

Saturday, 2nd April, 1887.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

Mr. *Turner* presented a Further Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the conduct of the last general election for the City of *Victoria*.
Report read and received.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act respecting the granting of a money subsidy for, and in aid of, a proposed railway from a point on the Canadian Pacific Railway, at the Sickamoose Narrows, and extending thence up the Shuswap River and Spallumcheen Valley to a point on Okanagan Lake, in the Province of British Columbia."

Leave was granted on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>McLeese,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>
<i>Stenhouse,</i>	<i>Bole,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Higgins—10.</i>
<i>Ladner,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>
<i>Mason,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir—10.</i>
<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>		

Mr. Speaker voted with the ayes.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Ladner* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to provide for the apprenticeship of orphans and children."

Leave granted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

According to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1884.'"

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* 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:—

HUGH NELSON.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly, for re-consideration, Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Delta Railway Company," and suggests that the enclosed clause be inserted in its proper place.

Government House,
2nd April, 1887.

[ENCLOSURE.]

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

At 1.25 o'clock, p. m., the House took a recess, to meet again at 2.30 o'clock, p. m.

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

Ordered, That the House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Delta Railway Company," for further consideration.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor with Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to aid the development of Quartz Mines."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to aid the development of Quartz Mines."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Croft*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act respecting the Consolidation of the Statute Laws of British Columbia,' so as to include the legislation of the present Session," was read a second time and committed.

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

Report adopted

Bill read a third time and passed.

According to Order, Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act respecting the expenses of Inquests in Municipalities," was read a second time and committed.

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

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

According to Order, Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipalities Acts," was read a second time and committed.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 o'clock, p.m.

Monday, 4th April, 1887.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

PRIVATE BILLS—UNDER RULE 20.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor with Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Delta Railway Company."

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

According to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886.'"

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for two o'clock, p. m., to-day.

At one o'clock, p. m., the House took a recess, to meet again at two o'clock, p. m.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The adjourned Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886,'" was resumed.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented a Return to an Order of the House, showing the expenses incurred, and the liabilities unpaid, in erecting a residence and lock-up at the *150-Mile House*, *Cariboo* District, showing names of all persons to whom money has been paid, or to whom money is still due, in respect thereof.

According to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to enable the Trustees of the Victoria Fire Department Charitable Association to distribute the assets of the said Association among the members thereof"

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to prevent trespass on enclosed lands in pursuit of game."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for the next meeting of the House to-day.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and, on the motion of Mr. *T. Davie*, Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to establish a Court of Appeal from the summary decisions of Magistrates," was introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker left the chair at six o'clock, p. m.

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

The House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to prevent trespass on enclosed lands in pursuit of game."

The Committee rose without report.

According to Order, the adjourned debate on Mr. *Grant's* motion respecting the rights and liberties of British subjects in the waters of *Behring Sea* was resumed. (See 28th February.)

Amendment put and carried.

Resolution, as amended, put and carried.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act respecting the estates, and to control the civil rights, of imbeciles and habitual drunkards."

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report from the Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to aid the Development of Quartz Mines" was considered.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Land Registry Ordinance, 1870,' and to repeal the Statute 49 Vic., chap. 9."

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Homestead Amendment Act, 1873,' and to make other provisions in lieu thereof," was discharged.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to permit Barristers and Solicitors of other Provinces and Colonies to charge and tax fees in County Court proceedings," was discharged.

According to Order, Mr. *Higgins* moved—That Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ballot Act, 1877,'" be read a second time now.

Mr. *Martin* moved, in amendment,—To strike out the word "now" and add "this day six months."

Amendment put, and resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies' Act, 1878," was read a second time and committed.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Amendment Act, 1878,' and the 'Assessment Amending Act, 1880,'" was discharged.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Acts," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lien Act, 1879.'"

The Committee rose without report.

According to Order, Mr. *Semlin* moved—That Bill (No. 53) intituled 'An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act, 1884,'" be read a second time now.

Mr. *T. Davie* moved, in amendment—To leave out the word "now" and add "this day six months."

Amendment put, and resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to provide for the apprenticeship of orphans and children abandoned by their parents," was read a second time and committed.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Mr. *Allen* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to take such steps as will cause a more thorough system of collecting the taxes in the outlying districts of the Province?

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

“Yes.”

