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Thursday, 22nd January, 1874.

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2 o'clock P. M.

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

That the Standing Orders be suspended, and that the word "affirmative," in Rule 34 of the said Orders be erased, and the word "negative" substituted therefor.

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

That the Standing Orders be suspended, and that Clause 80 of our Rules be struck out.

Leave, that the Standing Orders should be suspended, was refused.

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

That the following be added as a new Clause to our Rules of Order :—

"No Member who has spoken to a Resolution, shall be eligible to rise again in his place to move an amendment to same Resolution; previous question to be deemed such an amendment."

The Motion was negatived on a division.

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

That our Rules of Order be suspended, and the words "and all debate" be struck out of Section 34 of the Rules.

Leave, that the Standing Orders should be suspended, was refused.

On the motion of Mr. *Holbrook*, seconded by Mr. *Mara*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Government, when presenting printed Reports and Returns to this House, furnish each Member with six copies, in order to enable him to forward such to his constituents; and also that copies of Reports be sent to each Member representing the various Districts of this Province at *Ottawa*, whether in the Commons or Senate.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriell Women's Property Act, 1873.'"

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Monday, 26th instant.

And then the House adjourned at 4.30, p.m., until Monday, 26th instant.

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Monday, 26th January, 1874.

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2 o'clock P. M.

Mr. *Booth* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to prevent the careless use of fire in Woods and Forests."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Thursday, 29th instant.

Mr. *Duck* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to provide for voting by Ballot at Municipal Elections, and at the Election of a Mayor or Warden."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Wednesday, 28th instant.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to better provide for the administration of Oaths of Office to Justices of the Peace and Coroners, and to enable Stipendiary Magistrates and Justices of the Peace to take Affidavits."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Thursday, 29th instant.

The Honorable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, a copy of correspondence relating to the loss of the Lattice Bridge, *Nanaimo*. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Mr. *Smith* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Humphreys*,—

That whereas, and in accordance with the "Public School Act, 1872," and the "Public School Amendment Act, 1873," it is expedient to provide for the educational wants of sixteen Districts in the interior of this Province, with a population of not less than four hundred children of school age, and who are now destitute of any public instruction. Therefore, be it Resolved,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honor to consider the actual necessity of having Schools established in these interior Districts, and that His Honor will be pleased to appoint some person or persons to visit the different Districts, for the purpose of establishing Schools at all those points where they are absolutely wanted.

The motion was withdrawn, by leave of the House.

Mr. *Duck* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hughes*,—

That a Committee, consisting of the Honorable Provincial Secretary, Messrs *Semlin*, *Humphreys*, *Robson*, *Smithe*, and *Duck*, be appointed to inquire into and ascertain whether or not it is expedient to have all Government Printing and Binding done under contract, and report the same at an early date to this House.

The House substituted the names of Messrs. *Robinson* and *Hughes*, for those of Messrs. *Semlin* and *Humphreys* in the motion.

Motion, as altered, put and carried.

On the motion of Mr. *Barnston*, seconded by Mr. *McCreight*, it was Resolved,—

That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that the Office of Minister of Mines be added to that of one of the existing Offices in the Cabinet: Provided, that no increase in the expenditure of that particular Office be created.

The Honorable Mr. *Bunster* moved,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will send down a Bill to increase the bounty on the destruction of Wolves and Panthers from five dollars per head to ten dollars per head, as formerly on the Statutes.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Motion out of Order.

Mr. *Duck* asked the Honorable Mr. *Ash* the following question:—

How much of the forty-seven acres of the Crown Lands at *Ogden Point*, set apart for the purpose of providing a Public Cemetery, and for other public purposes, on behalf of the City of *Victoria*, has been sold; what were the proceeds of such sales; how much of such proceeds has been spent on the Cemetery; what is the balance in the hands of the Trustees, and how much of the said Land is yet unsold?

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* replied as follows:—

"I beg leave to put in the accompanying letter, as the answer to the question of the honorable gentleman, with the understanding that the accounts referred to will be presented to the House immediately on their receipt."

"BASTION STREET, VICTORIA,  
"24th January, 1874.

