may be sent down to this House of all correspondence between the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and the Arbitrator or Arbitrators, from 1st February, 1876, in reference to Messrs. *Tolmie's* and *Finlayson's* land, *Esquimalt*.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1875,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for all Correspondence and Orders in Council (if any) respecting the removal of Mr. *A. W. Smith*, Government Agent at *Lillooet*. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of the Waggon Road from Yale to Cariboo."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of the Waggon Road from Yale to Cariboo," be introduced.

Report adopted on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Vowell,</i>	<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>E. Brown,</i>
<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>
<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>W. Brown,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Pimbury.—18.</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Evans.—5.</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>			

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock p.m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, pursuant to Resolution, introduced a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of the Waggon Road from Yale to Cariboo."

Bill read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider a Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to impose, levy, and collect tolls on Goods carried over the trail from Telegraph Creek to the Mines in the District of Cassiar."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Vowell*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill intituled "An Act to impose, levy, and collect tolls on Goods carried over the Trail from Telegraph Creek to the Mines in the District of Cassiar," be introduced.

Report adopted on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>W. Brown,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Vowell,</i>	<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Pimbury,</i>
<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>E. Brown,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Fisher.—18.</i>
<i>Douglas,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Evans.—6.</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Gallagher,</i>		

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider a Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of Public Schools in the Province of British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Vowell*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill (No.22) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of Public Schools in the Province of British Columbia," be introduced.

Report adopted on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>E. Brown,</i>	<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>
<i>Douglas,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>
<i>Mara,</i>	<i>W. Brown,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Pimbury.—17.</i>
<i>Vowell,</i>			

NAYS :
Messieurs

Armstrong, *Ash,* *Gallagher,* *Williams.*—5.
Beaven,

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved, That Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Act, 1872,' and Amendments thereto," be read a third time.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*,—That the order for the third reading of the "Municipality Amendment Act, 1876," be discharged, and that the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of amending Sections 11, 12, 14, by providing that in every Municipality where there is a Police Magistrate, the members of the Municipal Police Force shall be appointed by and hold their offices at the pleasure of a Board consisting of the Police Magistrate, Mayor, and County Court Judge of the district in which the Municipality is situate; that in the event of a vacancy either in the office of County Court Judge or Police Magistrate, or the neglect or refusal of the incumbents of either of these offices to act, the Municipal Council shall appoint one or two persons resident within the Municipality to be members of the Board during such vacancy.

That the Police force within such Municipalities shall consist of a Chief Constable and as many Constables and other officers and assistants as the Municipal Council deem necessary; but not less in number than the Board reports to be absolutely required. That the Board shall be empowered to make such regulations as may be necessary for the government of the Police force, and for rendering it efficient. That the Police within the Municipality shall obey and be subject to the government of the Board.

That the Council of such Municipality shall pay such remuneration to the Municipal Police, provide a lock-up for prisoners, a suitable barrack-room, arms, accoutrements and uniform for the Police, as may be required by the Board.

That until a Board of Police is organized, the Mayor or Warden, or Police Magistrate, to have power to suspend any member of the Police, and if he considers the suspended officer deserves dismissal he shall so report to the Municipal Council, who may then dismiss or restore to office, after the period of suspension has expired.

That the Police of any Municipality may, within its limits, be under the direction of the Superintendent of Police of the Province.

That the Board shall have power to summon and examine witnesses on oath, in all matters connected with the administration of their duties.

A debate having arisen, the same was adjourned until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 9:55 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Friday next.

Friday, 28th April, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Pimbury*, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to call for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the method of granting Timber Leases, and to examine the conditions and stipulations contained in certain Leases already granted.

The following Members were named to form the Committee:—

Messrs. *Pimbury*, *W. M. Brown*, *Tolmie*, *Fisher*, *Smithe*, and the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*.

Mr. *Davie* asked the Honourable the Premier the following Question:—

Have the different Municipalities duly forwarded to the Government of British Columbia Returns of Taxes and Income received by such Municipalities respectively,

and of moneys expended by such Municipalities, and also of such other matters as are contemplated by Section 29 of Act No. 35, 1872; Section 50 of Act No. 5, 1873; Section 12 of Act No. 15, 1874, and if any Municipalities have failed to send in such Returns, which Municipalities are they?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* deferred his reply to the Question.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the Land Act, 1875," 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. 19) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of the Waggon Road from Yale to Cariboo," was read a second time, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Beaven,
Douglas,
Smith,
Mara,

Vernon,
Vowell,
E. Brown,
Dickinson,

W. Brown,
Tolmie,
Elliott,
Morrison,

Williams,
Humphreys,
Fisher,
Pimbury—16.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Walkem,
Bryden,

Gallagher,

Davie,

Evans,—5.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 6 p. m., until 11 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, 1st May, 1876.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

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

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the expediency of taking some steps towards preventing the country from being flooded with a Mongolian population, ruinous to the best interests of British Columbia, particularly her labouring classes.

