

Wednesday, 22nd August, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay*

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Wells*, from *Wm. H. Rawlison* and others, residents, &c., of *Langley Municipality*, supporting construction of railway from the *Coast to Kootenay*.

By Mr. *Oliver*, from *J. C. Cavers* and others, residents, &c., of *Surrey Municipality*, on same subject.

By Mr. *Munro*, from *R. Shortreed* and others, residents, &c., of *Matsqui Municipality*, on same subject.

On the motion of Mr. *McPhillips*, Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Queen's Counsel Act, 1899,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Stables*, Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

1. Did the Government pay the expenses of sending Mr. *E. Hutcherson* to the Province of *Manitoba*, in the year 1897 or 1898?

2. If so, for what purpose did Mr. *Hutcherson* visit *Manitoba*?

3. Did Mr. *Hutcherson* make any report to the Government? If so, what was the nature of the report?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by reply to No. 1.

"3. Mr. *Hutcherson* made no reports to the Government, but addressed two letters to the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, dated August 15th and September 5th, copies of which are attached:—

"NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.,

"August 15th, 1898.

"*J. R. Anderson, Esq.,*

"*Secretary, Horticultural Board, Victoria, B. C.*

"DEAR SIR,—I would beg to inform you that the plum rot is again showing itself in our plums in some sections of the Fraser Valley. I hope your Board will take such practical steps to get the information as to what extent the country is affected, and experiment as means of abating the fungus.

"Yours truly,

(Signed) "E. HUTCHERSON."

"WINNIPEG, September 5th, 1898.

"*J. R. Anderson, Esq.,*

"*Department of Agriculture, Victoria, B. C.*

"DEAR SIR,—I reached here this morning, and after looking around I find that the plum rot is really more on the plums of B. C. than I expected. I find plums from orchards in Chilliwack not half a mile apart, of the same variety. In one case the fruit has been here for over a week and is still in good saleable condition; in the other, it was condemned on reaching here. In fact, the ravages of the rot could be seen on the second day out from New Westminster. A car reached here from Ontario to-day; the whole lot is to be dumped out. I am keeping a list of the growers from B. C. wherever the disease is appearing.

"Yours truly,

(Signed) "E. HUTCHERSON."

“VICTORIA, September 8th, 1898.

“*E. Hutcherson, Esq.,*

“*New Westminster, B. C.*

“SIR,—I have to thank you for the information conveyed in yours of the 5th inst. from Winnipeg, *re* plum rot, and beg to assure you that immediate action will be taken towards ascertaining the extent of the infection, with a view to its abatement.

“I have, etc.,

(Signed)

“J. R. ANDERSON,

“*Deputy Minister of Agriculture.*”

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

What was the total revenue derived by the Government from the *Atlin Division* of the *Cassiar District* from June 30th, 1898, till June 30th, 1900?

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

“The total revenue derived from *Atlin Division*, including *Lake Bennett Division*, for the two fiscal years 1898-99 and 1899-1900, was \$166,417.89.”

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

As the promoters of the *Lake Bennett* and *Chilkat Railways* were not aware of the policy of the Government in reference to railway charters until they had incurred large expense in connection with their charter, does the Government intend to recompense them for said expense?

The question was ruled out of order, as the same contained statements of fact and matter of opinion.

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

At what price did the Trustees for the Sinking Fund purchase the stock required for the half-yearly investment of that Fund in June or July, 1900?

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

“93 $\frac{1}{8}$.”

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

1. Has Captain *W. J. Rant* been appointed Stipendiary Magistrate for the *Porcupine District*? If so, on whose recommendation was the appointment made?

2. Is this the Mr. *Rant* who figured so prominently in the *Atlin* troubles a year or two ago?

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

“1. Yes. The Senior Member for *Cassiar*.

“2. No. This is the Captain *W. J. Rant* who was formerly Mining Recorder at *Lake Bennett*.”

The Report on Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to amend ‘An Act to Incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster’” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Crow’s Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Company, Limited,” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

On the motion for the third reading of the Bill—

Mr. *Curtis* moved, seconded by Mr. *McInnes*,—

That the Bill be not now read a third time, but be recommitted, for the purpose of considering the following as a new section thereto :—

“The mortgages or bonds issued by the Company shall not bear a higher rate of interest than seven per centum per annum, and the face value of such mortgages and bonds shall not in the aggregate exceed the fair cost price of the whole of the Company’s corporeal property when its undertaking is completed ready for operation.”

The motion was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>E. C. Smith,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Smith, R.—10.</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Green,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Mounce—21.</i>
<i>Turner,</i>			

Bill read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the third reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Western Telephone and Telegraph Company” be discharged, and that the same be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading to-day.

With the consent of the Crown, the Bill was then referred to a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the following proposed clause :—

“23. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant to the Company, on such terms as may be deemed expedient, a right of way for that portion of the telephone or telegraph lines, or both, that traverse, or may hereafter in the exercise of its corporate powers traverse, lands of the Crown, and Crown lands to be granted for such right of way, to be limited to such quantity as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall consider reasonably necessary for the purposes of the Company.”

The Committee reported, recommending to the House that the said clause be added to the Bill as section 23.

Report adopted.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered to be committed this evening.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock

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

Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Western Telephone and Telegraph Company” was committed.

Reported complete without amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered forthwith.

Mr. *Curtis* moved, seconded by Mr. *McInnes*, to amend the Report by adding thereto the following section :—

“The Provincial Government shall have the right, five years from the passing of this Act, upon giving one year's notice of its intention so to do, to purchase all the Company's property, rights, and franchises at the fair market value of its corporeal property, together with such bonus (if any), not exceeding ten per cent. of such market value, as the Government may agree to pay.”

And by adding the following proviso to section 4 :—

“Provided, also, that the mortgage or bonds issued by the Company shall not bear a higher rate of interest than seven per centum per annum, and the face value of such mortgages and bonds shall not in the aggregate exceed the fair cost price of the whole of the Company's corporeal property when its undertaking is completed ready for operation.”

Negativated on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Smith, R.—12.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Mounce—16.</i>

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company" was considered.

Mr. Curtis moved to amend the Report by adding the following new section :—

"(a.) The mortgages or bonds issued by the Company shall not in the aggregate exceed the fair cost price of the whole of the Company's corporeal property when its undertaking is completed ready for operation."

Negativated on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Smith, R.—12.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Mounce—20.</i>

Mr. Curtis moved to add the following new section :—

"(b.) The powers granted to the said Company shall be subject to such conditions for securing such running powers or traffic arrangements and other rights as will afford all reasonable facilities and equal mileage rates to all railways connecting with the Company's lines as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council determines."

Negativated on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Smith, R.—12.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Mounce—21.</i>
<i>Ellison,</i>			

Mr. *Curtis* moved to add the following as a new section :—

“(c.) The Provincial Government shall have the right, ten years from the passing of this Act, upon giving one year’s notice of its intention so to do, to purchase all the Company’s property, rights and franchises at the fair market value of its corporeal property, together with such bonus (if any) not exceeding ten per cent. of such market value, as the Government may agree to pay.”

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Smith, R.—13.</i>
<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Mounce—22.</i>
<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>		

Mr. *Curtis* moved to add the following new section :—

“(b.) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, the Company shall not have the right to purchase, lease or use any lands belonging to the Province until it has entered into a contract with the Provincial Government with respect to such right, and upon such terms and in such manner as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may prescribe.”

Negatived.

Report adopted.

On the motion for the third reading of the Bill, Mr. *Curtis* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gilmour*—

That the Bill be not now read a third time, but be recommitted, with instructions to introduce as an amendment thereto in Committee the following new section :—

“(d.) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, the Company shall not have the right to purchase, lease, or use any lands belonging to the Province until it has entered into a contract with the Provincial Government with respect to such right, and upon such terms and in such manner as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may prescribe.”

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order, the House having already (by the last vote) expressed its opinion on the same matter.

