

Monday, 12th April, 1897.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. F. Belts*.

On the motion of the Hon. Colonel *Baker*, Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Public School Act, 1891,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Turner*, Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dairy Associations Act, 1895,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Turner*, Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dairyman's Association Act, 1894,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved, seconded by Mr. *Braden*,—

Whereas by virtue of 58 and 59 Vict., ch. 35, s. 6, the Indian custom known as the Potlatch was prohibited:

And whereas the Indians have thereby become greatly disaffected, and the enforcement of such law is likely to cause serious trouble:

Be it therefore Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor requesting him to make such representation to the Government of the Dominion of Canada as will result in the immediate repeal of so much of the said section of the said Statute as prohibits the said custom and will allow the Indians to enjoy such custom unmolested.

Mr. *Sword* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*,—

To amend the motion by inserting on the 7th line, after the words "result in," the words "an enquiry into the origin, nature and meaning of the custom, with a view, should it be ascertained that the grievance complained of is well founded, to"

Amendment put and carried.

Original resolution, as amended, put and carried.

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

Whereas the establishment of a Government Mint in the Province of British Columbia would be of great advantage, commercially and otherwise:

Be it therefore Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to communicate with the Government of the Dominion of Canada, urging upon that Government the desirability of taking the subject-matter of this Resolution into its early and favourable consideration.

Mr. *Kennedy* moved—

That Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Poison Act,'" be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading on Wednesday next.

Negatived.

The Report on Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to authorise the Yukon Mining, Trading and Transportation Company (Foreign) to construct a line of Railway from the head of Steamboat Navigation on Taku Inlet to Teslin Lake," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia-Yukon Railway Company," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Macpherson* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Tramway Company Incorporation Act, 1895,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Huff* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wide Tire Act, 1893,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Major *Mutter* presented the Tenth Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
13th April, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

The Committee met this 9th day of April, when the following Returns were submitted and ordered to be printed :

1. Bureau of Statistics, Municipalities Report.
2. Return *re* extension to Asylum, New Westminster.
3. Return, Sheriffs' Fees.
4. Return *re* Government Reserve, Pleasant Valley.
5. Correspondence, *Rudd v. Collinson*.

All of which are respectfully submitted.

J. M. MUTTER,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:30 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 13th April, 1897.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. F. Betts*.

Mr. *Kennedy* presented a Petition from Rev. *J. B. Good* and others, *re* Curfew Bell Ordinance.

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Smith* presented the First Report from the Mining Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
13th April, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Mining beg to report as follows :
Proposed amendments to the "Mineral Act, 1896."

A. W. SMITH,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Mr. *Kellie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Irving*,—

That whereas the country lying to the north of British Columbia, by virtue of its geographical position, is closely related to this Province and widely removed from other organised portions of the Dominion of Canada :

And whereas the natural lines of communication by land and water are north and south by way of and through this Province, and render the resources of that country almost wholly tributary to the trade and commerce of British Columbia :

And whereas large areas of the territory in question, more particularly the *Yukon* country, are highly mineralized, containing rich quartz ledges and placer diggings, and are attracting a large mining population, with prospects of becoming in places thickly settled and prosperous by reason of such mineral wealth :

And whereas it is desirable, and in the interests of the Province of British Columbia, that said territory should have a settled and effective form of Government, and a civil code similar to that in force in this Province :

And whereas the distance from the seat of the Canadian Government render it difficult to satisfactorily enforce the laws specially enacted for the unorganised territory of the North-West :

Therefore be it Resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, setting forth that in the opinion of this House negotiations should be opened up with the Dominion Government, having in view the enlargement of the boundaries of British Columbia so as to include the territory northward as far towards the *Arctic Ocean* as may be deemed practicable for Provincial purposes, and particularly in regard to the prosecution and control of the mining industry.

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Irving—7.</i>
<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Senlin,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Hunter—20.</i>

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to confirm to the Crown all unrecorded and unappropriated Water and Water-power in the Province, and to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the acquiring of Water Rights and Privileges for ordinary domestic, mining and agricultural purposes, and for making adequate provision for Municipal Water Supply, and for the application of water-power to industrial and mechanical purposes," was again committed, Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dairy Associations Act, 1895,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Hunter* in the Chair.

Reported complete without amendment.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dairyman's Association Act, 1894,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Huff* in the Chair.

Reported complete without amendment.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Pubic School Act, 1891,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Adams* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to impose certain restrictions upon the granting of Liquor Licences in Rural Districts," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Tramway Company Incorporation Act, 1895,'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wide Tire Act, 1893,'" was committed, with Mr. *Braden* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The second reading of Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Act 1895,'" was negatived.

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

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

Wednesday, 14th April, 1897.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. F. Betts*.

Mr. *Booth* presented the Twenty-fifth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 14th, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That they find the preamble proved of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Okanagan Water-Power Company," and submit the same herewith with amendments.