Mr. *Bryden* moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. *Tolmie*,—

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

"A Select Committee be appointed to consider, and report to this House, upon the best means to be adopted to prevent the spread of the Chinese evil; said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Smith*, *Davie*, *Smithe*, *Beaven*, *Dickinson*, and *Bryden*."

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

Bryden,
Vernon,
E. Brown,

Dickinson,
W. M. Brown,
Tolmie,

Elliott,
Morrison,
Humphreys,

Smithe,
Pimbury—11.

NAYS:
Messieurs

Walkem,
Armstrong,
Beaven,
Ash,

Douglas,
Gallagher,
Smith,

Mara,
Vowell,
Davie,

Evans,
Williams,
Fisher.—13.

The original Motion was put and carried.

Ordered, That the House do resolve itself into such Committee of the Whole, on Wednesday next.

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

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the Petition of the Members of the Corporation of the City of *Victoria*, dated 27th April, 1876.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Vowell*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolution:—

That the prayer of the Petition be granted, and the following Committee appointed to confer:—Messrs. *Elliott*, *Bryden*, *Dickinson*, *Mara*, and *Evans*.

Report adopted.

Pursuant to leave, Mr. *Walkem* introduced a Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1873.'"

Bill read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Breeding Stock" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at one o'clock, until half-past two o'clock p.m.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of Correspondence between the Provincial Government and Messrs. *Kinniple* and *Morris*, and Messrs. *Reed Bros.*, respecting the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock, since 1st February, 1876. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Mr. *Davie* asked the Honourable the Premier the following Question:—

Have the different Municipalities duly forwarded to the Government of British Columbia Returns of Taxes and Income received by such Municipalities respectively, and of moneys expended by such Municipalities, and also of such other matters as are contemplated by Section 29 of Act No. 35, 1872; Section 50 of Act No. 5, 1873; Section 12 of Act No. 15, 1874, and if any Municipalities have failed to send in such Returns, which Municipalities are they?

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

"In 1874, *Chilliwack*, *North Cowichan*, and *Langley* did not give the Trade and Liquor License Returns. *Salt Spring Island* sent none at all. *Victoria* sent no Assessment Roll.

"In 1875, *Maple Ridge*, *Langley*, *Salt Spring Island*, *New Westminster*, *Nanaimo*, and *Chilliwack* did not give Trade and Liquor License Returns. *Victoria*, *Maple Ridge*, *Salt Spring Island*, *Langley*, and *New Westminster* sent no Assessment Roll.

"All sent Financial Statements, for both years, except *Salt Spring Island*."

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act, 1871,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Wednesday next.

The third reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Act, 1872,' and Amendments thereto," was postponed to Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of the Waggon Road from Yale to Cariboo," 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. 20) intituled "An Act to impose, levy, and collect tolls on goods carried over the Trail from Telegraph Creek to the Mines in the District of Cassiar," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of Public Schools in the Province of British Columbia," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters," 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 respecting Boundary Fences and Water Courses," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 5:50 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Tuesday next.

Tuesday, 2nd May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Smith* presented a Report from the Committee to which Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of mechanics, labourers, and others," was referred.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

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

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration a Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect taxes on property in British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Davie*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect taxes on property in British Columbia," be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. *Ash* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act for the management of Public Parks."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to impose, levy, and collect Tolls on Goods carried over the Trail from Telegraph Creek to the Mines in the District of Cassiar," was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No 22) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of Public Schools in the Province of British Columbia," 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. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Breeding Stock," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

That the words "Provided always that rams may run at large with the flocks they belong to, but not otherwise, from November 1st to December 15th, in each year," be added at the end of Section 8, after the word "years."

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. 10) intituled "An Act for giving to the parties to Civil Causes in the Supreme Court the option of having such causes tried by a Judge or Jury," 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, Mr. *Mara* moved that Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the laws respecting the branding and marking of cattle, and for the better prevention of cattle stealing on the Mainland of British Columbia," be now read a second time.

Mr. *Smith* moved in amendment,—

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

Amendment put and negatived

Original Motion put and carried.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* stated, in amendment of his reply to Mr. *Davie's* Question on Monday last,—

"*Victoria* did supply the Assessment Roll for 1874."