Mr. *Martin* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Has the report of Mr. *Bell*, C. E., in connection with the proposed railroad to *Cariboo*, been received? and if so, when will copies of it be placed before the House?

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

“Mr. *Bell's* report has not yet been received, and it will probably not be ready before the prorogation of the Legislature. Mr. *Bell* will be pleased to show the plans and profile to any Honourable Member who may desire to see them, but they are not yet sufficiently advanced to be sent from his office.”

Mr. *Allen* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to call the attention of Revenue Collectors to the necessity of enforcing the collection of licenses from travelling Pedlers on the Mainland?

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

“Yes.”

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

Is it the intention of the Government to extend *Quadra Street* from the City Boundary to *Saanich Road*, this year?

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

“The matter has not been considered by the Government.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 1 o'clock, p. m., to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.15 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 5th April, 1887.

ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Reid*.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved—That the House proceed to the Orders of the Day.

Mr. *Beaven* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *McLeese*,—To strike out all the words after “That” and insert:—

Whereas the Honourable the Attorney-General and Premier has informed the House that it is his intention to have five Ministers in his Cabinet;

And whereas the Government as announced by the Premier consists only of three Members;

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, informing him that the House must respectfully decline to transact anything but formal or ordinary and unopposed business, until the Cabinet is fully formed and announced.

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

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>
<i>John,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>Higgins—15.</i>
<i>Mason,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	<i>Crott,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Stenhouse,</i>	<i>Bole,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Ladner,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>McLeese—8.</i>

Original resolution put and carried.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to aid the development of Quartz Mines," was read a second time and committed.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered this evening.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act respecting a grant of land to the Kootenay and Athabasca Railway Company, British Columbia," was read a second time and committed.

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

Report considered forthwith.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *John*,—To insert the following as new clauses:—

This Act is passed upon the express understanding that no Chinese, either directly or indirectly, shall be employed in or about, or concerning any work or services authorized by this Act, or required by the Company to be done or performed. In the event of any Chinese being employed by the Company, the Company shall be liable, upon summary conviction before any two Justices of the Peace, or functionary having the power of two Justices of the Peace, upon the oath or affirmation of one or more credible witness or witnesses, to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars, or less than ten dollars, for every Chinese employed; and in default of immediate payment of the penalty, the same may be levied by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the Company. And in the event of any Chinese being employed by any of the Company's contractors, or sub-contractors, contrary to the provisions of this Act, then any such contractor, or sub-contractor, shall be liable, upon summary conviction as aforesaid, to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars, nor less than ten dollars, for every Chinese employed; and in case of default of immediate payment of such last-mentioned penalty, the same may be recovered by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender; and in default of sufficient distress, the offender may be committed to any gaol or place of confinement situate within the territorial jurisdiction of the convicting Justices, and there imprisoned for any term not exceeding thirty days; and any director or officer of the Company who causes or procures any Chinese to be employed, contrary to the provisions of this Act, or permits or connives at such employment, shall be liable, upon summary conviction as aforesaid, to the like penalties as hereinbefore in this section provided, recoverable in manner secondly hereinbefore mentioned.

The offender shall be liable to separate and successive penalties for each and every day during which any Chinese shall be employed.

The term "Chinese" wherever used in this Act shall mean any native of the Chinese Empire or its dependencies not born of British parents, and shall include any person of the Chinese race.

Upon any prosecution under section of this Act, evidence under oath of any witness that to the best of his knowledge and belief any person alleged to have been employed contrary to the provisions of this Act is a Chinese, shall be prima facie evidence that such person is a Chinese within the meaning of this Act, and shall cast upon the defendant the burden of

proving that such person is not a Chinese. The Justices may also decide upon their own view and judgment whether any person produced before them is a Chinese within the meaning of this Act.