J. P. BOOTH,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Mr. *Booth* presented the Twenty-sixth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 14th, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

Your Committee is of the opinion that, as Bill No. 45 has not as yet passed through the House, the time limited for reception of Reports should be extended for one week from the 19th day of April, instant, and that the Standing Orders should be suspended for that purpose. And your Committee beg to recommend the same accordingly.

J. P. BOOTH,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended and the Report adopted.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia-Yukon Railway Company," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Barkerville, Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company," was committed, with Major *Mutter* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* moved—That Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to authorise a Loan of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of aiding the construction of Railways and other Public Works," be read a second time now.

Mr. *Semlin* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Sword*,—

To strike out all the words of the motion after the word "That" and insert in lieu thereof the words "the order for the second reading be discharged and the Bill withdrawn, to enable the Government to submit to the Legislature, instead of the present Bill, a measure for procuring at once a survey of the country between *Hope* and *Penticton* preliminary to construction as a public work of a line from the coast to *Penticton*, and the immediate construction as a public work of a railway from *Penticton* to *Boundary*."

Mr. Speaker *Higgins* ruled out of order all the words of the amendment after the word "withdrawn."

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

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

Debate resumed and continued until 11:40 p. m., when it was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:45 o'clock, p. m.

Thursday, 15th April, 1897.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. F. Betts*.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented the Twenty-third Annual Report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

Mr. *Booth* presented the Twenty-seventh Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 15th, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That they have considered Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the South Kootenay Water-Power Company," and find the preamble proved, and submit the same herewith with amendments.

Your Committee also recommend that the Company be granted the further power of treating ores.

J. P. BOOTH,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to authorise a Loan of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of aiding the construction of Railways and other Public Works," and Mr. *Semlin's* amendment thereon, was resumed.

The amendment was withdrawn.

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

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

Debate resumed.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Kithet,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	<i>McGregor—17.</i>
<i>Turner,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kellie—11.</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

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

E. DEWDNEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Subsidy Act, 1892,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
15th April, 1897.

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, recommending the introduction of Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Subsidy Act, 1892.'"

Mr. *Booth*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Hume* presented a Petition from *N. A. Wallringer* (*re Crow's Nest Railway*).
Laid on the table.

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

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

What authority have the agents of the *Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Company* for collecting stumpage dues from free miners, on the *Nelson and Fort Sheppard Land Grant*?

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

“No authority to collect royalty from free miners who are cutting timber on mineral claims legally held by them.”

Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act to incorporate the *Bedlington and Nelson Railway Company*,” was committed, with Mr. *McGregor* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 11:05 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 19th April, 1897.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Percival Jenks*.

The Petition from *N. A. Wallbringer* (*re Crow's Nest Railway*) was read and received and *Ordered* to be printed.

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

By Mr. *Smith*—Bill (No. 63) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘*Mineral Act, 1896.*’”

By Mr. *Helmcken*—Bill (No. 65) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘*Provincial Land Surveyors Act, 1891,*’ and the ‘*Provincial Land Surveyors Amendment Act, 1892.*’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Turner*—Bill (No. 67) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘*Revenue Tax Act.*’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Turner*—Bill (No. 68) intituled “An Act to prevent the spreading of *Noxious Weeds.*”

By the Hon. Mr. *Turner*—Bill (No. 69) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘*Horticultural Board Act, 1894.*’”

By the Hon. Colonel *Baker*—Bill (No. 71) intituled “An Act for securing the Safety and Good Health of Workmen engaged in or about the *Metalliferous Mines* in the Province of *British Columbia* by the appointment of an *Inspector of Metalliferous Mines.*”

Mr. *Cotton* presented the *Twenty-Eighth Report* from the *Private Bills Committee*, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 19th, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That your Committee has considered *Bill (No. 5)*, intituled “An Act to incorporate the *Cascade, Water, Power, and Light Company, Limited,*” and find the preamble proved, and submit the same herewith with amendment.

Your Committee also recommend that the Company be granted such further power and privileges as companies incorporated under the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," and have amended the preamble accordingly.

F. C. COTTON,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved, seconded by Mr. *Rithet*,—

That an humble Address be presented by this House to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to move the Dominion Government that while this House is of the opinion the Dominion Government is fully impressed with the strong claims of this Province entitling this Province to representation in the Cabinet of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, this House respectfully submits that effect should be given to such representation by the Dominion Government by the appointment of some representative from this Province at an early date.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin.</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>McGregor—12.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Williams,.</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Irving—14.</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>		

Mr. *Sword* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hume*,—

That in requiring a declaration from the surveyor who surveyed land for an intending purchaser, whether any of such land was likely to be required for a townsite or fishing station, the Legislature intended that the attention of the Land Office should be called to the nature of the land applied for, and that it should not be treated as ordinary land open to purchase.

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

Order for the House to consider Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to authorise a Loan of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of aiding the construction of Railways and other Public Works," in Committee of the Whole, called.

Mr. *Smith* moved—That it be an instruction to the Committee to consider the following amendment to sub-section (b) of section 8:—

To strike out all the words after the word "from" in line one and insert the words Ashcroft to Forks Quessnelle, approximately one hundred and ninety-five miles."