And then the House adjourned at 4:50 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Wednesday next.

Wednesday, 3rd May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented a Petition from *H. Campbell*, and others.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Morrison* presented a Petition from *Coote M. Chambers*, and others.
The Petition was referred to the Select Committee on the Resolution respecting *Ogden Point* lands.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, praying that the Trust Deed, Deed of Confirmation, and Letters Patent constituting the Cemetery Board, and on file in the Land Registry Office, be sent down to this House. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Power of Attorney Act, 1875.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. *Beaven* reported, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, respecting Rules 48 and 58.

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

That Rules 48 and 58, so far as regards the periods of time respectively therein mentioned, be suspended during the remainder of the Session.

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

That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Fencing of Land."

The Motion was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. *W. M. Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas a Resolution, passed on the 18th ultimo, requesting that a letter registered in the Lands and Works Department, No. 2 651, be sent down to this House; and whereas said letter has not been sent down to this House as ordered; the reason given by the Honourable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works being that he had been unable to discover the letter in his department; be it therefore *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed with power to examine persons and papers and report to this House the circumstances connected with the disappearance of said letter; said Committee to be composed of the following members, viz.:—Messrs. *Fisher*, *Smithe*, *Pimbury*, *Vowell*, *Brown*.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public School Acts'."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Morrison*, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Honour may be pleased to send down to this House all Correspondence between the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and *Wm. Manson*, *Archibald Mc Kinley* and *Patrick Gannon*, in connection with a Lease of Pastoral Land granted to them.

On the motion of Mr. *Fisher*, seconded by Mr. *Vowell*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the mode of payment and manner and circumstances connected with the entry by the Treasury of

\$600, paid to Mr. *DeCosmos* as commission for borrowing \$30,000 from Sir *James Douglas*, with power to call for and examine books, documents and persons. Committee to consist of Messrs. *Dickinson, Douglas, Bryden, Smithe and Fisher*.

Pursuant to Order, the debate on the third reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipality Act, 1872, and amendments thereto," was resumed.

Order for the third reading discharged.

Ordered, to be recommitted forthwith, for the purpose of considering certain amendments thereto, proposed by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott, Mr. Beaven, and Mr. Pimbury*, respectively.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with certain 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, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the expediency of taking some steps towards preventing the country from being flooded with a Mongolian population, ruinous to the best interests of British Columbia, particularly her labouring classes.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1873," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Thursday next.

Thursday, 4th May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting Boundary Fences and Water Courses."

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for all Correspondence and Orders in Council, respecting the transfer of certain Public Reserves and Public Buildings, by the Dominion Government, to the Province of British Columbia. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor,—

A Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, praying for Returns of Lands applied for, or now held, for timber cutting purposes; giving reasons for refusal when applications for land for such purposes have not been granted, and showing date, and term of lease, with name of lessee, also conditions of lease; together with all other information, in possession of the Land Office, on the subject of timber cutting leases. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Also, an Approximate Statement of amounts due on Lands in *New Westminster* District, and *Komloops* Division of *Yale* District, and in *Vancouver* Island, and Islands in the *Gulf of Georgia*. (See *Sessional Papers*).

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1873.'"

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act, 1871.'"

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the laws respecting the branding and marking of cattle, and for the better prevention of cattle stealing on the Mainland of British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Smithe*, Chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee had risen without report.

The second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by creating a new Electoral District, to be known as the 'Cassiar District,' with one representative," was postponed.

And then the House adjourned, at 4:15 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Friday next.

Friday, 5th May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Victoria*.

The Petition was referred to the Select Committee on the Resolution respecting *Ogden Point* Lands.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting Boundary Fences and Water Courses," 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. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Power of Attorney Act, 1875,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Morrison*, 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. 27) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect taxes on property in British Columbia," was read a second time, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Vowell,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>E. Brown,</i>	<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>
<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Pimbury.—15.</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>W. Brown,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Evans.—9.</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>			

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

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

A Report, from the Committee appointed to confer with a Deputation from the Corporation of *Victoria*, was laid on the Table. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock p.m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect taxes on property in British Columbia."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 10:55 p. m., until 11 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, 8th May, 1876.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

Mr. *Tolmie* presented a Report from the Select Committee on the carrying out of the Resolution respecting Crown Lands at *Ogden Point*.

The Report was read, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Report (being the third) from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was received.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1873,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect taxes on property in British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, 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 Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Act, 1873."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act respecting the Methodist Church of Canada."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

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

That the House will, to-morrow, proceed to consider the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech at the opening of this Session.