No conviction or warrant for enforcing the same or any other process or proceeding under this Act shall be held insufficient or invalid by reason of any variance between the information and the conviction, or by reason of any other defect in form or substance, provided it can be understood from such conviction, warrant, process or proceeding, that the same was made for an offence against some provision of this Act and provided there is evidence to prove such an offence, and that it can be understood from such conviction, warrant or process that the appropriate penalty or punishment for such offence was intended to be thereby adjudged. Upon any application to quash any such conviction, or the warrant for enforcing the same, or other process or proceeding, whether in appeal or upon habeas corpus, or by way of certiorari or otherwise, the court or judge to which such appeal is made, or to which such application has been made upon habeas corpus, or by way of certiorari, or otherwise, shall dispose of such appeal or application upon the merits, notwithstanding any such variance or defects as aforesaid; and in all cases where it appears that the merits have been tried, and that the conviction, warrant, process or proceeding is sufficient and valid under this section or otherwise, such conviction, warrant, process or proceeding shall be affirmed, or shall not be quashed (as the case may be); and such court or judge may, in any case, amend the same if necessary, and any conviction, warrant, process or proceeding so affirmed, or affirmed and amended, shall be enforced in the same manner as convictions affirmed on appeal, and the costs thereof shall be recoverable as if originally awarded.

The motion was negatived upon the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Stenhouse,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Higgins—5.</i>
<i>Ladner,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>
<i>Mason,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir—12.</i>

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend certain Statutes," was read a second time and committed.

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

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies' Act, 1878," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886,'" was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Delta Railway Company," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assize Court Act, 1885,'" was read a second time and committed.

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

Report considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1884,'" was considered.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Davie*, Section 10 was amended by adding at the end thereof, the words "This section shall only apply to lands which are chiefly valuable for timber."

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1884,'" was discharged, and the Bill re-committed.

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

Report considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act respecting the estates, and to control the civil rights, of habitual drunkards," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Land Registry Ordinance, 1870,'" was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Upon the Order of the Day being called for Committee of the Whole to consider the introduction of a Bill to regulate the width of waggon tires, and the question proposed—"That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,"

The motion was negatived.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act respecting the reservation of points of law in criminal cases," was discharged.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to enable the Trustees of the Victoria Fire Department Charitable Association to distribute the assets of the said Association among the members thereof," was considered.

Mr. *T. Davie* moved, to insert in section 1, between the figures "1885" and the word "in," on the eighth line, the words "and the widows of deceased members, as hereinafter mentioned."

Carried.

Mr. *T. Davie* moved,—

To amend section 2 by adding thereto the following:—"In making such division the trustees shall take into account the number of months served by every person who at the time of his decease was a member of the department, and whose widow is now living, and shall establish her claim, to the satisfaction of the trustees, within three calendar months from the passage of this Act, and each such widow shall be entitled to receive a share proportionate to her husband's term of service, subject to the provisions of this section."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

According to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipalities Acts."

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to prohibit the owners of swine from permitting the same to run at large on public roads," was considered.

On the motion of Mr. John, section 4 was amended by striking out the words "or Municipality," in line seven; section 5 was amended by striking out all the words after "Treasury," in line four; and the following Schedule was adopted in lieu of the one now in the Bill:—

For making arrest	§1 50
For every day during which the swine are detained	25
For every notice	1 00
For every sale	1 50

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act for the better protection of certain animals and birds," was considered.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to amend section 2 by striking out all the words in the first line down to and including the word "and" in the second line.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, sub-section 2, of section 2, was amended by inserting between the words "Prairie Fowl" and "Robin," on the first line, "California and Virginia Quail, Cock Pheasants."

On the motion of Mr. *Prior*, the words "on any Sunday or Christmas Day, or" on the fourth line of section 2, between the words "injured" and "during" were struck out.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, sub-sections 3 and 4 of section 2 were struck out.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, section 12 was struck out; and section 14 was amended by striking out the word "may," on the second line, and inserting "shall have good cause to;" and the following was inserted as a new clause:—

"It shall be unlawful to hunt, take, kill, shoot at, wound, or trap any of the following birds at any time:—Blackbird, thrush, linnet, chaffinch, skylark."

Mr. *T. Davie* moved to insert the following section as a new clause:—

So much of the "Sunday Observance Act, 1863," or of the Schedule thereto, as forbids the killing or hunting for game on Sunday or Christmas Day is hereby repealed; but it shall be unlawful to kill or hunt for game, or to discharge any fire-arm, on any Sunday, within a radius of two miles from any church, chapel, or place of divine worship, and nothing in this section contained shall authorize the hunting for or destruction of any of the game specified in this Act on any Sunday within the prohibited periods.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Stenhouse,

Davie, T.,

Prior—3.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Grant,

McLeese,

Turner,

Croft,

Anderson,

John,

Baker,

Thomson,

Bole,

Mason,

Robson,

Higgins—15.