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Stoddart—11.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	<i>McGregor—17.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>			

The Bill was then committed, with Mr. *Stoddart* in the Chair.
 Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again this evening.

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

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

House again in Committee on Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to authorise a Loan of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of aiding the construction of Railways and other Public Works."

Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Subsidy Act, 1892,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10:20 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 20th April, 1897.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Percival Jenns*.

Mr. *Rithet* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the land claim of *Ruckles Bros.*, as follows:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
 20th April, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee on land claimed by *Ruckles Bros.* beg leave to report as follows:

1. That the land referred to was unsurveyed, unreserved, and unoccupied (so far as the records of the Land Office shew), within the meaning of the Land Act.
2. That the original application of *Ruckles Bros.*, dated 19th November, 1891, was for 640 acres, but both the sketch plan and description of the land accompanying same were incorrect, and did not cover the land intended to be applied for. The description was corrected in the Lands and Works Department when the original record was issued, and did include the land in dispute.
3. That the Committee have examined the original surveyor's notes in the possession of the Land Office, of the pre-emption of *Ruckles Bros.*, and several witnesses.
4. That the land in dispute is not included in the acreage surveyed for *Ruckles Bros.*, and is not returned on the surveyor's plan as part of their pre-emption.
5. That the purchaser of the land in dispute owns the adjoining section, No. 328.
6. That the records of the Lands and Works in connection with the purchase of the lands by Miss *Davey* appear to be in accordance with the requirements of the "Land Act, 1895."

R. P. RITHET,
Chairman.

The Report was received on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Irving—16.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Walkem—11.</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	

Mr. *Booth* presented the Twenty-ninth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 20th, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

Your Committee have considered Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Trail Water Company, Limited," and Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of the Revelstoke Waterworks, Electric Light and Power Company, Limited," and find the preambles thereof respectively proved, and submit the same herewith with amendments.

J. P. BOOTH,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* presented a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government and any person or persons in relation to the acquisition of land in connection with the *Loudon* and *Blue Jay* mineral claims, in *Slocan*, as a Crown Grant.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* presented papers respecting the desirability of increasing the capitation tax on Chinese entering the Dominion, and submitting that British Columbia is entitled to three-fourths of such revenue.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented all papers, letters and writings relating to the security required to be deposited by the *Columbia and Western Railway Company* under section 3 of the "Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896," and all Orders in Council relating thereto.

Mr. *Smith* presented the Second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Mining, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
20th April, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

Proposed amendments to the "Placer Mining Act, 1891," and amending Acts.

A. W. SMITH,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*—Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia."

By the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*—Bill (No. 70) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Small Debts Act, 1895.’”

By Mr. *Smith*—Bill (No. 72) intituled “An Act to further amend the ‘Placer Mining Act, 1891.’”

Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act to authorise a Loan of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of aiding the construction of Railways and other Public Works,” was again committed.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 67) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Revenue Tax Act.’”

Bill (No. 69) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Horticultural Board Act, 1894.’”

The Hon. Col. *Baker* moved—That Bill (No. 71) intituled “An Act for securing the Safety and Good Health of Workmen engaged in or about the Metalliferous Mines in the Province of British Columbia by the appointment of an Inspector of Metalliferous Mines,” be read a second time now.

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

Bill (No. 55) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia-Yukon Railway Company,” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the South Kootenay Water-Power Company.”

Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Cascade Water, Power and Light Company, Limited.”

Bill (No. 59) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Wide Tire Act, 1893,’” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:55 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 21st April, 1897.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Percival Jenms*.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* presented correspondence with the Government, or any member thereof, in regard to the applications of the “Reco Mining Co.,” “Noble Five Mining Co.,” and *A. Heinze's* company for record of water in *West Kootenay*, together with particulars of conditions upon which any such record has been granted, and the extent of same.

(b.) Also, correspondence as to any such applications from any other persons since 1st January, 1896, and any reports in regard to same or any other applications, or in regard to the general question of water records, from any Government official or any other person.

Mr. *Booth* presented the Thirtieth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
21st April, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

Your Committee have considered Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Power and Light Company, Limited," and Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Pend d'Oreille Power and Light Company," and find the preambles thereof respectively proved, and submit the same herewith with amendments.

J. P. BOOTH,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Barkerville, Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway," was committed, with Major *Mutter* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Bedlington and Nelson Railway Company," was considered.

Mr. *Hume* moved—To amend section 18 by adding the following:—

"Provided, however, that no branch or extension shall exceed twenty miles in a direct line from the said line of railway."

Negatived.

Mr. *Hume* moved—To amend section 18 in the 8th line by striking out the words "six miles in length," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "twenty miles in a direct line from the main line."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the South Kootenay Water-Power Company," was committed, with Mr. *Kennedy* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Okanagan Water-Power Company," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Cascade Water, Power and Light Company, Limited," was committed, with Mr. *Huff* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-night.

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

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

House again in Committee on Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Cascade Water, Power and Light Company, Limited."