And then the House adjourned, at 12:55 p. m., until half-past two o'clock p. m.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect taxes on property in British Columbia."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The second reading of a Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Public School Acts," was postponed to Tuesday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the expediency of taking some steps towards preventing the country from being flooded with a Mongolian population, ruinous to the best interests of British Columbia, particularly her labouring classes.

A point of Order having arisen in the Committee, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and decided that the following Motion, made by Mr. *Smith*, namely:—"That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is expedient to impose a tax of Ten dollars per *capita*, per annum, on every male of eighteen years of age, who wears long hair in shape of a tail or queue, residing in the Province of British Columbia," was not in order.

The House again resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act, 1871.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, 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.

And then the House adjourned, at 5:55 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Tuesday next.

Tuesday, 9th May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Report (being the fourth) from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was received.

Ordered, That a Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act respecting the Methodist Church of Canada," be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker stated that he, yesterday, decided that the Motion of Mr. *Smith*, made in Committee of the Whole on the Chinese question, was not in order, on the ground that it could not properly be made without the previous recommendation of the Crown.

Mr. Speaker's decision was sustained, on appeal to the House, on the following division:—

YEAS:
Messieurs

*Walkem,
Armstrong,
Ash,
Bryden,
Douglas,*

*Gallagher,
Mira,
Vernon,
Vowell,
E. Brown,*

*Dickinson,
W. Brown,
Tolmie,
Elliott,
Morrison,*

*Evans,
Williams,
Humphreys,
Fisher.—20.*

NAYS:
Messieurs

Beaven,

Smith,

Smithe,

Pimbury.—4.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present Session.

And a Motion being made,

That a supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolved, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into Committee to consider that Motion.

Ordered, That that part of His Honour's Speech which relates to a Supply be referred to the said Committee.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect taxes on property in British Columbia."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act for the management of Public Parks," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the expediency of taking some steps towards preventing the country from being flooded with a Mongolian population, ruinous to the best interests of British Columbia, particularly her labouring classes.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Vowell*, Chairman of the Committee, reported—

That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is expedient for the Government to take some steps (at as early a day as possible) to prevent this Province being overrun with a Chinese population to the injury of the settled population of the country.

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of mechanics, labourers, and others," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 5:25 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Wednesday next.

Wednesday, 10th May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Tolmie* presented a Report from the Select Committee to consider the relative claims of the owners of cattle and sheep pastured on public lands. (*See Sessional Papers*).
Report adopted.

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

That a Select Committee, with power to call for persons and papers, be appointed to enquire into and report to the House upon all matters relating to the selection and acquisition of, and arbitration connected with, the Dock site at *Esquimalt*. The Committee to consist of Messrs. *Elliott*, *Vernon*, *Walkem*, *Williams*, *Evans*, and *Fisher*.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a further Paper relating to a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all correspondence, including telegrams, if any, respecting the *Esquimalt* Dock, which may have passed between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, or between any member of or person authorized by the Provincial Government and the Dominion Government, or any person or persons whomsoever. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill, (No. 33) intituled "An Act to provide for the better administration of Justice."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Road Ordinance, 1869,' and amendments."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act for the management of Public Parks," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect taxes on property in British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments; and that he had been instructed to report that Mr. *Beaven* had moved the following Amendment:—

"No tax shall be levied or collected under this Act in any Municipality where the same description of tax is levied by the Municipal authorities."

And that the same was *negatived*, on the following division:—

YEAS—Messrs. *Beaven, Ash, Douglas.*—3.

NAYS—Messrs. *Walkem, Armstrong, Gallagher, Smith, Mara, Vernon, Vowell, Dickinson, E. Brown, Tolmie, W. Brown, Elliott, Davie, Morrison, Evans, Williams, Humphreys, Fisher, Smithe, Pimbury.*—20.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Report of the Select Committee on Resolution respecting *Ogden Point Lands* be considered to-morrow.

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

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 6 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Thursday next.

Thursday, 11th May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Ash* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to visit the Royal Hospital and the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, which was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will recommend to the Dominion Government the expediency of establishing a semi-monthly mail between *O'Keefe's Post Office*, head of *Okanagan Lake* and *Okanagan Mission*.

The Motion was withdrawn, by leave of the House.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to recommend to the Dominion Government the expediency of establishing a semi-monthly mail between *Victoria* and *Cassiar* in the summer months, and monthly mails between the above places in the winter season.

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

That, to-morrow, this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licenses Ordinance, 1867.'"