"SIR,—In reply to your communication of this morning, I beg to inform you that 18 acres and 79 hundredths of the *Ogden Point* lands have been sold; that \$6,416 26,

principal and interest, have been received on account of such sales; that the whole of that sum has been expended on account of the *Ross Bay* Cemetery; and that 29 acres and 75 hundredths of the lands remain unsold.

"The Trust Accounts, to the end of the year 1873, will be transmitted to you in a few days.

"I have, &c.,  
"J. ROLAND HETT,  
"Secretary."

Pursuant to Order, the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* moved,—

That a Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to make provision for the better administration of Justice" be now read a second time.

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

That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Honorable Attorney-General, and Messrs. *Robinson*, *McCreight*, and the mover and seconder of this Resolution; with instructions to take into consideration the constitution of the County Courts of *British Columbia*, and the various Statutes affecting the said Courts; the Committee to report such a Bill to this House as will improve and consolidate the said Acts, and otherwise amend and improve the constitution of the said Courts.

The Amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:  
Messieurs

<i>Robson,</i>	<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Smithe.</i> —5.
<i>Mara,</i>			

NAYS:  
Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>DeCosmos,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Holbrook,</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Cogan,</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Saul,</i>	<i>Humphreys.</i> —18.
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>		

The motion for the second reading was unanimously *Resolved* in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Breeding Stock Act, 1872,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Tuesday, 27th instant.

And then the House adjourned at 6, p.m.

Tuesday, 27th January, 1874.

2 o'clock p. m.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Humphreys*, seconded by Mr. *Barnston*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, asking for the Returns of the names of persons (if any) who have been placed as Settlers in the Province, by the Emigration Agents employed by the Government.

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honorable Mr. *Ash* the following question :—

Why is it that Messrs. *Sayward* and *Askew*, holding Timber Leases on the *East Coast* of this *Island*, are charged at the rate of two cents per acre, while all the other leaseholders in the Province are charged at the rate of one cent per acre, only; and why is it that the leases in the two cases mentioned are limited to seven years duration, while others extend to twenty-one years ?

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* replied as follows :—

“I cannot ascertain what reasons induced the late Governor *Seymour* to fix the rate of two cents per acre for a term of seven years as the conditions of the Timber Leases of Messrs. *Sayward* and *Askew*.”

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Road Tax Extension Act, 1873,’” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Booth*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that Mr. *Smithe* had moved that Clause 1 should be amended by adding the following after the word “Tax;” “and the tax of four cents per acre now levied on all lands in the Province, other than Crown lands, is hereby repealed, and an ad valorem tax of one quarter of one per cent. on the assessed value of said land is hereby substituted therefor;” that he had ruled the same out of Order; that an appeal had been made from his ruling; and that he was instructed to ask leave for the Committee to sit again.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of Order, the same being in contravention of the 85th Rule of the Standing Orders.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters,” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Wednesday, 28th instant.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30, p.m.

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Wednesday, 28th January, 1874.

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2 o'clock P. M.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Armstrong*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos*,—

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

And a motion being made, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty,—

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider that motion.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Robson*, seconded by Mr. *Hunter*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that Returns of all correspondence between the Government and the late *William*

*H. Fitzgerald*, subsequent to his appointment to the Gold Commissionership of *Omineca*, be placed before this House.

On the motion of Mr. *Mara*, seconded by Mr. *Todd*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Return be sent to this House of the number of County Courts held in each District of the Mainland, and the place at which said Courts were held from the 1st of January, 1870, to the 1st of November, 1873.

Mr. *Robertson* asked the Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* the following question:—

Have arrangements been made with the Lords of the Admiralty for a loan by the Imperial Government to this Province, in aid of the construction of a Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*; if so, what is the amount, and what are the terms of the loan?

The Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* replied as follows:—

“My proposition to the Admiralty was for a grant, not a loan, of £50,000 sterling in aid of the construction of a Dock which would accommodate the largest of Her Majesty’s ironclad ships of war; and the assurance was given me that the proposition would be favourably entertained.”