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Trail Water Company, Limited," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Macpherson* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia-Yukon Railway Company," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented a supplementary Return of all papers, letters and writings relating to the security required to be deposited by the *Columbia and Western Railway Company* under section 3 of the "Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896," and all Orders in Council relating thereto.

Mr. *Kellie* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

Is the coal in the *B. C. Southern Land Grant* subject to the royalty mentioned in section 97, Chap. 66, Consolidated Statutes, 1888?

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

"Yes."

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Tax Act,'" was committed, with Mr. *Booth* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Have the *Columbia and Western Railway Company* adopted the tramway from *Trail* to *Rossland* as one of the sections of their railway, as authorised by section 38 of their Act?

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

"The Government have no information on the subject."

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

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

Thursday, 22nd April, 1897.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Percival Jenns*.

Mr. *Booth* presented the Thirty-first Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
22nd April, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee have considered Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Greenwood City Water-Works Company," and Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Grand Forks Water, Power and Light Company, Limited," and find the preambles thereof respectively proved, and submit the same herewith with amendments.

J. P. BOOTH,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Order to consider Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wide Tire Act, 1893,'" in Committee of the Whole was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

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

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1896,'"

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Placer Mining Act, 1891,'"

on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>McGregor—20.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	<i>Braden—9.</i>
<i>Huff,</i>			

The Report on Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1895,' and amending Act," was considered.

Mr. *Graham* moved to strike out the word "duck" in the first line of sub-section (c), section 3; and to insert after the word "inclusive," on the fourth line of sub-section (c), section 3, the following :—"wild duck of all kinds, bittern, plover and heron, from the 1st day of March to the 31st day of August, inclusive."

Carried.

Mr. *Kennedy* moved that sub-section (c) of section 3 be amended by striking out the words "blue grouse" in the first line, and the word "willow" in the third line thereof.

Carried.

Mr. *Graham* moved to add at the end of section 5, substituted in lieu of section 17 of the "Game Act, 1896," the following as sub-section (a) :—

"(a.) Unorganized districts, under this section, shall be and mean such portions of the Province as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, by proclamation in two successive issues of the British Columbia Gazette, define as such."

Carried.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* moved the following amendment :—

"Section 12, Statutes of British Columbia, chapter 23, 1895, is hereby repealed and the following section and sub-sections substituted therefor :—

"12. No person shall use or employ any explosive or poison, net, seine, drag net or other device other than hook and line, nor use salmon roe as bait, for the purpose of taking or capturing trout in any lake, pond, running or standing water, river or stream in this Province under a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, to be recovered in a summary manner before any Justice of the Peace. But nothing in this section shall be construed as applying to any person duly authorised by licence to fish with a gill or drift net for salmon trout (steel heads) or white fish in any of the lakes of the Province: Provided in every case it shall be necessary for the name of the particular lake where such person is licensed to fish, and the class of fish for which the licence is granted, be stated in the licence; but every lake trout or spotted trout taken by any person so licensed by accident while lawfully using his net shall be liberated alive at the risk and cost of the person licensed, and such person shall be liable to a penalty of five dollars for every lake trout or spotted trout not so liberated:

"(1.) No one shall fish for, catch, kill, buy, sell or possess any brook trout, lake trout, or any kind of speckled trout between the fifteenth day of November and the first day of March, both days inclusive, under a penalty of twenty dollars for each offence, and no one

shall at any time catch, kill, buy, sell or possess any brook trout, lake trout, or any kind of speckled trout of a less size than six inches in length, and shall be liable to a penalty of five dollars for each trout so found:

“(2.) Whenever it appears, to the satisfaction of the Justice of the Peace, that the offence mentioned in section 12, and sub-section (1) of section 12, was committed in ignorance of the law, or that because of the poverty of the defendant the penalties imposed would be oppressive, a discretionary power may be exercised.”

Negatived.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved the following as a new section:—

“Section 10 of the ‘Game Protection Amendment Act, 1896,’ is hereby repealed, and the following is enacted in lieu thereof:—

“5. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on good cause shewn, notwithstanding anything contained in sections 3 and 8 of the ‘Game Protection Act, 1895,’ by proclamation in two successive issues of the British Columbia Gazette, to remove the disabilities as to the shooting of pheasants and quail of any variety in the Province, and to declare within what periods and limits the said birds may be shot, and after such proclamation is published as aforesaid the same shall have the same force and effect as if duly enacted herein.”

Carried.

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

Bill (No. 57) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trustees and Executors Act,’” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker *Higgins* gave the following decision:—

A point of order having arisen as to the right of an Hon. Member to discuss the merits of a question upon a motion for an adjournment of a debate, Mr. Speaker ruled that the debate must be confined to the matter of the motion for the adjournment, and in support of that ruling submits the following authorities:—

There is no Rule in this House bearing on the point, but—

Rule 110 (Legislative Assembly of British Columbia): “In all unprovided cases, the rules, usages, and forms of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland shall be followed.”

