

Monday, 1st April, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

And then the House adjourned, at 2.5 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday, 3rd April, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Walkem* presented a further Report from the Select Committee to which Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to Minerals, other than Coal, found in lodes or veins, and to amend the 'Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,'" was referred. (*See Appendix.*)

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

And then the House adjourned, at 3.15 o'clock p. m.

Thursday, 4th April, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a further Return of copies of all correspondence with the Dominion Government, respecting the Acts of last Session. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

And then the House, on a division of 13 yeas and 11 nays, adjourned at 2.45 o'clock, p. m.

Friday 5th April, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

Ordered, That Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to Minerals, other than Coal, found in lodes or veins, and to amend the 'Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,'" be placed on the Orders of the Day to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 2.30 o'clock p. m.

Saturday, 6th April, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved, That the Orders of the Day be read.

Mr. *Walkem* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Ash*,—

That the following words be added to the motion:—"by proceeding with the Quartz Bill (No. 20)."

A debate arose.

Mr. *Williams* moved the adjournment of the debate.

The motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

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

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

Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and adjourned the House, for want of a Quorum, at 7.35 p. m.; the following Members being then present:—The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, and Messrs. *Fisher*, *Walkem*, *Gallagher*, *Evans*, *Williams*, and Mr. Speaker.

Monday, 8th April, 1878.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, it was *Resolved*—
That the Orders of the Day be now read.

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

That the House proceed immediately to the consideration of Quartz Bill (No. 20).

And then the House adjourned, at 12.45 o'clock p. m., until two o'clock, p. m.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

The motion was negatived.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, in amendment to the Motion moved by Mr. *Walkem*,—

To strike out all the words after "That" and insert the following: "the House do not go into Committee on the Quartz Bill (No. 20) until such time as the House shall grant the Supplies necessary for the public service till the new Parliament can be assembled. And the House pledges itself to go into Committee on Quartz Bill (No. 20) immediately such Supplies are granted."

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* stated he was directed to inform the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor would prorogue the House at 3 o'clock on Wednesday next, with a view to the immediate dissolution of the House.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

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

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Victoria, 6th April, 1878.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly, for reconsideration, a Bill intitled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876,'" and suggests to the Assembly the advisability of adding at the end of clause 3 the words "Provided that this section shall not apply to any candidate at any election of a member to the Legislative Assembly."

A. N. RICHARDS.

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

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

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, in amendment to the amendment moved by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*,—

To strike out all the words after "That" and insert the following: "this House is of opinion that the Quartz Bill (No. 20) should be immediately proceeded with, and pledges itself thereafter to pass a vote on account sufficient to cover necessary expenditure up to 30th June, 1878, provided that the Quartz Act is passed through its several stages and satisfactory guarantee be given that this House will be immediately thereafter prorogued and dissolved and new writs of election issued, and that no other business will be proceeded with except by unanimous consent of the House."

The question being put, That all the words after "That" in the original motion moved by Mr. *Walkem*, "That the House proceed immediately to the consideration of the Quartz Bill (No. 20)" stand part of the question, was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Gallagher.—10.</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Brown, E.</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Pimbury.—11.</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	

The House continued to sit until after midnight.

TUESDAY, 9TH APRIL, 1878.

The House, having arrived at an agreement respecting the conduct of the business of the House, pursuant to Order, resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's Department for the half-year ending 30th June, next.

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

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

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

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, respecting a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the "Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876."

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to minerals, other than coal, found in lodes or veins, and to amend the 'Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,'" be committed.

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

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11 o'clock a. m.

And then the House adjourned, at 1.08 o'clock a. m.

Tuesday, 9th April, 1878.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

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

That the Agreement respecting the conduct of the business of the House, arrived at yesterday, be entered on the Journals of the House.

The Agreement is as follows:—

"The House to go into Committee of Supply at once, pass the first item and report progress, and then go into Committee on Quartz Bill.

"The House to go into Committee of Supply at 11 a. m. to-morrow, and pass a vote, on account, sufficient to cover, until 30th June next, the following expenditure, viz:—

"Salaries, Maintenance of Roads, Schools, Administration of Justice, Police, Gaols, Asylums, and Hospitals, to 30th June;

"The grant to the Cariboo Quartz Company; and the amount which may be due on Cofferdam and existing Contracts.