Mr. *McInnes* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gilmour*—

That the Bill be not now read a third time, but be recommitted, for the purpose of inserting the following section :—

“No person shall be employed in the construction or operation of the undertakings hereby authorised who is unable to read this Act in an European language, under a penalty of five dollars per day for each and every such person employed in contravention of this section, to be recovered on complaint of any person under the provisions of the ‘Summary Convictions Act.’ This section shall not apply to any person on the register of voters for the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, or to any Indian or person of Caucasian blood.”

The motion was withdrawn.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Rock Bay and Salmon River Railway Company” was considered.

Mr. *Curtis* moved, seconded by Mr. *McInnes*,—

That the Report be not now adopted, but be amended by adding thereto the following new section :—

“(d.) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, the Company shall not have the right to purchase, lease, or use any lands belonging to the Province until it has entered into a contract with the Provincial Government with respect to such right, and upon such terms and in such manner as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may prescribe.”

Negated on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Smith, R.—7.</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Green,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Mounce—24.</i>

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway Act (1891) Amendment Act, 1897,’” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Pacific, Northern and Omineca Railway Company” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

With the consent of the Crown, Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Kitimaat-Caledonia Company” was referred to a Committee of the Whole.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of Mr. *Clifford*, seconded by Mr. *Fulton*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Committee rise and report, recommending to the House that these words be added to the Bill as part of clause 18 :—

“Provided that the Company shall, before commencing the construction of the said waggon road, define and project, in a manner satisfactory to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, upon a plan the line of the said waggon road, and thereupon it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to issue Crown grants in favour of the Company for such lands to be traversed by the said waggon road.”

And that the following clause be added to the Bill as clause 32 :—

“32. It shall be lawful for the Company, its agents, servants and workmen from time to time, and at all times hereafter as it shall see fit, and it is hereby authorised and empowered to enter into and upon the lands of the Crown (subject to the consent and supervision of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works) and to survey, set out and ascertain such parts thereof as it may require for the purposes of its works.”

Resolution reported and adopted.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company" was read a second time.
To be committed to-morrow.

The second reading of Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Grand Forks and Kettle River Railway Company" was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

McInnes,
Gilmour,

Stables,
Brown,

Eberts,

Garden—6.

NAYS :

Messieurs

McPhillips,
Helmcken,
Ellison,
Clifford,

Fulton,
Hayward,
Prentice,

Wells,
Murphy,
Rogers,

Hunter,
Dickie,
Mounce—13.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:50 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 23rd August, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay.*

The following Petitions were received:—

From *S. Gibbs* and others, *re* assessment work on mineral claims.

From *Wm. H. Rawlison* and others, residents, &c., of *Langley Municipality*, supporting construction of railway from the *Coast to Kootenay*.

From *J. C. Cavers* and others, residents, &c., of *Surrey Municipality*, on same subject.

From *R. Shortreed* and others, residents, &c., of *Matsqui Municipality*, on same subject.

On the motion of Mr. *Hall*, Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act relating to Trading Stamps" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by Mr. *McInnes*,—

Whereas the Constitution pre-supposes a fairly equal representation of the people of the Province in the Legislative Assembly; and

Whereas the present representation is exceedingly unequal; and

Whereas unforeseen circumstances may at any time bring about a general election:

Therefore, be it Resolved, That due consideration for the rights and interests of the Province makes it incumbent upon this House to forthwith take such steps as will, in the event of a general election, secure to the people a more just and equal representation in this House.

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Houston—11.</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Mounce—22.</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>		

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

Will the Government, upon application by the interested parties, refund to persons and corporations all such moneys as were paid twice over by reason of the passage of the “Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1899,” and the “Placer Mining Act Further Amendment Act, 1899,” said Acts declaring that all mining certificates should expire on the 31st May, 1899, no matter when issued?

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

“No.”

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

1. Is the Government aware that the “brown rot in plums” has spread to an alarming extent in the orchards of this Province?

2. Has any information been circulated amongst the fruit-growers of the Province as to the best methods of eradicating this pest?

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

“1. The Government is aware that plum rot exists in the Province.

“2. Mr. Thomas Cunningham has been instructed to look into this question, and he is at present engaged in the work. The Board of Horticulture has also taken up and discussed the question of plum rot, as shown as follows :—

“At the meeting of the Board of Horticulture, 31st October, 1898, after the reading of Mr. Hutcherson’s letters of the 15th August and 15th September:

“On the question of plum rot being taken up, Messrs. Palmer and Anderson said that Mr. Hutcherson had stated to them that, in his belief, much of the rot which showed itself on plums when taken out of the cars at Winnipeg was contracted in the cars on the way.

“The whole question was referred to a Committee of Messrs. Cunningham and Palmer to report on.”

Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mechanics’ Lien Act’” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. *Helmcken* presented the First Report from the Municipality Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

August 23rd, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the “Municipal Clauses Act” and the “Municipal Elections Act” be amended in accordance with the amendments submitted herewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The Report was received.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,

Chairman.

Mr. *Helmcken* presented the Second Report from the Municipality Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
August 23rd, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee submit that the "Municipal Clauses Act" should be amended so as to exempt municipal debentures and securities from assessment, and suggest the following clause for consideration:—

"109A. No debenture or other instrument in the nature of a security or obligation for the payment of money issued by a municipality under this or any amending Act shall be the subject of taxation, and no person by reason of his holding or owning any such debenture or other instrument shall be liable in respect of the same to taxation under the 'Assessment Act,' or any Act which may be hereafter passed imposing taxes upon personal property."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act respecting Deception in procuring Workmen or Employees" was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Houston—10.</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Mounce—18.</i>
<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>		

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

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

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Supplementary Estimates (No. 1) for the financial year ending 30th June, 1901; and Schedule A, unprovided items of expenditure for the financial year ended 30th June, 1899, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
23rd August, 1900.

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

Mr. *Brown* moved—"That Bill (No. 41) intituled 'An Act to make certain provisions respecting Grants in aid of Private Enterprises' be read a second time now."

Mr. *McPhillips* raised the point of order that the Bill could not be introduced by a Private Member, as it proposed to interfere with the administration of Crown lands, and to put restrictions and limitations on the powers of the Government in dealing with the interests of the Crown, in aiding private enterprises.

Mr. Speaker *Booth* held the point of order well taken, and ruled the Bill out of order.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to vest the title to the 'Discovery' Placer Claim, Atlin Lake Mining Division of the Cassiar Electoral District, in the Discoverers of Placer Claims in the said District," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
23rd August, 1900.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to vest the title to the 'Discovery' Placer Claim, Atlin Lake Mining Division of the Cassiar Electoral District, in the Discoverers of Placer Claims in the said District," and recommend the introduction of the same.

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

Mr. Speaker presented the Fifth Report of the Librarian of the Legislative Library for the eighteen months ending 30th June, 1900.

Ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

7. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Premier's Office, Stenographer and typewriter (additional to salary), to 30th June, 1901.

11. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Lands and Works Department, Clerk (additional to \$75 per month voted), to 30th June, 1901.

12. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$60 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Attorney-General's Office, Clerk (additional to salary), to 30th June, 1901.

13. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$240 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Land Registry Offices (Vancouver, Clerk, additional to \$70 per month voted, \$120; New Westminster, Clerk, additional to salary, \$120), to 30th June, 1901.

15. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Legislative Library, Messenger (additional to salary), to 30th June, 1901.

16A. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$1,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Surveyor of Taxes and Inspector of Revenue, to 30th June, 1901.

24. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$180 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Administrative Staff, West Kootenay Agencies (Nelson Agency), Mining Recorder, Nelson (additional to salary), to 30th June, 1901.

25. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Administrative Staff, Cariboo Agencies (Barkerville Agency), Mining Recorder and Assistant (additional to salary), to 30th June, 1901.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$420 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Supreme and County Courts (Victoria) Deputy Registrar (additional to salary), \$120; Atlin, Registrar County Court (additional to salary), \$300, to 30th June, 1901.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Administrative Staff, Kamloops Gaol, Gaoler, additional to salary, to 30th June, 1901.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Printing Office, Victoria, Stenographer and Proofreader (additional to salary), to 30th June, 1901.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Provincial Home, Kamloops, Fireman (additional to salary), to 30th June, 1901.