Rule 22 (Imperial House of Commons, passed 27th November, 1882): “That when a motion is made for the adjournment of any debate, or of the House during any debate, or that the Chairman of a Committee do report progress or do leave the Chair, the debate thereupon shall be confined to the matter of such motion.”

On a motion for the withdrawal of a Bill, or for the postponement of a stage of a Bill, the provisions thereof must not be discussed, and debate must be strictly confined to the object of the motion. Debate also on a motion for the adjournment of the House, or of the debate, must, pursuant to Standing Order No. 22, be kept to the motive of the motion. *May*, 10th Ed., p. 300.

It is not regular to discuss the merits of a Bill, or other order of the day, upon a motion for its postponement. Otherwise the merits of a Bill might be debated not only upon its several stages, but whenever its postponement is proposed. *May*, 10th Ed., pp. 301-2.

Bourinot, p. 351, says:—“The rule requiring that speeches should be relevant to the question under consideration has never been applied in the Canadian Houses—nor until recently in the English Parliament—to motions for the adjournment of the House or the debate. New rules have been very recently adopted in the English Commons to confine debate to the motion for adjournment, when it is made during the discussion of the matter.”

The wisdom of the rule of the Imperial Parliament will be understood when I point out that in its absence a matter might be debated over and over again by the same members on motions to adjourn. A lamentable instance of what may be done in this direction is presented by a recent debate in the Canadian House of Commons, where, on a motion to adjourn a debate, the whole question was gone over again, and much valuable time wasted in a discussion by members who, at an earlier stage having spoken to the main question, claimed and were accorded the privilege of discussing the whole matter again.

D. W. HIGGINS, *Speaker*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. *Sword*, as follows:—

That in requiring a declaration from the surveyor who surveyed land from an intending purchaser, whether any of such land was likely to be required for a townsite or fishing station, the Legislature intended that the attention of the Land Office should be called to the nature of the land applied for, and that it should not be treated as ordinary land open to purchase.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Graham—9.</i>
<i>Forster,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McGregor—19.</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	

The Report on Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to authorise a Loan of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of aiding the construction of Railways and other Public Works," was considered.

Mr. *Sword* moved to add to sub-section (a) of section 8 the following:—

"Such railway shall, subject to the floating of bonds to an amount sufficient to construct the said railway over and above the subsidy hereby granted, and such further subsidy as may be contributed by the Dominion, be built by the Government as a public work."

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order, the House having already expressed its opinion on this question this Session.

Mr. *Sword* moved to strike out sub-section (b) of section 8.

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Stoddart—12.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>McGregor—17.</i>
<i>Turner,</i>			

Mr. *Sword* moved to add to end of section 8:—

"Any money hereby authorised to be granted in aid of any of the sections herein mentioned shall be used by the Government, together with what additional grant may be obtained from the Dominion Government, in constructing such railway as a Government work, the balance required for such construction to be obtained from the sale of bonds secured on the railway to be built, without any Government guarantee: Provided, however, that should the average cost per mile of any of the railways be, on examination, estimated to exceed \$25,000, the Government shall not be authorised to expend any part of the subsidy herein granted until further authority is obtained from the Legislature."

Ruled out of order.

Mr. *Sword* moved to insert at the end of sub-section (a), section 10 :—

“Any lands so reserved and excepted shall be liable to taxation on such reservation and exception in the same manner as lands alienated.”

Carried on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Braden--19.</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Riethel,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	<i>McGregor--9.</i>
<i>Martin,</i>			

Mr. *Sword* moved to insert as sub-section (b), section 10 :—

“(b.) In the case of the line from Penticton to the Boundary Creek District being built by a company entitled to a land grant for the construction of such line, the subsidy herein authorised shall only be paid to such company on its giving up its claim to the land grant for such portion of its line.”

Carried on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Braden--17.</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Riethel,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McGregor--12.</i>

Mr. *Helmcken* moved to add as a new section, to be known as section 19 :—

“19. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council, at any time hereafter on giving two years' notice to the company, may acquire any line of railway to which a subsidy has been granted, paying to the company therefor :

“(a.) Should the railway be taken over at any time within ten years from the date of the payment of the subsidy, the amount of money bonâ fide expended in actual construction over and above the amount of the subsidy herein authorised, and any additional aid which may be obtained from the Dominion Government or any other Government or corporation, together with such further sum as, after allowing for any surplus of receipts over working expenses, will make up ten per centum per annum : or

“(b.) Should the railway be taken over at any time after the aforesaid date, such sum as the railway may at that time be valued at, less the amount of the subsidy contributed by the Province and without making any allowance for the value of the franchise, and an additional amount of ten per centum on such valuation :

“(c.) In either event, the debts and bonded indebtedness of said railway to be purchased shall be deducted from the amount of the purchase money, and the balance (if any) to be paid to the Company.”

Ruled out of order.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Public School Act, 1891,'" was again committed.

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

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Subsidy Act, 1892,'" was committed, with Mr. *Booth* in the Chair.

Progress reported.
Committee to sit again this evening.

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

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

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horticultural Board Act, 1894,'" was committed, with Mr. *Kellie* in the Chair.