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect taxes on property in British Columbia," 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 of the Select Committee on Resolution respecting *Ogden Point Lands* was considered.

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public School Acts.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *W. Brown*, 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 Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of the several Charters, and of all agreements or correspondence, referring to the *Forks of Quesnelle* Bridge, and to the renewal of the lease thereof to the present lessee, Mr. *Barry*. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock p.m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public School Acts.'"

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act respecting the Methodist Church of Canada," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of mechanics, labourers, and others."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 10:55 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Friday next.

Friday, 12th May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Brown* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to provide for the better protection of Cattle Ranges."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will recommend to the Dominion Government the absolute necessity of establishing a monthly mail between *Victoria* and *Kootenay*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licenses Ordinance, 1867.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licenses Ordinance, 1867,'" be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced, and read a first and second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public School Acts.'"

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 4:5 p.m., until half-past seven o'clock p.m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain of the sums required for the service of the Province of British Columbia, for the year ending 31st December, 1876, and he recommends these Estimates to the House of Assembly. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Government House,

Victoria, May 12th, 1876.

Ordered, That the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the Estimates transmitted therewith, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Motion proposed,—“That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.”

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

The Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having been read,—

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith, and considered on Monday next.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act respecting the Methodist Church of Canada."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Armstrong*, 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, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of Mechanics, Labourers, and others."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Road Ordinance, 1869,' and amendments," 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 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 House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public School Acts.'"

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

Saturday, 13th May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Smith*e presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Tariff question, and to draft an Address to the Dominion Government. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Report was read, received, *Ordered* to be printed, and considered on Monday next.

Mr. *Fisher* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report to this House upon all matters relating to the selection and acquisition of, and arbitration connected with, the Dock site at *Esquimalt*.

The Report was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers*).

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be sent down to this House a Return of copies of the following Papers relating to the Dock site at *Esquimalt*:—

- (a.) The Award of the Arbitrators;
- (b.) Letters of the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works;
- (c.) Messrs. *Drake & Jackson's* letter, with claim of Messrs. *Tolmie* and *Finlayson*.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Report (being the fifth) from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was received.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Act, 1873,'" be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to authorize the issue of Debentures for short temporary loans."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Morrison*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose

of considering a Bill intituled "An Act to explain and amend the 'Cemetery Ordinance, 1870.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Douglas*, Chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee had risen without report.

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

That the Lien Law Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with instructions to amend said Bill, and report. The Committee to consist of Messrs. *Walkem*, *Davie*, *Smith*, *Williams*, and *W. Brown*.

And then the House adjourned, at 4:55 p.m., until 11 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, 15th May, 1876.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

On the motion of Mr. *Vowell*, seconded by Mr. *Tolmie*, it was *Resolved*.—

That whereas the miners and settlers residing in the district of *Kootenay*, owing to the isolation of their position and their proximity to the United States boundary, cannot rely upon this Province for protection in case of any outbreak among the aborigines, and are powerless to protect themselves from depredations committed by any evilly disposed persons in the absence of an organized Mounted Police force; therefore, be it resolved:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will urge upon the Dominion Government the immediate necessity of carrying out the recommendation of Major-General *E. Selby Smyth*, commanding the Militia of Canada, by the establishment of a Mounted Police post at *Joseph's Prairie*, or some other suitable location in the district of *Kootenay*, with a view to the security of the life and property of all classes of the community, and to encourage the further development of the stock-raising and farming interests of this extensive and important agricultural and mining section of British Columbia.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for a Return of copies of Papers relating to the Dock site at *Esquimalt*. (See *Sessional Papers*).

Mr. *Ash* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bryden*.—

That, in the event of the lands reserved for Railway purposes on the East Coast of *Vancouver Island* reverting to the Province, it is the opinion of this House that the claims of *bonâ fide* agricultural settlers should be respected.

The Motion was withdrawn, by leave of the House.

Mr. *Evans* moved, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*.—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will draw the attention of the Dominion Government to the frequent violation of the Contract, in respect of the Mail Service between *Victoria* and *San Francisco*, by the *Pacific Mail Steamship Company*.

Mr. *Beaven* moved in Amendment. —

That all the words after "will," in the second line, be struck out, and the following words be substituted therefor:—"request the Dominion Government to enquire into the manner in which the Contract in respect to the Mail Service between *Victoria* and *San Francisco* is being carried out."

Amendment, and Motion as amended, put and carried.

Mr. *Ash* moved, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*.—

That the Report of the Select Committee appointed to visit the Royal Hospital and Provincial Insane Asylum be adopted.