Beaven,

Allen,

Martin,

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

Mr. *Allen* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to visit and inspect the *Victoria Gaol* and *Royal Hospital*.

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

According to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to aid the development of Quartz Mines," was considered.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to add the following as a new clause:—

“It shall not be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to guarantee the repayment of an advance of money, or grant a sum of money by way of bonus to assist a quartz mining company that employs Chinese; and in the event of a guarantee or a bonus being given by the Government to a company, proper and sufficient security must be taken by the Government, and given by the company, that Chinese will not be employed upon the work.”

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Stenhouse,
Bole,

Beaven,
Davie, T.,

John,

Higgins—6.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Grant,
Anderson,
Cowan,
Mason,

Davie, A. E. B.,
Allen,
Turner,

Baker,
Robson,
Martin,

Croft,
Thomson,
Dunsmuir—13.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

The motion was negatived

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled “An Act to abolish Imprisonment for Debt,” was discharged.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act to amend the law relating to Liens of Mechanics and others,” was discharged.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Medical Act, 1886,’” was read a second time and committed.

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

Report considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order for the House to again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 57) intituled “An Act to provide for the apprenticeship of orphans and children abandoned by their parents,” was discharged.

Mr. *Orr* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following question:—

Has the Corporation of the City of *Vancouver* asked for a Commission to be appointed to enquire into the cause of the alleged Chinese riots, or outrages, said to have recently taken place in that city; and, if so, is it the intention of the Government to appoint such Commission?

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

“Yes; and the application will shortly receive the consideration of the Executive.”

Mr. *Orr* asked the Honourable the Premier the following question:—

Does the portion of the Reserve on *English Bay* claimed by the Admiralty cover the portion of said lands owned by *Angus Fraser*? If so, has the Government made any provision to purchase the title of the said *Angus Fraser* to the land owned by him?

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

“Yes. So far the Government have been unable to make any satisfactory arrangement with Mr. *Fraser*.”

Mr. *Higgins* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to equip a party for the survey of a line for the proposed Northern Railway on Vancouver Island, during the coming summer?

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

“It is the intention to survey the line as far as *Comox*, this year.”

WEDNESDAY, 6TH APRIL.

According to Order, Bill (No. 58) intituled “An Act to establish a Court of Appeal from the summary decisions of Magistrates,” was read a second time and committed.

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

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Whereas, through the development of the coal, lumber, and other industries, the number of ships and steamers seeking our ports is greatly increased; and

Whereas the trans-Pacific commerce consequent upon the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway will bring about a still further increase; and

Whereas all shipping approaching the Province is exposed to the dangers of severe storms on our Western Coast; and

Whereas numerous wrecks have already occurred on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, involving loss of life and property; and

Whereas, quite recently, the barque *Belvedere* was driven ashore on said coast, when the whole crew were only saved by the timely but accidental arrival of a tug from *Victoria*; and still more recently the barque *R. J. Foster* became a total wreck; and although her crew, fortunately, succeeded in reaching the shore, they would certainly have perished on land had they not, providentially, found a mission station where they received the hospitality of Rev. Father *Nicolay*; and

Whereas, owing to the direction of the Japanese current and the trade winds the shipping between Asia and North America is brought directly to the West Coast of Vancouver Island; and

Whereas the said coast affords little or no natural protection, and is entirely destitute of any life-saving appliances,—

Resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to represent to the Dominion Government the great and urgent importance of having a life-saving station established on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will press on the attention of the Dominion Government the necessity for a mail service to *Hornby Island*.

Moved by Mr. *Semlin*, seconded by Mr. *Martin*,—

That in the opinion of this House it is desirable in the interest of British Columbia to exchange land in the *Peace River* Country, near the eastern boundary of the Province, for the claim of the Dominion Government on the *Railway Reserve*, extending from *Burrard Inlet* to the *Rocky Mountains*.

Mr. *T. Davie* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *McLeese*,—

To strike out all the words after “for,” on the second line, and insert, in lieu thereof, the following words:—“such land as the Dominion may be entitled to claim under the Terms of Union and the Settlement Act, between *Burrard Inlet* and the *Eastern Boundary* of the Province.”

Amendment put and carried.

Resolution, as amended, put and carried.