Reported complete with 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, signed by His Honour.

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

E. DEWDNEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Canadian Western Central Railway," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
22nd April, 1897.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act respecting the Canadian Western Central Railway."

Mr. *Walkem*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
To be read a second time to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

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

E. DEWDNEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act granting Aid to the Cassiar Central Railway Company," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
22nd April, 1897.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act granting Aid to the Cassiar Central Railway Company."

Mr. *Kennedy*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill.
 Report adopted.
 Bill introduced and read a first time.
 To be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act respecting the Cottonwood River (B. C.) Alluvial Gold Mining Company, Limited (Foreign)," was discharged and the Bill withdrawn.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Okanagan Water-Power Company," was committed, with Mr. *Huff* in the Chair.
 Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Cascade Water, Power and Light Company, Limited," was adopted.
 Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Act, 1895,'" was read a second time.
 To be committed to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Trail Water Company, Limited," was adopted.
 Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Pend d'Oreille Power and Light Company."

Bill (No. 17) intituled An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Power and Light Company, Limited."

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

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

Friday, 23rd April, 1897.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Percival Jenns*.

Mr. *Booth* presented the Thirty-second Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
 April 23rd, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee have considered Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Brandon Water and Light Company, Limited," and find the preamble proved, and submit the same herewith with amendments.

J. P. BOOTH,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between any member of the Government and any other person or persons in regard to matters dealt with under section 16 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, and also a copy of any report which the Inspector of Mines may have made in connection therewith.

The Report on Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Public School Act, 1891,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Subsidy Act, 1892,'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act for securing the Safety and Good Health of Workmen engaged in or about the Metalliferous Mines in the Province of British Columbia by the appointment of an Inspector of Metalliferous Mines," was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act granting Aid to the Cassiar Central Railway Company," was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McGregor—19.</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Walkem—8.</i>

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act respecting the Canadian Western Central Railway," was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Barkerville, Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Pend d'Oreille Power and Light Company," was committed, with Major *Mutter* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Power and Light Company, Limited," was committed, with Mr. *Huff* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

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

Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act respecting the Incorporation of the Revelstoke Waterworks, Electric Light and Power Company, Limited.”

Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Grand Forks Water, Power and Light Company, Limited.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:35 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 26th April, 1897.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. McRae*.

On the motion of Mr. *Hume*, seconded by Mr. *Kellie*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, praying him to cause to be laid before this House any and all correspondence with his Government, or any member thereof, or Government official thereof, in regard or in any way appertaining to the application of any company, person or persons, for record of water of the *Salmon River* (and its tributaries), *Beaver Creek* (and its tributaries), and the *Pend d'Oreille River* (and its tributaries), since the 1st January, 1890.

Also, any and all correspondence referring to the reservation of any of the above-named waters.

Also, any and all correspondence referring to the cancellation of the above-named reservations.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be sent down to this House a Return showing—

- (a.) The number of Chinamen who are tenants of the Crown;
- (b.) Particulars of property occupied, together with the area thereof and nature of tenure;
- (c.) Amount of rent, and when paid.

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

That the *Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Company* have been allowed to survey and take up their land grant in a manner not contemplated by the Act.

The debate on the motion was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be laid before this House a copy of the Order in Council relative to the grievances of the sealers referred to in the answer of the Honourable the Attorney-General on the 12th day of February last.

Mr. *Forster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following question:—

What steps have been taken to prevent the further employment of Chinese in the mines of the *Union Colliery Co., Comox*?

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* replied as follows:—

“The Government Inspector of Mines has been instructed to carry out the provisions of section 4 of the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act,’ as amended in 1890.”

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Subsidy Act, 1892,'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend Small Debts Act, 1895,'" was committed, with Mr. *Irving* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

To be considered to-morrow.

Mr. *Booth* presented the Thirty-third Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 26th, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee have considered the following Bills, viz.:

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Fairview Power, Water and Telephone Company, Limited;"

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act respecting the incorporation of the Cumberland and Union Water Works Company;"

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Electric Company, Limited;" and find the preambles thereof respectively proved, and submit the same herewith with amendments.

J. P. BOOTH,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Major *Mutter* presented the Eleventh Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
26th April, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The Committee met the 23rd day of April, 1897, when the following Returns were submitted and ordered to be printed:—

1. Correspondence *re* Reco, Noble Five and Heinze's application for water, West Kootenay.

2. Correspondence, Loudon and Blue Jay Mining Claims.

3. Return and Supplementary Return, "Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896."

Correspondence *re* desirability of increasing capitation tax on Chinese entering the Dominion, and submitting that British Columbia is entitled to three-fourths of such revenue, ordered not to be printed.

All of which are respectfully submitted.

J. M. MUTTER,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Police respecting the Police and Prisons of British Columbia, for the year ending 31st October, 1896.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented the Annual Report of the Wardens of the *Victoria, New Westminster, Nanaimo* and *Kamloops Gaols*, respectively.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of the Revelstoke Water-Works, Electric Light and Power Company, Limited," was committed, with Major *Mutter* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Grand Forks Water Power and Light Company, Limited," was committed, with Mr. *Stoddart* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

Has the Government taken any steps (and if so, what) to relieve the estates of persons owning property in the Province of British Columbia, but dying in the United Kingdom, from the necessity of paying the Imperial death duties in respect of such property?