69A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, In aid of Resident Physician, Atlin, to 30th June, 1901.

69B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, In aid of Resident Physician, Ashcroft, to 30th June, 1901.

69C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, In aid of Resident Physician, Princeton-Allison, to 30th June, 1901.

69D. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, In aid of Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster, to 30th June, 1901.

69E. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, Assistance towards building Hospitals, to 30th June, 1901.

85A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Grant in aid of Normal School, Vancouver, to 30th June, 1901.

108A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Government House, Victoria (rebuilding), to 30th June, 1901.

108B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Reformatory, Vancouver (construction), to 30th June, 1901.

122A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Government Buildings, Goat River Mining Division, to 30th June, 1901.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public Schools throughout the Province (construction and repairs), additional to \$43,500 voted, to 30th June, 1901.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$223.50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Cowichan District, Road, Mount Sicker (refund of amount expended on repairs), to 30th June, 1901.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Westminster District (Delta Riding), Yale Trunk Road (additional to \$3,000 voted), to 30th June, 1901.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), Lillooet District (West Riding), Trail from mouth of Bridge River, eight miles (conditional), to 30th June, 1901.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), West Kootenay District (Slocan Riding), Road, Ainsworth to Highland District (completion), to 30th June, 1901.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves), West Kootenay District (Rossland Riding), Road from Rossland to Sophie Mountain (conditional), \$6,500; Trail to Franklin Camp, North Fork, Kettle River, \$3,000, to 30th June, 1901.

183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Advertising (additional to \$4,000 voted), to 30th June, 1901.

188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Library, Legislative (additional to \$800 voted), to 30th June, 1901.

191. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Refunds (additional to \$5,000 voted), to 30th June, 1901.

201. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, In aid of Militia (additional to \$600 voted), to 30th June, 1901.

207. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Board of Health (additional to \$6,000 voted), to 30th June, 1901.

210A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Dairymen's Association, guarantee against loss on importation of thoroughbred stock (conditional), to 30th June, 1901.

210B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Grant to School of Mines (conditional), to 30th June, 1901.

210C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Grant to City of New Westminster, aid towards restoring civic buildings and works destroyed by fire, to 30th June, 1901.

210D. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Grant to City of Sandon, on condition of providing for Government Office required, to 30th June, 1901.

210E. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Apparatus, bacteriological, and fitting up room, to 30th June, 1901.

210F. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Mining and Water Commission, to 30th June, 1901.

210G. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Laboratory, Victoria (maintenance), to 30th June, 1901.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$44,749.42 be granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the Public Service for the year ending 30th June, 1899, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures.

The Chairman reported the Resolutions.

Report to be received to-morrow.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act relating to the employment on Works carried on under Franchises granted by Private Acts" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

On the consideration of the Report, Mr. *Curtis* moved, seconded by Mr. *McInnes*,—

That the Report be not now adopted, but that the said Bill be amended by striking out the first three lines of section 4 of the said Bill and by substituting therefor the following words:—

"4. In case of any Provincial Act passed since the first day of January, A. D. 1898, or hereafter passed, giving, granting or confirming to any person, body corporate, society or association, or in case of any Provincial Act by virtue of which the Provincial Government or some Government official may or does give, grant, or confirm (whether by way of a charter or certificate of incorporation or association, or an Order in Council or otherwise) to any person, body corporate, society, or association the right of mining, smelting, refining, erecting bridges, making or operating a railway, tramway, turnpike."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

McInnes,
Gilmour,

Stables,
Brown

Curtis,
Munro,

Smith, R—7.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Oliver,
Kidd,
Neill,
Houston,
Hall,
McPhillips,

Helmcken,
Turner,
Dunsmuir,
Eberts,
Smith, A. W.,

Ellison,
Fulton,
Hayward,
Tatlow,
Prentice,

Wells,
McBride,
Rogers,
Hunter,
Dickie—21.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12:20 o'clock A. M., August 24th.

Friday, 24th August, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay.*

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table :—

By Mr. *Green*, from *Jno. Buckley* and others, *re* Commission to inquire into the mining laws.

By Mr. *Green*, from *Henry R. Cody* and others, on same subject.

By Mr. *Green*, from *Joseph Brandon* and others, on same subject.

Pursuant to Order, the Resolutions 7, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16A, 24, 25, 35, 43, 51, 55, 69A, 69B, 69C, 69D, 69E, 85A, 108A, 108B, 122A, 127, 141, 150, 155, 160, 162, 183, 188, 191, 201, 207, 210A, 210B, 210C, 210D, 210E, 210F, 210G, for the year ending 30th June, 1901, and Schedule A, for the year ending 30th June, 1899, reported from Committee of Supply on the 23rd instant, were received and read a first time.

Resolutions read a second time.

Resolutions read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Garden* moved—

That Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Grand Forks and Kettle River Railway Company,” be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Martin* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,—

That the word “present” be substituted for the word “next,” in the second line of the motion.

Amendment carried.

Resolution, as amended, carried.

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

Is it the intention of the Government to appoint timber cruisers to thoroughly examine the timber lands of the Province and to report thereon, with the object in view of setting apart timber berths, to be offered for sale by public competition?

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

“The Government has already taken initiatory steps towards a more extended examination of the timber lands of the Province, and applying the competitive system, so far as it is expedient to do.”

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Judgments Act, 1899,'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Tramways Incorporation Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendments.

Report adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Act, 1899,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to levy a Tax on Coal and Coke" was read a second time. To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed this evening.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock

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

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to Accelerate the Incorporation of the City of Phenix" was read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading at next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to vest the title to the 'Discovery' Placer Claim, Atlin Lake Mining Division of the Cassiar Electoral District, in the Discoverers of Placer Claims in the said District," was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Turner*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Dunsmuir*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the following sums be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of British Columbia:—

\$ 44,749.42 for the financial year ending 30th June, 1899.

2,351,071.81 for the financial year ending 30th June, 1901.

\$2,395,821.23

The Chairman reported the Resolution.

Report received and adopted.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

Ordered, That the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia" be reported to the House.

The Chairman reported the Resolution and the Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill read a first and second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the third reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway Company"—

Mr. *McInnes* moved, seconded by Mr. *Curtis*,—

That the Order for the third reading of the Bill be discharged, and that the Bill be recommitted, for the purpose of inserting the following as a new section:—

"No person who is unable to read this Act and the 'British Columbia Railway Act' shall be employed in the construction or operation of the undertaking hereby authorised, under a penalty of five dollars per day for each and every such person so employed in contravention of this section, to be recovered on complaint of any person under the provisions of the 'Summary Convictions Act.' This section shall not apply to or affect in any way any person who is on the Register of Voters in any Electoral District for the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, any Indian or person of Caucasian blood."

Negated on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

McInnes,
Gilmour,
Stables,

E. C. Smith,
Oliver,
Neill,

Brown,
Martin,
Curtis,

Munro,
Smith, R.—11.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Kidd,
Green,
Hall,
McPhillips,
Helmcken,
Turner,

Dunsmuir,
Eberts,
Smith, A. W.,
Ellison,
Clifford,
Fulton,

Hayward,
Garden,
Tatlow,
Prentice,
Wells,
McBride,

Pooley,
Murphy,
Rogers,
Hunter,
Taylor,
Mounce—24.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:30 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, 27th August, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

The following Petitions were presented *re* Commission to inquire into the mining laws :—

By Mr. *Green*, from *A. C. Smith* and others, residents of *Slocan City*.

By Mr. *Green*, from *S. McKinnon* and others, residents of *Whitewater*.

By Mr. *Houston*, from *Wm. Twine* and others, residents of *Nelson*.

By Mr. *Green*, from *C. W. Aylwin* and others, residents of *New Denver*.

By Mr. *Houston*, from *Alfred Parr* and others, residents of *Ymir*.