On the motion of Colonel *Baker*, seconded by Mr. *Prior*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas the *Columbia River*, in the *Kootenay District*, would be navigable with steamboats for a distance of 300 miles between the 49th parallel and the head of the *Big Bend* above *Revelstoke*, were it not for rock obstructions at *Death Rapids*, at *Steamboat Riffle*, and *Seven-mile Riffle*;

And whereas, by an accurate survey of the said obstructions, it has been ascertained that they can be successfully removed by an expenditure of \$50,000;

Therefore be it resolved, that a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of granting the expenditure requisite for opening up the navigation of the said river.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to make a Rule of Court creating the right of appeal in Interpleader cases.

On the motion of Mr. *McLeese*, seconded by Mr. *Mason*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to recommend the Dominion Government to establish a Mining Bureau and School of Mines in British Columbia at as early a date as possible.

On the motion of Mr. *Grant*, seconded by Mr. *Stenhouse*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas many valuable ships are navigated on the inland waters of this Province, more particularly the waters lying between the north end of the *Gulf of Georgia* and the west end of the *Juan de Fuca Straits*;

And whereas ships have, unfortunately, been wrecked in the said waters by being run on rocks;

And whereas the establishment of lighthouses at advantageous points, and the proper marking of the positions of dangerous rocks in the said waters, would, to a great extent, guarantee the safety of our commercial marine; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to represent to the Dominion Government the absolute necessity of having such steps taken to establish lighthouses and mark dangerous rocks as will reasonably ensure the safe navigation, at all times, of the said waters.

Mr. *Higgins* asked leave to introduce a Bill to limit the sessions of this Assembly to 42 calendar days from the date of opening, and to fix the hours for holding the sittings thereof by Statute.

Mr. Speaker—It is not competent for the Honourable Member to introduce such a Bill.

Mr. *Grant* asked leave to introduce a Bill intituled “An Act to repeal the ‘British Columbia Line Fences and Water Courses Act, 1876,’ and amending Acts.”

Leave refused.

With leave of the House, Mr. *Martin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Thomson*, and it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas an Act has been passed at this Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia granting a subsidy to the *Shuswap* and *Okanagan* Railway Company, to aid in the construction of the Railway;

And whereas the construction of said Railway is of grave importance to the Province and the Dominion;

Therefore, be it resolved, that a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to urge upon the Governor-General in Council the expediency of granting a liberal subsidy to the said Company, and suggesting that the importance of the enterprise will justify a subsidy being granted of a more liberal character than is usually granted to enterprises of a like kind.

With leave of the House, Mr. *Turner* moved, seconded by Mr. *Thomson*, and it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to represent to the Dominion Government the great and urgent importance of establishing and subsidizing an effective steam ferry between the present terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway at *Vancouver*, and some suitable point on *Vancouver Island*, to connect with the capital and principal business centres.

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

That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the conduct of the last general election for the City of *Victoria* be adopted.

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

And then the House adjourned at 1:55 o'clock, a.m.

Wednesday, 6th April, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

Mr. *Martin* presented a Petition from *A. Schubert, Sr., Hugh O'Hare*, and others, residents of *Spallumcheen*.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Petition out of order, the same being addressed to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and not the House.

Mr. *Prior* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to consider the rates charged by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Ladner*, seconded by Mr. *Grant*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted directing the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to send down to the House a copy of a letter written by *W. Norman Bole* to the said Chief Commissioner, dated 24th March, 1887, written in reply to the Chief Commissioner's letter of 5th March, 1887, respecting *Philip Kelly's* claim to certain land north of Lot 204, G. 1, *New Westminster District*, addressed to said *W. Norman Bole*; and also a copy of letter of 24th March, 1887, written by said *W. Norman Bole* enclosing said letter to Chief Commissioner and Honourable *Jno. Robson*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a copy of the letter above mentioned of 24th March.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipalities Acts." was considered.

Mr. *Beaven* moved—That clause 9 be struck out.

The motion was negatived.

Clause 9 was amended by inserting the words "residing and" between the words "Peace" and "having" on the second line thereof.

Report adopted, as amended.

Bill read a third time and passed.

According to Order, the adjourned debate on Mr. *Dunsmuir's* amendment to Mr. *Beaven's* motion—That Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act respecting the 'Mineral Act, 1884,' and the 'Mineral Amendment Act, 1886,'" be read a second time now, viz.:—To strike out the word "now" and add "this day six months," was resumed.

Amendment put and resolved in the affirmative.