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

"Yes. A request was made to the Imperial Government, through the customary channels, to obtain the benefit of section 20 of the Imperial 'Finance Act, 1894,' and as a result an Order in Council, applying that section to the Province of British Columbia, was passed by Her Majesty in Council on the 26th October, 1896. Such Order in Council is as follows :

AT THE COURT AT BALMORAL,

The 26th day of October, 1896.

PRESENT :

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty,
Lord Privy Seal,
Duke of Fife, K. T.,
Sir Fleetwood Edwards.

"Whereas by the twentieth section of 'The Finance Act, 1894,' it is enacted that Her Majesty the Queen may, by Order in Council, apply that section to any British possession, where Her Majesty is satisfied that, by the law of such possession, no duty is leviable in respect of property situate in the United Kingdom when passing on death :

"And whereas Her Majesty is satisfied that by the law of the respective Provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia, in the Dominion of Canada, no duty is leviable in respect of property situated in the United Kingdom when passing on death :

"Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the power by the aforesaid Act in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the twentieth section of 'The Finance Act, 1894,' shall apply to the aforesaid Provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia, in the Dominion of Canada.

(Signed) "J. H. HARRISON."

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustees and Executors Act,'" was committed, with Mr. *Macpherson* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Power and Light Company, Limited," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

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

E. DEWDNEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Kaslo and Slocan Railway Subsidy Act, 1892,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
26th April, 1897.

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 Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Kaslo and Slocan Railway Subsidy Act, 1892.'"

Mr. *Booth*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Pend d'Oreille Power and Light Company," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:45 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 27th April, 1897.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. McRae*.

Mr. *Huff* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

Have any negotiations taken place between the Government and the *Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company*, with reference to the acquisition by miners of the right to mine and acquire titles in what is known as the "E. & N. Railway Belt," on *Vancouver Island*? If so, has any conclusion been arrived at, and what is the tenor of the same?

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* replied as follows:—

"Mr. *James Dunsmuir* states that he will make most favourable terms with any free miners who may apply to him for the surface rights and mineral rights, coal excepted. The price he names at present for all surface and mineral rights is \$3 per acre and 20 cents per ton on all ore extracted, and time will be given for payment."

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented a statement of special warrants signed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the expenditure incurred thereon, between the 8th April, 1896, and 21st April, 1897, required by the Revenue Act, chap. 102, sec. 42.

The Report on Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Subsidy Act, 1892,'" was adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

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

E. DEWDNEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to authorise the redemption of certain Debentures issued for the construction of Dyking Works, and, subject thereto, to authorise the Expenditure of Additional Moneys in the Strengthening, Extending and Repair of certain Dykes," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

27th April, 1897.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to authorise the redemption of certain Debentures issued for the construction of Dyking Works, and, subject thereto, to authorise the Expenditure of Additional Moneys in Strengthening, Extending and Repair of certain Dykes."

Mr. *Rithet*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act for securing the Safety and Good Health of Workmen engaged in or about the Metalliferous Mines in the Province of British Columbia by the appointment of an Inspector of Metalliferous Mines," was committed, with Mr. *Macpherson* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Order for Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act respecting the Canadian Western Central Railway," to be considered in Committee of the Whole, called.

Mr. *Sword* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*, as an instruction to the Committee, to consider the insertion of the following amendment:—

To amend section 1 by adding as a sub-section:—

"This section is passed upon the express condition that no cash subsidy, under the provisions of the 'British Columbia Public Works Act, 1897,' shall be paid to the company whose time for construction of such railway is herein extended."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Kennedy,
Hume,
Macpherson,

Kidd,
Sword,
Williams,

Semlin,
Cotton,
Graham,

Smith,
Stoddart,
Walkem—12.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Huff,
Mutter,
Helmcken,
Baker,

Turner,
Martin,
Adams,
Booth,

Pooley,
Eberts,
Bryden,
Rogers,

Irving,
Braden,
McGregor—15.

Bill committed, with Mr. *Stoddart* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Kaslo and Slocan Railway Subsidy Act, 1892,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Kennedy* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Pend d'Oreille Power and Light Company," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow

The Report on Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Grand Forks Water, Power and Light Company, Limited," was considered.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved to amend section 16 by striking out the word "this" in the fifth line and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the said," and by striking out the words "the said" in the sixth line and inserting in lieu thereof the word "this"

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. *Williams*, as follows:—

That the *Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Company* have been allowed to survey and take up their land grant in a manner not contemplated by the Act—
was resumed, and again adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:55 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 28th April, 1897.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. McRae*.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented the Fifth Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture.