By Mr. *Green*, from *Thomas Lake* and others, residents of *Silverton*.

Mr. *Tatlow* presented a Petition from *W. Pellew Harvey* and others, *re* tax on mining products.

The Petition was withdrawn.

Mr. *Ralph Smith* presented a Report from the Select Committee *re* settlers within the *E. & N. Railway Belt*, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
August 27th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Committee appointed to inquire into the claims of certain settlers within the *E. & N. Railway Belt* beg leave to report as follows :—

Your Committee respectfully recommend that, as it is necessary to go thoroughly into this matter, and the time at the disposal of your Committee during the present Session of the House is entirely inadequate to go into the question as completely as they desire, and thus finally settle the matter, that your present Select Committee, Messrs. *Helmcken, Oliver, Neill, McInnes, McBride* and *R. Smith*, be appointed a Commission to sit during the recess, with authority to call and examine witnesses and report at the next Session of the Legislature.

R. SMITH, *Chairman*,
H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,
JOHN OLIVER,
W. W. B. MCINNES,
ALAN W. NEILL.

The Report was received.

Mr. *R. Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Neill*,—

That the Rules of the House be suspended, to allow the Report to be considered and adopted forthwith.

The motion, being objected to, was withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. *Neill*, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House urge upon the Government the necessity of negotiating with the Dominion authorities, with a view to the settlement of the dispute now pending between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, as to the actual and ultimate ownership of the Indian Reserves in this Province, and that, pending such settlement, mutually arranged regulations may be issued, under which free miners may locate and work mineral claims on Indian Reserves, and obtain rights of way through such reserves, when necessary for the working of any mineral claims.

On the motion of Mr. *Garden*, seconded by Mr. *Tatlow*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole and a resolution be adopted, respectfully calling on the Dominion Government to pass the *Natal Act* respecting immigrants, and that the same be signed by any Member of this House desiring to do so.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Mr. *Garden* moved—

That whereas the wave of Mongolian immigration is increasing in volume at such an alarming rate that it threatens to overwhelm all the industries connected with the development of the natural resources of this Province, whether the fisheries, lumber, mineral or agricultural:

That during the first six months of the present year over 7,000 Japanese alone have landed on our shores; a number of whom, however, are said to have crossed to the United States:

And that out of a total population of say 260,000, or about 40,000 working white men, we have a probable Mongolian working population of 20,000:

That the above proportion is continually being changed by a constant influx of these undesirable people, and white immigration is deterred by dread of competition with them:

And that the well known low conditions of life under which the Mongolians live render it impossible for white men, with their higher standard of living, to compete successfully:

And that, while being loyal to the Throne and Constitution of our country, we consider the highest form of loyalty is fidelity to our own race:

And that British Columbia, being an integral portion of the British Empire, we consider that, hand in hand with the development of its enormous natural wealth, the efforts of legislators should be to gain a population who will understand the principles of self government and enhance the prestige of our country, besides affording an opportunity for the working people of our own race to make a respectable living for themselves and families:

And because, also, on the broader and more general ground that civilization and Christianity are said to be particularly safeguarded and advanced under the British Constitution, it is therefore unwise to permit the extension of heathenism outside of the countries in which it now exists:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, signed by the Members of this House as may desire to do so, be forwarded to the Governor-General in Council praying that the *Natal Immigration Act*, or such modification of it as will suit our urgent needs, be passed and enforced, and that other legislation, which falls within the powers of the Dominion House of Commons, be passed, which may tend to remedy the evil with which this Province is at present struggling.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Committee to sit again this evening.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *McBride*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas, in the opinion of this House, it is apparent:—

That the work of the Courts of British Columbia is rapidly increasing, latterly to such an extent that it became necessary to create three new Registries of the Supreme Court during the year 1899, and five new Registries during the present year;

And that the five Judges of the Supreme Court of British Columbia are constantly called upon, in the discharge of their duties, to adjudicate upon matters of magnitude, especially where mining interests are concerned;

And that the questions coming before the said Judges for adjudication are, as regards the weight of litigation in the other Provinces, out of all proportion to the population in this Province;

And that, in addition to the duties above referred to, the said Judges were last year constituted a Court of Appeal from the Territorial Court of the Yukon, without any provision having been made for remuneration for such extra duties;

And that the Judges of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec who occupy positions corresponding to those of the Judges of our Supreme Court are paid by the Dominion Government one thousand dollars per annum more than the Judges of this Province, although the cost of living here is much greater than the cost of living there, with the result that the salaries of the Judges here are, in effect, further reduced by at least twenty-five per cent;

And that the principle of an increase of salary as a fair compensation for an increase in the cost of living has been recently recognized by the Dominion Government in the case of the Judges of the Yukon Territory by making them an extra allowance of \$1,500 per annum in consequence of the great cost of living there ;

And whereas this House is of opinion that it is unfair that our Judges should, in respect of compensation, be placed on a worse footing than the Judges of Ontario and Quebec occupying corresponding positions as above mentioned ;

Therefore be it resolved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, praying that the Judges of the Supreme Court of British Columbia be placed on the same footing, as regards salary, as the Judges holding corresponding positions in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, seconded by Mr. *Fulton*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the salaries paid to the Judges of the County Courts of the Province of British Columbia are inadequate, and should be fixed at the sum of \$3,000 per annum, which sum should be wholly borne by the Dominion Government.

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, seconded by Mr. *Hall*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the establishment of a Mint in Canada will be of great benefit, commercially and otherwise :

And whereas the Province of British Columbia is the most suitable Province wherein it should be established :

Be it therefore Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to communicate with the Dominion Government urging upon that Government the desirability of the establishment, at the earliest possible date, of a Mint; such Mint to be erected in the Province of British Columbia, or some other means of securing to the commercial community of Canada the full benefit and otherwise of the output of gold in the North-West Territories and of this Province.

Mr. *McInnes* asked the Government the following questions :—

1. Have any special constables been appointed to enforce the provisions of the "Game Protection Act, 1898? If so, who are they and when were they appointed?
2. Have any complaints been made by any such "specials" against any person? If so, whom?

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

"1. On the 16th of August, 1900, Robert Henry Pooley and John H. Gillespie were appointed special constables, without salary, to enforce the provisions of the 'Game Protection Act, 1898.'

"2. The said special constables made no complaints against any person."

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

1. Is it a fact that instructions have been given to the Registrar of the Supreme Court at *Victoria* to allow and permit the mercantile agencies to search the records of the office for writs issued against defendants?
2. Is the Government aware that this right is denied by the Registrar to the legal profession, unless the name of some plaintiff is given?

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

"1. Yes. About six months ago instructions were given to the District Registrar of the Supreme Court at *Victoria*, and to the other District Registrars throughout the country, to permit the representatives of mercantile agencies to search the records of their offices for writs issued against defendants, upon payment of the prescribed fees.

"2. No."

On the motion of Mr. *Martin*, seconded by Mr. *Curtis*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the following new Rules of Order be adopted by the House:—

65a. The following words shall be adopted as a Model Railway Bill:—

MODEL RAILWAY BILL.

BILL.

An Act to Incorporate the

WHEREAS a petition has been presented for the incorporation of a company to construct and operate railways as hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of their petition:

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1.

together with such persons as become shareholders in the company hereby incorporated, are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of hereinafter called "the company."

2. The head office of the company shall be in the _____ of _____, but may be changed to such other place in Canada as is fixed by by-law passed at an annual general meeting, or at any special meeting.

3. The company may lay out, construct and operate a railway of the gauge of four feet eight and one-half inches, from _____

4. The capital stock of the company shall be _____ dollars, divided into _____ shares of _____ dollars each, and may be called up by the directors from time to time as they deem necessary.

5. So soon as one hundred thousand dollars of the capital stock shall have been subscribed and allotted, and ten per cent. of the amount shall have been paid into some chartered bank in Canada, the provisional directors shall call a meeting of the shareholders of the company at the place where the head office is situate, at such time as they shall think proper, giving the notice prescribed by section 6 of this Act, at which meeting the shareholders who have paid ten per cent. on the amount of stock subscribed by them shall, from the shareholders possessing the qualifications hereinafter mentioned, elect five directors (of whom three shall form a quorum for the transaction of business), who shall hold office until others are elected.