Mr. Speaker stated that, although it had been customary to adopt the Reports of Select Committees, he thought the better practice was that they should simply be received, and lie on the Table.

Mr. *Ash* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following Question:

What is the date of the Letters Patent revoking or altering the original grant to the Trustees of the *New Westminster Cemetery*?

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

"No Letters Patent exist, but a fresh Commission, revoking a previous one, was granted, dated the 21st April, 1876."

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Report of the Committee of the Whole to consider the Motion "That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty."

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in their Resolution "That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty."

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

On the Motion being proposed, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair," a debate arose, which was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned, at 12:45 p. m., until half-past two o'clock p. m.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The debate on the Motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" was resumed.

Mr. *Walkem* moved in amendment,

That all the words after "That" be struck out and the following inserted:—"this House deeply regrets that the Government should in their published Statement of the 5th February, 1876, (purporting to show the Liabilities and Assets of the Province,) have deemed it proper to omit from the Assets the claim of the Province against the Dominion for a reimbursement of money expended in respect of the Esquimalt Graving Dock, thereby seriously imperilling, if not virtually surrendering, such claim, and also placing the Province in a false financial position."

The debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6 o'clock p. m., until 11 o'clock on Tuesday next.

Tuesday, 16th May, 1876.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Resolved, That the Orders of the Day be read.

Pursuant to Order, the debate on the Motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" was resumed.

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

Walkem,
Armstrong,
Beaven,

Ash,
Bryden,

Douglas,
Gallagher,

Williams,
Evans.—9.

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>E. Brown,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>
<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Vowell,</i>	<i>To/mie,</i>
<i>W. Brown,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Pimbury.—14.</i>
<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>		

The original Motion was put and carried.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*, Mr. *Mara* was unanimously elected Chairman of Committees of Supply and Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's Department, for the year 1876.
2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,030 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department, for the year 1876.
3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,020 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Printing Branch, for the year 1876.
4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,260 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Treasury Department, for the year 1876.
5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,080 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lands and Works Department, for the year 1876.
6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,320 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department, for the year 1876.
7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,410 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Registrar-General's Department, for the year 1876.
8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, for the year 1876.
9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,880 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Supreme Court, for the year 1876.
10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Sheriffs, for the year 1876.
11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,424 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Victoria*, for the year 1876.
12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,832 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *New Westminster*, for the year 1876.
13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,404 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Kootenay*, for the year 1876.
14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,812 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Cariboo*, for the year 1876.
15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,908 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Cassiar*, for the year 1876.
16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Yale*, for the year 1876.
17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Kamloops*, for the year 1876.
18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,728 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Nanaimo*, for the year 1876.
19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Assay Office, for the year 1876.
20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lunatic Asylum, for the year 1876.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Collector of Tolls, *Clinton*, for the year 1876.
22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,650 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1876.
23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$525 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Assay Office (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1876.
24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Printing Office (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1876.
25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,650 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1876.
26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1876.
27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Revenue Services (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1876.
28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lunatic Asylum (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1876.
29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,650 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Charitable Allowances, for the year 1876.
30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, for the year 1876.
31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Surveys, for the year 1876.
32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$144 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Rent, for the year 1876.
33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,950 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Transport, for the year 1876.
34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Immigration, for the year 1876.
35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Interest, for the year 1876.
36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$52,328 70 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, for the year 1876.
37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,946 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Government House, *Victoria*, for the year 1876.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Wednesday next.

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

And then the House adjourned, at 5:30 p. m., until half-past seven o'clock.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$260,632 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Roads, Streets, and Bridges throughout the Province, for the year 1876.

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 Wednesday next.

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

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

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits a Supplementary Estimate to provide for the Expenditure of the year 1877, for which no vote was granted, which he recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Government House,
Victoria, 16th May, 1876.

Ordered, That the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the Supplementary Estimates transmitted therewith, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That the House will, forthwith, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$131,558 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Graving Dock, *Esquimalt*, for the year 1876.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,845 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1876.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Municipalities, for the year 1876.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$52,735 34 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of sums expended in 1875, being either arrears of previous years, or in excess of vote for 1875, or for which no vote was taken.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH MAY, 1876.

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

That the sum of \$500, for Public Cemetery, *New Westminster*, was carried on the following division:—

Yeas—Messrs. *E. Brown, W. Brown, Bryden, Dickinson, Elliott, Fisher, Gallagher, Smith, Humphreys, Pimbury, Smith, Tolmie, Vernon, Vowell*.—14.

Nays—Messrs. *Ash, Morrison, Beaven, Walkem, Evans, Williams*.—6.