"The Quartz Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.

"The House to be dissolved this week, and to be gazetted in Saturday's *Gazette*; and Writs to be issued immediately after dissolution.

"The Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, suggesting an amendment in the "Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876," to be considered."

"Other Bills to be taken up by unanimous consent."

The First Report of a Resolution from the Committee of Supply was adopted.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,810 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,675 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Treasury Department, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,505 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lands and Works Department, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,535 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,512 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Registrar-General's Department, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Legislative Department, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Assay Office, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,590 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Supreme Court, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Sheriffs, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,261 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Victoria*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,416 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *New Westminster*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Kootenay*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,480 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Cariboo*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,929 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Cassiar*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Yale*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Lytton*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Kamloops*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Okanagan*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,314 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Nanaimo*, for the half-year ending 30th June 1878.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,870 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation (exclusive of Salaries) for the half year ending 30th June, 1878.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Assay Office (exclusive of Salaries) for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Printing Office (exclusive of Salaries) for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,275 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (exclusive of Salaries) for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols (exclusive of Salaries) for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,360 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Revenue Services for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,735 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lunatic Asylum (exclusive of Salaries) for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,075 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Charitable Allowances, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Surveys, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42 25 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Rent, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,575 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Transport, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Immigration, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,967 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Interest, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,725 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Government House, *Victoria*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$57,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Roads, Streets, and Bridges, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$56,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Graving Dock, for the year ending 30th June, 1878.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Services, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,625 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Municipalities, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to Minerals, other than Coal, found in lodes or veins, and to amend the 'Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned, at 12.30 p. m., until two o'clock p. m.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *Charles F. Gullion*, which was *Ordered* to be printed. (See *Sessional Papers*.)

Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *Andrew Donohue* and others, which was read and *Ordered* to be printed. (See *Sessional Papers*.)

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consolidated Public School Act, 1876,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,016 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lunatic Asylum, for the half-year ending the 30th June, 1878.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

What reason have you for refusing to pay the alleged claims of Mr. *George Baker*, Contractor, Public Works, *Comox*?

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

"*Joseph Nicholson* and *George H. Baker*, Contractors for the road from *Comox* Wharf to *Courtenay* River Bridge, *Comox* District, were paid in full for the said work on the 25th July, 1876.

"On the 1st August, 1876, the Contractors made claim for the sum of \$417 75, for extra gravelling, filling, etc., alleged to have been performed by them.

"This demand was refused on the 10th August, 1876, as the extras claimed were unauthorized by the Lands and Works Department, and at the time the Contractors were finally settled with the said Department was not aware of any such claim being withheld."

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Milling and Mining Company."

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order Bill, (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs' Act, 1873," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'School Tax Act, 1876,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

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

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Victoria, 9th April, 1878.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly, for recommitment, a Bill intituled "An Act for dyking and reclaiming certain lands at Chilliwhack, Sumas, and Matsqui," for the purpose of receiving the consent of the Crown to the grant of public lands mentioned in the Bill which is hereby signified.

A. N. RICHARDS.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act for Dyking and Reclaiming certain Lands at Chilliwhack, Sumas, and Matsqui," be recommitted.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

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

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Victoria, 9th April, 1878.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly, for reconsideration, a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the Bishop of British Columbia to convey certain lands, hereditaments, and premises, held by him under the authority of Letters Patent to Trustees, and to incorporate the said Trustees and enable them to hold lands," and suggests to the Assembly the advisability of striking out the word "acquire" and inserting the word "said" after "hold" in the 3rd line of the 2nd clause, also of striking out the word "exchange" wherever it occurs in the 3rd clause; and also the words "for the time being held by them" from the 4th line of said clause; and also of inserting the word "said" after the word "the" in 3rd line of said clause; and also of adding a clause as follows:—

"4. And the Trustees may acquire and hold other lands for the purposes and subject to the provisions mentioned in the "Religious Institutions Ordinance, 1869."

A. N. RICHARDS.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to authorize the Bishop of British Columbia to convey certain lands, hereditaments, and premises held by him, under the authority of Letters Patent, to Trustees, and to incorporate the said Trustees and enable them to hold lands," be recommitted.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return showing the acreage in each section of land in *Victoria* District; the quantity deducted from each section for roads, rock, and swamp respectively; and the name of the original purchaser thereof.