6. At least thirty days' public notice of the first meeting of the shareholders of the company shall be given by advertisement published in the *British Columbia Gazette*, and at least for thirty days in one newspaper published in the place where the head office is situate, and by a twenty days' notice in writing to each shareholder, delivered to him personally or mailed properly directed to him at his last known place of abode, in which notice shall be specified the place and the day and the hour of meeting. All such notices shall be published at least weekly, and a copy of such *Gazette* and newspaper containing such notice shall, on production thereof, be evidence of the sufficiency of such notice.

7. The persons named in the first section of this Act shall be and are hereby constituted provisional directors of the company, of whom three shall form a quorum for the transaction of business, and they shall hold office until the first election of directors under this Act.

8. The first annual general meeting of the company shall be held at such time as the directors of the company may determine, and all subsequent annual general meetings shall be held at such time as may be prescribed by the company in general meeting; and if no other time is prescribed, the annual general meeting shall be held on the third Wednesday of October in each year, at which annual general meetings a board of five directors (of whom three shall form a quorum for the transaction of business) for the management of the company's affairs shall be elected.

9. The company may issue bonds, debentures or other securities to the extent of _____ dollars per mile of the railway and branches, and such bonds, debentures or other securities may be issued only in proportion to the length of railway constructed or under contract to be constructed :

Provided, however, that no such bonds, debentures or other securities shall be issued unless the directors have been authorised so to do by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority at any general or special meeting for that purpose among others called, at which meeting shareholders representing at least two-thirds in value of the subscribed stock of the company are present or are represented by proxy.

10. The company shall have power to promote any other company or incorporation or association of persons for any purposes which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit the company, and for that purpose to obtain any Act of Parliament which may seem expedient, and to oppose any proceedings or applications which may seem calculated, directly or indirectly, to prejudice the company's interests.

11. The company may from time to time, for advances of money, pledge any stock, debentures or bonds which under the powers of this Act can be issued for the construction of the railway, or other purposes of the company hereby authorised.

12. It shall be lawful for the company, with the consent of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, to take from any public lands adjacent to or near the line of the said railway, its branches or extensions, all stone, timber, or gravel and other material which may be necessary or useful for the construction of the railway, and also to fill in upon any public lands.

13. The said company shall have power to collect and receive all charges subject to which goods or commodities may come into their possession, and on payment of such back charges, and without any formal transfer, shall have the same lien for the amount thereof upon such goods and commodities as the person to whom such charges were originally due, and shall be subrogated by such payment in all the rights and remedies of such persons for such charges.

14. The clauses or sections of the "British Columbia Railway Act," and all future amendments thereto, shall apply to this company, in the same manner and to the extent as if the same had been set forth clause by clause in this Act.

15. The company shall, within six months after the coming into force of this Act, deposit with the Minister of Finance the sum of five thousand dollars, either in cash or securities approved by said Minister, as security that the company will expend not less than ten thousand dollars in surveys or construction of the railway hereby authorised to be built, before the _____, and in default of such expenditure the aforesaid deposit of money or securities shall be forfeited to and become the property of the Government; and should such security not be deposited as aforesaid, all the rights and privileges conferred by this Act shall be null and void.

16. Any Act hereafter passed for the purpose of controlling, regulating, or affecting railway companies incorporated by the Legislature of British Columbia with regard to any matter or thing, shall apply to the company from the time such Act goes into effect, and this section shall not be construed to imply that such Act would not apply to the company without the enactment of this section.

17. This Act may be cited as the "

65*b*. All Private Bills for Acts of Incorporation of or in amendment of Acts incorporating railway companies shall be drawn in accordance with the Model Bill, copies of which may be obtained from the Clerk of the House.

(*a.*) The provisions contained in any Bill which are not in accord with the Model Bill shall be inserted between brackets:

(*b.*) Any exceptional provisions that it may be proposed to insert in any Bill shall be clearly specified in the notice of application for the same.

The Hon. Mr. *Wells* presented a Return of copies of all correspondence and tenders in connection with the contract for keeping open for travel that portion of the *Cariboo Trunk Road* between *Cottonwood* and *Barkerville* during the winter season of 1899 and 1900.

Ordered to be printed.

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

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Judgments Act, 1899.'"

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'"

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to vest the title to the 'Discovery' Placer Claim, Atlin Lake Mining Division of the Cassiar Electoral District, in the Discoverers of Placer Claims in the said District."

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Tramway Incorporation Act'"—

Mr. *Martin* moved to add the following as a new section:—

"Section 2 of said Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:—

"2. This Act shall not empower any company formed hereunder to parallel with its line of tramway, in whole or in part, the Nakusp and Slocan Railway, or the Kaslo and Slocan Railway, but it shall not be deemed to prevent any such company from constructing works which may act as feeders to either of said railways, and no such feeder shall be deemed a parallel line within the meaning of this section."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Smith, R.—10.</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Mounce—25.</i>
<i>Dunsmuir.</i>			

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE, ⁶
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
27th August, 1900.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act,'" and recommend the introduction of the same.

Resolution reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time this evening.

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was introduced and read a first time.
Second reading this evening.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Dyking Act, 1898,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
27th August, 1900.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Dyking Act, 1898,'" and recommend the introduction of the same.

Resolution reported and adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Bill read a second time and committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Hall* presented the Third Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
24th August, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Printing beg leave to report as follows:—
That your Committee recommend the following to be printed, viz.:

A Return showing the number of ballot papers actually issued to voters in each Riding of the Province at the general election held on the 9th day of June, 1900.

Respectfully submitted.

RICHARD HALL,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act'" was again committed.
Reported complete with amendments.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Assessment Act'" was committed.

Bill reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to levy a Tax on Coal and Coke" was committed.
Bill reported complete with amendments.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report considered forthwith.

Mr. *Curtis* moved, seconded by Mr. *Martin*, to add the following as a sub-section to section 32:—

"(e.) In the event of any return mentioned in the foregoing sub-sections containing any wilfully false or deceptive statement, the person or body corporate assessed shall pay to the Assessor the ascertained adjusted amount of the tax for the year covered by said return, with one hundred per cent. thereof added thereto, which said added percentage shall be deemed a portion of the tax for said year, and all the provisions of this Act with regard to the said tax shall, as far as applicable, apply to the said percentage."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

To be read a third time this evening.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to authorise a grant to the Corporation of the City of Vancouver of certain Crown Lands situate in said City," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

20th August, 1900.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to authorise a grant to the Corporation of the City of Vancouver of certain Crown Lands situate in said City," and recommend the introduction of the same.

Resolution reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed this evening.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock this evening.

And then the House adjourned at 5:59 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, 27th August, 1900.

TEN O'CLOCK, P. M

Mr. *Tallow* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the circumstances of calling out of the militia at *Steveston*, as follows:—

VICTORIA, August 27th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Committee appointed to investigate circumstances in connection with the calling out of the militia at *Steveston* beg to report as follows:—

Your Committee held sittings on the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 27th days of August, and examined the following witnesses :

M. B. Wilkinson, Reeve of Richmond; Edward Hunt, J. P.; Robert Whiteside, J. P.; Lieut.-Colonel Worsnop; Capt. Henderson; W. A. Munro, cannery manager; C. S. Windsor, cannery owner; G. W. Shay, Chief of Police, Richmond; Richard Lister, Chief Provincial Constable, Westminster District; Colin S. Campbell, Provincial Constable; Herbert Brooke, Assistant Collector of Taxes; Frank R. Murray, Provincial Police; Musqueam Jim, Indian fisherman; Oki, Japanese fisherman; Hugh Campbell, Union fisherman; Frank A. Rogers, Secretary, Fishermen's Union.

The evidence of these witnesses has been taken down in shorthand, but not yet type-written. Your Committee recommend that this evidence be printed and included in Sessional Papers.