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

Resolved, That this House will again resolve itself into Committee of Supply at its next sitting.

Resolved, That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to authorise the issue of Debentures for short temporary loans," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, 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, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867.'"

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public School Acts,'" 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.

And then the House adjourned, at 12:45 a. m., until 2 o'clock p.m.

Wednesday, 17th May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Resolved, That the Orders of the Day be read.

Pursuant to Order, the three Reports of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply were considered.

Reports adopted.

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

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

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a further Estimate of sums required for the year 1876, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Government House,
17th May, 1876.

Ordered, That the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the further Estimates transmitted therewith, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor; Further Papers relating to the non-fulfilment by Canada of the Railway Clause of the Terms of Union. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *Smith* presented a Report from the Select Committee, respecting Letter, registered 2,651, in the Lands and Works Department, *Victoria*, which was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE).

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$5,165 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses specified in the Further Estimates.

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

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the House 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 31st December, 1876, the sum of \$719,592 20 be granted out of the Consoli-

dated Revenue Fund of British Columbia, and that a further sum of \$52,735 34, to make good the Expenditure defrayed by the Officer in Charge of the Treasury of the Province, from the 1st day of January to the 31st of December, 1875, as detailed in the Supplementary Estimates laid before the House on the 16th May, 1876, be granted, to be charged against the said Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

Report adopted.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*,—

Ordered, That a Bill of Supply be introduced.

Pursuant to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* introduced a Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money required for defraying the Expenses of Civil Government for the Year 1876, and for making good certain sums expended in the Public Service in 1875, and for other purposes."

Bill read a first time.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867.'"

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

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

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money required for defraying the Expenses of Civil Government for the Year 1876, and for making good certain sums expended in the Public Service in 1875, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Dickinson*, 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 Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to provide for the better Administration of Justice."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, a Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to provide for the better protection of Cattle Ranges," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, 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 Standing Orders were suspended, and

On the motion of Mr. *Mara*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*, it was *Resolved*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Williams*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867,'" be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

And then the House adjourned, at 5:50 p. m., until half-past seven o'clock.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867.'"

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee on the Tariff question.

Mr. *Smithe* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fisher*,—

That the memorial submitted by the Select Committee on the Tariff question be adopted by this House, and forwarded to His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion.

Mr. *Douglas* moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. *Bryden*,—

That whereas the recommendation of the Select Committee on Tariff, proposes additional taxation upon the people, therefore be it not adopted.

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>E. Brown,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Vowell,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>W. Brown,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Pimbury.</i> —15.
<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>	<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Dickinson.</i> —6.
<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>		

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 11:55 p. m., until 11 o'clock on Thursday next.

Thursday, 18th May, 1876.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. *Fisher* presented a Report from the Select Committee upon the method of granting Timber Leases. (*See Sessional Papers*).

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

Mr. *Fisher* presented a Report, from the Select Committee, relative to the payment of a commission to Mr. *Amor De Cosmos*.

The Report was read, received, *Ordered* to be printed, and taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the Orders of the Day be read.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867,'" 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 Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to provide for the better Administration of Justice."

Mr. *Ash* moved, in amendment,—

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

Amendment put and negatived.

Original Motion put and carried.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

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

And then the House adjourned, at 12:55 p. m., until half-past 2 o'clock.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Smith* moved that the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

The Motion was withdrawn, by leave of the House.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to provide for the better Administration of Justice."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee had risen without Report.

The Report of the Select Committee, relative to the payment of a commission to Mr. *Amor De Cosmos*, was considered.

The Report was referred back to the Select Committee.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *W. Brown*, 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.

And then the House adjourned, at 4:10 p. m., until seven o'clock.

SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Fisher* presented a Further Report from the Select Committee, relative to the payment of a commission to Mr. *Amor De Cosmos*. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Further Report was read, and received on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Brown, W.,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>
<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Brown, E.,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Pimbury.—19.</i>
<i>Douglas,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

Walkem, *Gallagher.—2.*

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Act, 1873,'" 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, 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.

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

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

That the evidence, taken before the Select Committee on *Ogden Point Lands*, be printed, and bound with the Sessional Papers of 1876.

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

That the Report of Messrs. *Kinipple & Morris*, under date October, 1874, on the *Esquimalt Dock*, be printed, and bound with the Sessional Papers of 1876.

On the motion of Mr. *Ash*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House copies of the correspondence, between the Government and residents of *New Westminster*, on the subject of the appointment of Trustees of the Cemetery of *New Westminster*, of the Deed of appointment, and of all subsequent correspondence on the subject of the alteration of the terms of the original Grant.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following Question: Is it the intention of the Government to collect the Road Tax this year?