Major *Mutter* presented the Twelfth Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
27th April, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The Committee met on 26th April to consider the following Returns, and which were ordered to be printed:—

1. The Annual Report of the Superintendent of Provincial Police of British Columbia *re* Police and Prisons (omitting the Rules and Regulations already printed) for 1896.
2. Reports of the Wardens, Victoria, Westminster, &c., Gaols.
3. Papers respecting the desirability of increasing the capitation tax on Chinese entering the Dominion, and submitting that British Columbia is entitled to three-fourths of such revenue, reconsidered and ordered to be printed.

All of which are respectfully submitted.

J. M. MUTTER,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Cotton*, seconded by Mr. *Senlin*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas Her Majesty's Government have entered into a treaty with the Empire of Japan, whereby, among other articles, it is provided that any of Her Majesty's Colonies may become parties to the said treaty, on applying to do so within a specified period; and

Whereas this Province, from its geographical position, is more immediately brought face to face with the question of Asiatic immigration than other Provinces of the Dominion; and

Whereas the Legislature have repeatedly expressed their opinion that such immigration should be restricted;

Resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to convey to the Dominion Government the respectful request of this House that, should His Excellency's Government decide to become parties to the aforesaid treaty, they will make such stipulations as will prevent the unrestricted immigration of Japanese into Canada.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for the production of the following papers:—

- (a.) A copy of all Provincial tenders for furnishing hardware for Parliament Buildings, said hardware to be procured by the tenderer from the *Yale-Towne Manufacturing Co.*
 (b.) The name of the successful tenderer.

Mr. *Hume* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sword*,—

That the Honourable Minister of Mines, in granting a record of 1,200 inches of water on *Beaver Creek* to *A. F. Heinze*, acted without any legislative authority, and such grant should not have been made until the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act" had become law, and then only in accordance with the provisions of that Act.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until this evening.

The Report on Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of the Revelstoke Water-Works, Electric Light and Power Company, Limited," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Grand Forks Water, Power and Light Company, Limited," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Greenwood City Water-Works Company," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Smith* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of the Cumberland and Union Water-Works Company," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Braden* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Electric Company, Limited," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Kidd* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Fairview Power, Water and Telephone Company, Limited," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *McGregor* in the Chair.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

Third reading of Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Subsidy Act, 1892.'"

Mr. *Cotton* moved to insert as a new section:—

"Nothing in this Act contained shall be held to extend the time for exemption from taxation of the land selected more than, at most, ten years from April 8th, 1893, the furthest date at which, by the 'Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Subsidy Act, 1892,' section 3, the lands were to be selected."

Carried.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act for securing the Safety and Good Health of Workmen engaged in or about the Metalliferous Mines in the Province of British Columbia by the appointment of an Inspector of Metalliferous Mines," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia," was committed, with Mr. *Sword* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act respecting the Canadian Western Central Railway," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

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

The Report on Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Act, 1895,'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to authorise the redemption of certain Debentures issued for the construction of Dyking Works, and, subject thereto, to authorise the Expenditure of Additional Moneys in Strengthening, Extending and Repair of certain Dykes," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act granting Aid to the Cassiar Central Railway Company," was committed, with Mr. *Booth* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Order called for the House to consider Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1896,'" in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. *Braden* moved—That it be an instruction to the Committee to consider the following as section 2 of said Bill:—

"2. Section 3 of the 'Mineral Act, 1896,' is hereby repealed, and the following is enacted in lieu thereof:—

"3. Every person over eighteen years of age, and being a British subject, or being an alien, upon his making a declaration of his intention to become a British subject before any person authorised to take affidavits or affirmations under the 'Oaths Act, 1892,' or before the Gold Commissioner or Mining Recorder, which declaration shall be in the Form U in the Schedule to this Act, and upon his filing the same with the Mining Recorder, and every joint stock company, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a free miner, and shall be considered a free miner, upon taking out a free miner's certificate. No alien under this Act can dispose of his claim until such alien have become, according to law, a naturalized subject. A minor who shall become a free miner shall, as regards his mining property and liabilities contracted in connection therewith, be treated as of full age. A free miner's certificate issued to a joint stock company shall be issued in its corporate name. A free miner's certificate shall not be transferable."

Carried on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Kennedy,
Macpherson,
Kidd,
Huff,
Williams,

Semlin,
Graham,
Kellie,
Mutter,
Helmcken,

Turner,
Stoddart,
Walkem,
Eberts,
Bryden,

Rogers,
Irving,
Braden,
McGregor—19.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Hume,
Sword,
Cotton,

Smith,
Baker,
Martin,

Rithet,
Adams,

Booth,
Pooley—10.

Bill committed, with Mr. *Huff* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10:40 o'clock, p. m.

Thursday, 29th April, 1897.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. McRae*.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1896,'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again this evening.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* presented a copy of the Order in Council relative to the grievances of the sealers, referred to in the answer of the Hon. the Attorney-General on the 12th day of February last.

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

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

House again in Committee on Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1896.'"

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Order to consider Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Placer Mining Act, 1891,'" in Committee of the Whole was discharged.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:05 o'clock, a. m.