That in addition to the bonâ fide fishermen in Steveston, there was a rough element from across the border, which, aided by certain agitators, caused a state of excitement and unrest. That an organized effort was made to prevent any persons from fishing until such time as the Union fishermen should succeed in arriving at a price for fish satisfactory to them. That the Justices of the Peace were of opinion that, had the militia not been called out, there would have been serious disturbances of the peace in the event of the Japanese commencing to fish, with which disturbances, had they occurred, the Provincial Police admit they would have been unable to cope. On the other hand there is a conflict of evidence, some witnesses swearing that there was no reason to apprehend danger, while others swore that they believed there would be trouble in the event of the Japanese commencing to fish.

There is no evidence to show that the Provincial Government were in any way connected with the calling out of the militia.

R. G. TATLOW,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Mr. R. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Neill,—

That the Standing Rules be suspended, to enable him to move the adoption of the Report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into grievances from certain settlers within the *E. & N. Railway Belt*.

Objection being made, the motion was not put from the Chair.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to Accelerate the Incorporation of the City of Phoenix" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On third reading of Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act'"—

Mr. Curtis moved—That the Order for the third reading be discharged, and the Bill recommitted, with instructions to strike out section 6 thereof:—

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Gilmour,

Stables,

Curtis,

Smith, R.—4.

NAYS:

Messieurs

McInnes,
Oliver,
Kidd,
Neill,
Brown,
Houston,
Hall,

McPhillips,
Helmcken,
Turner,
Dunsmuir,
Eberts,
Smith, A. W.,
Clifford,

Fulton,
Garden,
Tatlow,
Prentice,
Wells,
McBride,

Murphy,
Rogers,
Hunter,
Taylor,
Dickie,
Mounce—26.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report considered forthwith.

Mr. *Garden* moved, seconded by Mr. *Tallow*, that section 2 be amended as follows:—

By striking out all words after "therefor," in the fourth line, and substituting therefor the following:—

"74. That the Full Court shall sit at the City of Vancouver on the first Monday in February, March, June and November in each year, and shall continue such sitting until the business then pending before such Court is disposed of."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Tallow—13.</i>
<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Mounce—21.</i>
<i>Turner,</i>			

Report adopted.

To be read a third time on Thursday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until ten o'clock, A. M., on Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned at 12:45 o'clock, A. M., Tuesday, 28th August.

Thursday, 30th August, 1900.

TEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

The following Petitions were received:—

From *A. C. Smith* and others, residents of *Slocan City*.

From *S. McKinnon* and others, residents of *Whitewater*.

From *Wm. Twine* and others, residents of *Nelson*.

From *C. W. Aylwin* and others, residents of *New Denver*.

From *Alfred Parr* and others, residents of *Ymir*.

From *Thomas Lake* and others, residents of *Silverton*.

The following Petitions were presented and received, *re* Commission to inquire into the mining laws:—

By Mr. *Curtis*, from *W. H. Shaw* and others, residents of *Rossland*.

By Mr. *Curtis*, from *C. Steen* and others, residents of *Rossland*.

By Mr. *Curtis*, from *E. P. Shea* and others, residents of *Greenwood*.

By Mr. *Curtis*, from *W. H. Long* and others, residents of *Greenwood*.

By Mr. *E. C. Smith*, from *P. T. Smyth* and others, residents of *Moyie*.

By Mr. *E. C. Smith*, from *James H. McNeil* and others, residents of *Moyie*.

By Mr. *Tatlow*, from *Chas. E. Tisdall* and others, *re* amendments to game laws.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of the names and approximate location of all Indian Reserves on *Vancouver Island*.

Mr. *McInnes* asked the Government the following questions :—

1. Has *George Jeeves*, Esq., resigned his position in connection with the reconstruction work on the *Victoria Court House*? If so, when did he resign?

2. If he has resigned, did he assign any reason for resigning? If so, what was the reason?

3. Did the said *George Jeeves* write to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, complaining of the way the said work was being done and refusing to be a party thereto?

4. Will the Government lay on the table of the House, without a formal motion therefor, all correspondence that has passed between the said *George Jeeves* and the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works since the said *George Jeeves* was placed in charge of the said work?

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

"1. Yes. 25th August, 1900.

"Yes. His reason, as stated in his letter of resignation, was that he would not care to be connected with the work and have to pass it, as he considered it to be unsatisfactory.

"3. Mr. *George Jeeves* wrote a letter of complaint to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, in an irregular manner and contrary to instructions, concerning the construction work on the *Victoria Court House*, but not 'refusing to be a party thereto.'

"4. The Government will, without a formal motion therefor, lay on the table of the House all correspondence that has passed between Mr. *George Jeeves* and the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works since the said *George Jeeves* was appointed Clerk of Works on the *Victoria Court House*."

The Hon. Mr. *Wells* presented a Return showing the last official report on the condition of the *Burnaby Small Holdings*.

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* presented a Return of copies of all complaints made by people in *Atlin District* against Government officials there, since 1st January, 1898, and the answers given by the Government thereto.

On the motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act relating to employment on Works carried on under Franchises granted by Private Acts"—

Mr. *Helmcken* moved—To amend section 4 by adding the words "or operating" between the words "making" and "a," on the third line.

Carried.

Mr. *McInnes* moved—That the Order for the third reading be discharged, and that the Bill be recommitted, for the purpose of inserting the following words between the words "passed" and "giving," in the second line of section 4 :—

"or in case of a Government official, acting under any Provincial Act (whether by way of a charter or certificate of incorporation or association, or by an Order in Council, or otherwise)."

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

McInnes,
Gilmour,
Stables,

Smith, E. C.,
Oliver,
Brown,

Martin, Jos.,
Curtis,

Munro,
Green—10.

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Mounce—23.</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report considered forthwith.

Mr. *McInnes* moved to amend the Report as follows :—

To insert after the word "sub-contractor," in the eighth line of section 15:—"And all wages of labourers for work in, on, or about any mine."

Negated.

Mr. *Neill* moved to strike out lines 7 and 8, section 16, and insert the following :—

"Twelve weeks' wages (if so much is owing) of all labourers employed by the owner, contractor and sub-contractor."

Negated on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Houston—7.</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Mounce—25.</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>			

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith section 3 of a Bill intituled "An Act relating to Extra-Provincial Investment and Loan Societies," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
24th August, 1900.

"*Licensing.*"

"3. Any Extra-Provincial Investment and Loan Society empowered by its charter and regulations to extend its operations to this Province may, on compliance with the provisions of this Act and on payment to the Registrar of a fee of two hundred and fifty dollars, obtain a licence from the Registrar authorising it to carry on business within this Province, and to exercise the powers and privileges conferred by this Act, subject to the provisions of the charter and regulations of the society and of this Act."

Ordered, That the said Message, and section 3 accompanying the same, be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House recommending the insertion of the following as section 3 in Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act relating to Extra-Provincial Investment and Loan Societies" :—

"3. Any Extra-Provincial Investment and Loan Society empowered by its charter and regulations to extend its operations to this Province may, on compliance with the provisions of this Act and on payment to the Registrar of a fee of two hundred and fifty dollars, obtain a licence from the Registrar authorising it to carry on business within this Province, and to exercise the powers and privileges conferred by this Act, subject to the provisions of the charter and regulations of the society and of this Act."

The Resolution was reported.

Report received and *Ordered* to be considered this afternoon.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act relating to Extra-Provincial Investment and Loan Societies" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed this afternoon.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to regulate Immigration into British Columbia" was read a second time on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Mounce—30.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Prentice—3.</i>
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To be committed this afternoon.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2:15 o'clock, P.M., to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 1:10 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 30th August, 1900.

QUARTER PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

Ordered, That the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended, so as to facilitate the transaction of public business.

On the motion of Mr. *Oliver*, Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

Bill read a second time and committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to regulate Immigration into British Columbia" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to permit the use of Voting Machines in British Columbia" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Hall* presented the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
30th August, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Printing beg leave to report as follows, viz. :—
To recommend that the following papers be printed :

(1.) A Return to an Order of the House for a Return showing the last official report on the condition of the "Burnaby Small Holdings."