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

"Any Road Tax that may be due will be collected."

Mr. *Gallagher* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following Question:—

Do the Government intend to renew the Charter for the *Kootenay Ferry*?

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

"The Charter expires on the 1st July next. The Government have not as yet considered the subject of its renewal or otherwise."

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

Whether, during the year 1875, application was made for a Land or Timber Grant at or in the vicinity of *Waddington*, *Bute Inlet*; and, if so, by whom, and at what date; also, the nature of such application?

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

"Application was made on the 22nd September, 1875, by Mr. *A. DeCosmos*, acting as Attorney in fact for Mr. *Dulip* of *San Francisco*, for a Crown Grant of the townsite at the head of *Bute Inlet*."

And then the House adjourned at 8:30 p. m.

Friday, 19th May, 1876.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

His Honour *Joseph William Trutch*, Lieutenant-Governor, having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair.

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

An Act respecting the challenging and number of Jurors in Civil Cases.

An Act to amend and explain the "Execution against Lands Act, 1874."

An Act to provide for the service of legal process on Foreign Companies carrying on business in British Columbia.

An Act to make Debts and Choses in action assignable at Law.

An Act respecting Voluntary Conveyances.

An Act to make provision as to Investment of Trust Funds, and appointment and Powers of Trustees and Executors.

An Act to amend the "Land Act, 1875."

An Act to provide for the maintenance of the Waggon Road from Yale to Cariboo.

An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters.

An Act to impose, levy, and collect Tolls on Goods carried over the Trail from Telegraph Creek to the Mines in the District of Cassiar.

An Act to provide for the maintenance of Public Schools in the Province of British Columbia.

An Act respecting Breeding Stock.

An Act for giving to the parties to Civil Causes in the Supreme Court the option of having such causes tried by a Judge or Jury.

An Act to amend the "Municipality Act, 1872," and Amendments thereto.

An Act respecting Boundary Fences and Water Courses.

An Act to amend the "Power of Attorney Act, 1875."

An Act to amend the "Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1873."

An Act to amend the "Election Regulation Act, 1871."

An Act for the Management of Public Parks.

An Act to assess, levy, and collect Taxes on Property in British Columbia.

An Act respecting the Methodist Church of Canada.

An Act to repeal the "Road Ordinance, 1869," and Amendments.

An Act to authorize the issue of Debentures for short temporary loans.

An Act to amend and consolidate the "Public School Acts."

An Act to provide for the better protection of Cattle Ranges.

An Act to amend the "Licences Ordinance, 1867."

An Act to further amend the "Licences Ordinance, 1867,"

An Act to amend the "Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Act, 1873."

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

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

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

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

MAY, IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR :

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *British Columbia*, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour, at the close of our labours, with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present, for Your Honour's acceptance, a Bill intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money required for defraying the Expenses of Civil Government for the year 1876, and for making good certain sums expended in the Public Service in 1875, and for other purposes."

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :

The Session now closing has, owing to political changes, been protracted far beyond the usual period, and I thank you for the time you have cheerfully bestowed in the interests of the country when your labours must of necessity have been urgently needed in your own personal affairs elsewhere.

It affords me much pleasure to state that the Telegram received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and recently laid before you, relative to the settlement of the long vexed question of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is of a hopeful character, and leads me to expect that at no distant day this matter will be settled to the satisfaction of the people of the Province.

I regard with satisfaction the amendments made to the Municipality Acts, particularly with reference to those clauses relating to the appointment of Police Magistrates and the proper Administration of Justice.

I congratulate you upon the consolidation of the various School Acts, and earnestly hope that your legislation in this respect will tend to spread the system of public education throughout the Province, and may conduce to the welfare in after life of the young now in our midst.

I am hopeful that the Government of the Dominion may speedily concur in the view taken by this Government with reference to the advances to be made to this Province by them in connection with the construction of the Graving Dock.

The condition of the Province rendered it necessary to re-impose to some extent the Tolls on the Trunk Road to Cariboo, as well as to raise funds by a light tax on real and personal property.

It was important to supplement these Acts with power to borrow money on Debentures secured on the General Revenue of the Province.

I thank you, in Her Majesty's name, for the supply granted for the requirements of the Public Service. The same, I may assure you, shall be expended with the utmost care and economy.

I thankfully acknowledge the attention which you have bestowed on the various measures submitted to you during this Session, and confidently trust that the Acts assented to will tend to promote the best interests of the Province.

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

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