Ordered to be printed. (See Sessional Papers.)

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will recommend to the Dominion Government the absolute necessity of establishing a monthly mail between *Victoria* and *Kootenay*, via *Spokane*, *Washington Territory*, or via *Osoyoos Lake*.

Mr. *Ash* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Referring to the answer you gave, on the 20th instant, to my question respecting the approach to the *Victoria* School Reserve, I now ask, has the Government yet decided which entrance will be completed this season?

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

“The Government have not yet decided.”

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, for the half-year ending 30th June, the sum of \$319,783 25 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of British Columbia, to defray the several charges and expenses of the Civil Government of this Province, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878, and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

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

That the Municipal Returns for the year 1877 be bound with the Sessional Papers.

A Message was delivered from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour, which is as follows:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Victoria, April 9th, 1878.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled “An Act for granting certain sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878, and for other purposes,” and recommends the same for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly.

A. N. RICHARDS.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the said Message.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That a Bill of Supply be introduced.

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

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Smithe* introduced a Bill, (No. 37) intituled “An Act for granting certain sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878, and for other purposes.”

Bill read a first time.

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

Bill read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 4.25 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday, 10th April, 1878.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

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

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

An Act to amend the "Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876."

An Act to amend the "Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877."

An Act to amend certain Acts relating to Municipalities [*Chapter 129 of the Consolidated Statutes of British Columbia.*]

An Act to encourage the Mining of Gold-bearing Quartz.

An Act to amend the "Ballot Act, 1877."

An Act for the Protection of certain Animals and Birds in British Columbia.

An Act relating to Corporations.

An Act for Dyking and Reclaiming certain lands in Chilliwack, Sumass, and Matsqui.

An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Express Company.

An Act to incorporate the Moodyville Saw-Mill Company (Limited).

An Act for the better Regulation of Traffic on the Highways of British Columbia.

An Act to amend the "Consolidated Public School Act, 1876."

An Act relating to Minerals, other than Coal, found in lodes or veins, and to amend the "Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867."

An Act to amend the "School Tax Act, 1876."

An Act to amend the "Sheriffs' Act, 1873."

An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Milling and Mining Company (Limited).

His Honour was pleased, in Her Majesty's name, to give assent to these Bills. The same was announced by the Clerk of the House, in the following words:—

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour, at the close of our labours, with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present, for Your Honour's acceptance, a Bill intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of money required for defraying the Expenses of Civil Government for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878, and for other purposes."

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

The Session of the Legislature now closing, and from the duties of which I have now to relieve you, has been marked by a class of legislation differing somewhat from that of former years, and of a character which I think is indicative of material progress in various branches of industry within the Province.

Amongst the subjects which have occupied your attention I regard the Mineral Bill as of great importance, and I trust, facilitating as it does the acquisition of mining ground, that it will be the means of assisting the development of the resources of our gold fields and of inducing increased energy in the prosecution of the most important industry of quartz mining.

It will, I hope, be a worthy supplement to the Act inaugurated last Session and amended this Session, which has for its object the rendering of substantial assistance towards the erection of a quartz mill of such capacity as will demonstrate the paying character of the gold-bearing lodes of Cariboo.

I regard the employment of the Mining Engineer as a wise and thoughtful step, and fully justified by the results already obtained from that gentleman's valuable services.

The number of private Bills for the incorporation of Mining Companies may be regarded as evidence of substantial progress having been made in our mining affairs.

The Dyking Act, indicating, as it does, an awakening interest in the agricultural resources of the Province, will, I trust, have the effect contemplated by its promoters, and result in the complete reclamation of the rich lands which have hitherto been subject to overflow in Chilliwack, Sumass, and Matsqui Districts, whereby thousands of acres of land, unsurpassed for fertility, will be opened for settlement, and an additional field provided for a desirable class of immigrants.

I thank you, in Her Majesty's name, for the provision that you have made for the requirements of the public service.

I trust the various measures to which you have given your attention will tend to promote the interests of the Province.

The Honourable Mr. Elliott, Attorney-General then said,—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly—

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