(2.) A Return to an Order of the House on the 16th August, 1900, for copies of all complaints made by people in Atlin District against Government officials there, since 1st January, 1898, and the answers given by the Government thereto.

RICHARD HALL,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Mr. *McInnes* moved—"That Bill (No. 44) intituled 'An Act relating to Labour,' be now read a second time."

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* moved in amendment, to strike out the word "now" and insert "this day six months."

Question proposed—"Shall the word "now" stand part of the question?" and resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Houston—10.</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Green,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Mounce—24.</i>

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be inserted stand part of the question?" and resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to Incorporate Vancouver City Hospital."

A debate arose, which was adjourned until this evening.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Costs allowed to Mortgagees" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897,'" was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>
<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Mounce—30.</i>
<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Pooley—4.</i>
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Bill committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act'"—

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order, on the ground that it was not competent for a Private Member to introduce legislation dealing with the lands of the Crown.

On the motion of Mr. *Hunter*, Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Land Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time this evening.

With the consent of the Crown, Mr. *McPhillips* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Queen's Counsel Act, 1899.'"

A debate arose, which was adjourned until this evening.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8:30 o'clock, P.M., to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5:50 o'clock, P.M.

Thursday, 30th August, 1900.

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

Mr. *R. Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Neill*,—

That the present Select Committee appointed to look into certain grievances within the *E. & N. Railway Belt* be appointed a Royal Commission to look into all matters involved in this question, with power to examine witnesses on oath, and report at the next sitting of the House.

The motion was withdrawn.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Queen's Counsel Act, 1899,'" was resumed.

Mr. *Curtis* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,—

That all the words after the first word "That" be struck out, and the following words be substituted therefor: "the Bill (No. 65) be read a second time this day six months."

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?" and resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Green,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Mounce—26.</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Smith, R.—11.</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	

Bill read a second time.

On the motion to commit the Bill forthwith, objection was taken that the Bill could not be committed at the present Session, as it could not pass through two stages on the same day.

Mr. Speaker *Booth*: The House, by resolution during the afternoon session, suspended the Standing Rules and Orders so as to facilitate the transaction of public business.

Objection was then taken that the said suspension of the Rules was only for the then pending session, and did not apply to the following sitting.

Mr. Speaker *Booth*: The Rules were suspended in order to facilitate the completion of the unfinished business of the House, this being presumably the last day of the Session. As the business referred to by the motion was not concluded at the afternoon session, I shall hold that the suspension applies, until revoked, with equal force to the remaining session of the House until the public business is concluded as stated.

Bill committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report considered forthwith.

Mr. *Martin* moved in amendment—

That the words "while a member of the bar of this Province" be inserted after the word "Canada," in the second line of sub-section (3) of section 10, as enacted by section 3 of the Bill.

Carried on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Dickie—17.</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Mounce—16.</i>

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Land Act'" was committed.
 Reported complete without amendment.
 Report adopted.
 Bill read a third time and passed.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act'" for the purpose of being amended by striking out section 2 thereof, and re-numbering the succeeding sections.

Government House,
30th August, 1900.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House the Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act,'" and recommend that the same be amended in terms of the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

The Bill and the Resolution were reported.
 Report adopted.

The Bill was amended by striking out section 2 thereof, and re-numbering the following sections.

Bill, as amended, read a third time and passed.

The House proceeded to the consideration of Public Bills and Orders.

On the motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act'"—

Mr. *Gilmour* moved, seconded by Mr. *McInnes*,—

That the order for the third reading be discharged, and the Bill re-committed for the purpose of amending section 2 by striking out all the words after "therefor," in the 4th line, and substituting the following therefor:—

"74. The Full Court shall sit at the City of Victoria on the first Monday in February, May, and November, and such sitting may continue until the Friday of the week following each said Monday. The Full Court shall sit at the City of Vancouver on the third Tuesday in February, May, and November, and such sitting may continue until the Friday of the week following each said Tuesday: Provided, however, that the Full Court sitting either at Victoria or Vancouver may be adjourned to any day after the term for the sitting above provided for."

A debate arose, which was adjourned on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Green,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Mounce—24.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Prentice—10.</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>		

The House continued to sit after midnight.

The Order for the House to again consider Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Act'" in Committee was discharged.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896,'" was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Green,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Mounce—27.</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Curtis—7.</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	

Bill committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report considered.

Mr. *Martin* moved in amendment, to add to section 2:—

"Provided, however, that the extension of time hereby given shall not be held to affect in any way any question which may arise with respect to said land subsidy."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Ellison—9.</i>
<i>Stables,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Mounce—21.</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>			

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to authorise a grant to the Corporation of the City of Vancouver of certain Crown Lands situate in said City" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report considered

Mr. *McPhillips* moved in amendment, to strike out section 27.
Negatived.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to revise and consolidate the Vancouver Incorporation Act," was considered.

Mr. *Garden* moved in amendment, to amend section 3 by inserting between the words "increase" and "the," in the third line thereof, the words "or reduce."

Carried.

Mr. *Garden* moved to amend sub-section (1) of section 5, by striking out all the words after "city," in the third line thereof.

Carried.

Mr. *Garden* moved to amend sub-section (3) of section 46, by inserting the word "incorporated" before the word "public," in the fourth line thereof.

Negatived.

Mr. *Garden* moved to amend sub-section (45) of section 125 by inserting between the words "mains" and "or," in the 3rd line thereof, the words "drains, sewers," and between the words "mains" and "or," in the 4th line thereof, the words "drains, sewers," and between the words "thereof" and "whether," in the 5th line thereof, the words "calculated on the basis of the frontage of the property."

Carried.

Mr. *Gilmour* moved that the following be inserted as a new section, to be section 124A:

"124A. In the event of a petition duly signed by at least one thousand voters of the city whose names are on the last revised voters' list being presented to the Council of the city, praying that any question relating to the public interests or welfare of the city be submitted to the vote of the electors for decision thereon, and on such petitioners guaranteeing to the satisfaction of the Council the payment to the city of all costs, charges and expenses that might be incurred if a vote should be taken on such question, and in connection with or incidental to such vote being taken, then the Council shall pass a by-law providing for the submission of such question to the vote of those persons entitled to vote for Mayor and Aldermen in the same manner and subject to the same regulations as to giving notice thereof, *mutatis mutandis*, as money by-laws which are submitted to the vote of the voters. In all cases all voters on the voters' list, entitled to vote for Mayor and Aldermen, shall be entitled to vote on the question submitted. A majority of the votes cast shall decide the question so submitted. Nothing in this clause shall be taken to affect the provisions relating to money by-laws or to any by-laws that have to be voted on only by voters entitled to vote on money by-laws."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

McInnes,
Gilmour,

Stables,
Smith, E. C.,

Brown,
Martin,

Curtis,
Smith, R.—8.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Oliver,
Kidd,
Munro,
Green,
Houston,
Hall,
McPhillips,

Helmcken,
Turner,
Dunsmuir,
Eberts,
Smith, A. W.,
Ellison,

Clifford,
Garden,
Tallow,
Wells,
McBride,
Pooley,

Murphy,
Rogers,
Hunter,
Taylor,
Dickie,
Mounce—25.

Mr. *Garden* moved to amend sub-section (180) of section 125, by striking out all the words after the word "company," in the seventh line thereof.

Carried.

Mr. *Garden* moved to strike out the following words on page 53 :—

“(12.) To amend section 125 by striking out sub-section (10) thereof, and substituting therefor the following :—”

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved to strike out section 165, and insert in lieu thereof :—

“165. Every Police Magistrate in and for the said City shall be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and shall hold office during pleasure ; and any such appointment may be cancelled by the order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall, by an Order in Council, fix, and may from time to time vary, the salary to be paid to such Magistrate, and said salary shall be paid by the Municipality.”