According to Order, Mr. *Beaven* moved—That Bill (No. 56) intituled “An Act respecting the granting of a money subsidy for, and in aid of, a proposed railway from a point on the Canadian Pacific Railway, at the Sickamoose Narrows, and extending thence up the Shuswap River and Spallumcheen Valley to a point on Okanagan Lake, in the Province of British Columbia,” be read a second time now.

Mr. *Dunsmuir* moved in amendment— To strike out the word “now” and add “this day six months.”

Amendment put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.15 o'clock, p. m.

Thursday, 7th April, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

His Honour *Hugh Nelson*, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair,

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

An Act to abolish preference amongst creditors in the administration of the estates of deceased persons.

An Act respecting the Property of Married Women.

An Act respecting Executors, Trustees, and Assignees for the benefit of Creditors.

An Act respecting Absconding Debtors.

An Act regulating the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court.

An Act to repeal (in part) the “Sumas Dyking Act, 1878.”

An Act respecting the estates and to control the civil rights of Habitual Drunkards.

An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay and Athabasca Railway Company.

An Act to Incorporate the Delta Railway Company.

An Act to amend “An Act to provide for the better protection of Cattle Ranges, 1876.”

An Act to amend the “Bush Fire Act, 1874.”

An Act to further amend the “Land Registry Ordinance, 1870.”

An Act to amend the “Jurors' Act, 1883.”

An Act to amend the “Public School Act, 1885.”

An Act for the better protection of certain Animals and Birds.

An Act to prohibit owners of Swine from permitting the same to run at large on public roads.

An Act to amend the “Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886.”

An Act to Incorporate the “New Westminster Southern Railway Company.”

An Act to enable the Trustees of the Victoria Fire Department Charitable Association to distribute the Assets of the said Association among the Members thereof.

An Act to amend the Law of Evidence.

An Act to amend the “County Court Jurisdiction Act, 1885.”

An Act to amend the “Mineral Act, 1884.”

An Act to amend the “Companies' Act, 1878.”

An Act to amend the “Municipality Act, 1881,” and amending Acts.

An Act to amend the Assessment Acts.

An Act to amend “An Act respecting the Consolidation of the Statute Laws of British Columbia.”

An Act to amend the “Land Act, 1884.”

An Act to authorize a Loan of \$1,000,000.

An Act respecting a grant of land to the Kootenay and Athabasca Railway Company, British Columbia.

An Act respecting the expenses of Coroner's Inquests held within Municipalities.

An Act to amend the "Assize Court Act, 1885."

An Act to aid the Development of Quartz Mines.

An Act to authorize the granting of a certain subsidy for, and in aid of, the construction of the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway.

An Act to amend the "British Columbia Medical Act, 1886."

An Act to amend certain Statutes.

An Act to establish a Court of Appeal from the Summary Decisions of Magistrates.

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

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

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours, with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance a Bill intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In fulfilment of the trust reposed in me as Lieutenant-Governor, I now for the first time have the pleasure of meeting you.

I desire to express my satisfaction with the liberal provisions which you have made for public works and the advancement of the progress of the Province. The aid which you have granted to encourage the development of quartz mining shows your appreciation of the importance of that industry, and will, I trust, result in its successful promotion.

I recognize with you the great advantage of railway communication with the large extent of lands which would be opened up by the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway, and appreciate your enterprise in authorizing the granting of a subsidy in aid of the construction of that important undertaking. Your request that the Dominion Government should also contribute to its construction will be forwarded to the proper quarter at Ottawa.

The policy of not alienating by sale the timber lands of the Province, while necessarily experimental, will, it is hoped, tend to prevent those lands being acquired and held for purposes of speculation merely, and I thank you for the care and attention which you have given to the subject.

During the recess it is the intention of my Ministers to seek from the Dominion substantial aid towards the construction of a Railway to Cariboo, and to the northern extremity of Vancouver Island.

The assistance which you have given towards a Public Hospital in commemoration of the fiftieth year of Her Most Gracious Majesty's reign is both useful and benevolent, and I join with you in wishing that our beloved Queen may be spared to rule over Her subjects for many years.

I feel that I cannot dismiss you without expressing my deep regret at the loss sustained by you, in common with the country, in the death of the late Premier, and extending to the bereaved family my heartfelt sympathy.

In relieving you from further attendance upon your duties, I express the confident hope that the Province is entering upon an era of advancing prosperity.

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

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