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver, Northern and Yukon Railway Company Act, 1899,” was considered.

Mr. *Garden* moved that the words “called the,” on first line of section 6, be struck out, and “cited as” be inserted.

Carried.

Mr. *McPhillips* moved that the following section be added, numbered as follows :—

“3. Section 39 of the said Act is hereby repealed.”

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Kitimaat-Caledonia Company, Limited,” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report considered.

Mr. *Curtis* moved that the Report be not now adopted, but that the Bill be amended by striking out section 18 thereof.

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

McInnes,
Kidd,

Brown,
Martin,

Curtis,

Smith, R.—6.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Hall,
McPhillips,
Helmcken,
Turner,
Dunsmuir,

Eberts,
Ellison,
Clifford,
Hayward,

Garden,
Prentice,
Wells,
McBride,

Murphy,
Rogers,
Taylor,
Mounce—17.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Grand Forks and Kettle River Railway Company" was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>
<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Taylor—17.</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Mounce—15.</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	

Bill committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read third time and passed.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act relating to Extra-Provincial Investment and Loan Societies" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read third time and passed.

Second Reading of Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act relating to Trading Stamps" called.

Mr. Speaker *Booth*: This Bill is out of order; it interferes with trade and commerce, and creates a criminal offence.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate was resumed on the motion moved by Mr. *Curtis* on August 15th, as follows:—

"Resolved, That this House endorses and affirms what is popularly known as the Eight-Hour Law, which provides that 'No person shall be employed underground in any metaliferous mine for more than eight hours in every twenty-four hours,' and is opposed to any change in said law whereby contracting out of same may be permitted, or by which the penalties for infractions of the law shall be abrogated or suspended, but favours the enforcement of the law as it now stands in its entirety and without any change."

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Taylor—10.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Green,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Mounce—17.</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>			

Order called for the House to again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the motion of Mr. *Garden*, seconded by Mr. *Tatlow*, to adopt a Resolution respectfully calling on the Dominion Government to pass the *Natal Act* respecting immigrants.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order, as being substantially the same as a motion already resolved in the affirmative this Session.

Mr. *Hall* presented the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
August 30th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Printing beg leave to report as follows, viz. :—

To recommend that the following be printed :—

The evidence given before the Special Committee appointed to enquire into all matters connected with the sending of the militia to Steveston.

Respectfully submitted.

RICHARD HALL,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Mr. *Curtis* presented a Petition from *James Marshall* and others, residents of *Phoenix*, re Mining Commission.

Received.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until three o'clock, P. M., to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 6:15 o'clock, A. M., Friday, 31st August.

Friday, 31st August, 1900.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

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

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

(No. 2) An Act to amend the "Evidence Act."

(No. 4) An Act to amend the "Notaries Appointment Act."

(No. 7) An Act respecting the closing of Shops, and the employment of Children and Young Persons therein,

(No. 12) An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company.

(No. 13) An Act to Incorporate the Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Company, Limited.

(No. 14) An Act to Incorporate the Western Telephone and Telegraph Company.

(No. 15) An Act to amend the "Companies Act, 1897."

(No. 17) An Act to Incorporate the Kitimaat-Caledonia Company.

(No. 19) An Act to revise and consolidate the "Vancouver Incorporation Act."

(No. 20) An Act to amend the "Vancouver, Northern and Yukon Railway Act, 1899."

(No. 21) An Act to amend "An Act to Incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster."

(No. 22) An Act to Incorporate the Rock Bay and Salmon River Railway Company.

- (No. 23) An Act to Accelerate the Incorporation of the City of Phoenix.
 (No. 24) An Act to Incorporate the Pacific, Northern and Omineca Railway Company.
 (No. 25) An Act to amend the "Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway Act (1891) Amendment Act, 1897."
 (No. 26) An Act to amend the "Investment and Loan Societies Act."
 (No. 28) An Act to amend the "Rossland Water and Light Company Incorporation Act, 1896."
 (No. 29) An Act to amend the "Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896."
 (No. 30) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."
 (No. 31) An Act to amend the "Judgments Act, 1899."
 (No. 32) An Act to amend the "Mechanics' Lien Act."
 (No. 33) An Act relating to Extra-Provincial Investment and Loan Societies.
 (No. 34) An Act to Incorporate the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company.
 (No. 35) An Act to amend the "Official Administrators' Act."
 (No. 38) An Act respecting Succession Duties.
 (No. 42) An Act relating to employment on Works carried on under Franchises granted by Private Acts.
 (No. 46) An Act to regulate Immigration into British Columbia.
 (No. 47) An Act to confirm the Assessment Roll of the City of Greenwood for the Year 1900.
 (No. 48) An Act to permit the use of Voting Machines in British Columbia.
 (No. 49) An Act to amend the Law relating to Costs allowed to Mortgagees.
 (No. 50) An Act to Incorporate the Grand Forks and Kettle River Railway Company.
 (No. 51) An Act to authorise a grant to the Corporation of the City of Vancouver of certain Crown Lands situate in said City.
 (No. 54) An Act to amend the "Licences Act, 1899."
 (No. 55) An Act to amend the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897."
 (No. 56) An Act to relieve the members of the Canadian troops serving in South Africa from the operation of certain provisions of the "Placer Mining Act," the "Mineral Act," and amending Acts.
 (No. 57) An Act to amend the "Railway Assessment Act."
 (No. 58) An Act to amend the "Provincial Elections Act."
 (No. 59) An Act to amend the Tramway Incorporation Act.
 (No. 60) An Act to amend the "Mineral Act."
 (No. 61) An Act to levy a Tax on Coal and Coke.
 (No. 62) An Act to amend the "Land Act."
 (No. 63) An Act to amend the "Assessment Act."
 (No. 65) An Act to amend the "Queen's Counsel Act, 1899."
 (No. 66) An Act to vest the title to the "Discovery" Placer Claim, Atlin Lake Mining Division of the Cassiar Electoral District, in the Discoverers of Placer Claims in the said District.
 (No. 69) An Act to amend the "Municipal Clauses Act."
 (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act."
 (No. 71) An Act to amend the "Public Dyking Act, 1898."
 (No. 72) An Act to amend the "Municipalities Incorporation Act."
 (No. 73) An Act to further amend the "Land Act."

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

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

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

Then the Honourable Mr. 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 (No. 68) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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 :

I am pleased to express my appreciation of the earnestness and care you have manifested in dealing with the various important subjects submitted for your consideration during the Session.

The liberal supplies which you have granted for carrying on the administration of public affairs, and particularly for the purpose of constructing roads, and for other public improvements, cannot fail to have a marked result in the development of the resources of the Province affected thereby.

I am pleased to observe the substantial aid extended to agricultural industry. The measure of relief afforded to settlers by the Land Act Amendment Act is especially gratifying.

The several amendments to the Assessment Act, and the Act to levy a Tax on Coal and Coke, will result in a substantial increase in the revenue, so as to more amply provide for carrying on necessary works of development in the future.

I am pleased to know that special measures of relief have been passed in the interests of the Municipalities of New Westminster and Sandon.

It is gratifying to find that effective measures have been taken to protect our home labour, not only from unfair competition within the Province, but from the immigration of undesirable classes of aliens.

I note with pleasure that an Act has been passed, and under it a Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia has been appointed, to proceed to Porcupine Creek, Cassiar District, to settle up, in an expeditious manner, disputes which have arisen in that locality between miners by reason of the uncertainty of the boundary between Alaska and this Province.

The Act to protect the mining interests of citizens serving Her Majesty in South Africa meets with my warmest approval.

The presence in the Province of His Excellency the Governor-General at the present time is a matter for congratulation, and I feel assured that His Excellency will be deeply impressed with the expression of loyalty to Her Majesty, so conspicuous in this part of Her Majesty's Dominions.

In liberating you from your arduous duties it is with the feeling that your efforts will be amply rewarded by the increasing prosperity and the general advancement of the interests of the Province resulting therefrom.

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice*, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please His Honour to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

J. P. BOOTH, *Speaker*.