The Honorable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return shewing Expenditures on *Omineca* Explorations, and a copy of correspondence and documents in re *William Moore’s* Charter, *Stickeen* to *Dease Lake*, *Cassiar* Mines. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to provide for the voting by Ballot at Municipal Elections, and at the Election of a Mayor or Warden” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Friday, 30th January instant.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters.”

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Thursday, 29th instant.

And then the House adjourned at 5.35, p.m.

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Thursday, 29th January, 1874.

2 o’clock P. M.

On the motion of Mr. *Barnston*, seconded by Mr. *Robson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed, for the purpose of taking into consideration the laws relating to County Courts and County Court procedure, with instructions to report as soon as practicable.

The following Members were named to form the Committee: Hon. Mr. *Walken*, and Messrs. *Barnston*, *Robson*, *McCreight*, *Robertson*, and *Robinson*.

The Honorable Mr. *Bunster* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Humphreys* seconding,—

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of altering the Customs duties on certain articles, to be described in the

Petition, and also the Excise, in order to afford protection to Agricultural and Manufacturing Interests in this Province.

The Honorable Mr. *Beaven* moved in amendment, Mr. *Duck* seconding,—

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

"In view of the fact that a General Election of Representatives to the House of Commons will take place at an early day, and that the people have an opportunity of expressing their wishes to their Representatives upon this question, it is unnecessary for this House to consider questions of a purely Federal character."

The amendment was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Motion put and carried.

*Resolved*, That the House will resolve itself into such Committee on Monday next, the 2nd February.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to better provide for the Administration of Oaths of Office to Justices of the Peace and Coroners, and to enable Stipendiary Magistrates and Justices of the Peace to take affidavits" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Friday, 30th instant.

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

*Ordered* to be committed on Friday, the 30th instant.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Breeding Stock Act, 1872.'"

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Friday, the 30th instant.

And then the House adjourned at 6, p. m.

Friday, 30th January, 1874.

2 o'clock P. M.

Mr. *Duck* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the "Municipality Act, 1872."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to provide for Voting by Ballot at Municipal Elections, and at the Election of a Mayor or Warden."

The adjourned Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to provide for Voting by Ballot at Municipal Elections, and at the Election of a Mayor or Warden," was postponed until Monday, the 2nd February.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to better provide for the Administration of Oaths of Office to Justices of the Peace and Coroners, and to enable Stipendiary Magistrates and Justices of the Peace to take affidavits," was considered.

Report adopted.



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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Breeding Stock Act, 1872.'"

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Monday next, 2nd February.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters."

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Monday next, 2nd February.

And then the House adjourned at 6, p.m.

Monday, 2nd February, 1874.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* presented a Petition from Farmers of *Chilliwhack*, which was read, received, and laid on the Table.

Mr. *Duck* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire and ascertain whether or not it is expedient to have all Government Printing and Binding done under contract. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Report read and adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Humphreys* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the Acts relating to Public Schools."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Friday, 6th instant.

Mr. *McCreight* asked the Honorable Mr. *Ash* the following question :—

What circumstances existed in the case of Mr. *A. C. Elliott*, late High Sheriff of *British Columbia*, which induced the Government to refuse that gentleman compensation for the loss of his office?

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* replied as follows:—

"The circumstance, that the office, as held by Mr. *Elliott*, was a sinecure."

The Honorable Mr. *Bunster* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Humphreys*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to send down a Bill awarding a premium of \$5,000 to the person or persons who shall first establish and maintain, in this Province, a Woollen Mill capable of manufacturing two hundred and fifty yards of cloth per day.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Motion out of Order.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of altering the Customs Duties on certain articles to be described in the Petition; and also the Excise, in order to afford protection to Agricultural and Manufacturing interests in this Province.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Tuesday, 3rd February.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to prevent the careless use of fire in Woods and Forests" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Tuesday, 3rd February.

And then the House adjourned at 6, p. m.

Tuesday, 3rd February, 1874.

2 o'clock p. m.

Mr. *Robson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Thursday, 5th instant.

The Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Motion: That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, the House resolved itself into the Committee.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

The Speech of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the Session, was read.

*Resolved*, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

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

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree in the Resolution.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Friday, 5th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

The Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honor.

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

"JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain of the sums required for the service of the Province of *British Columbia*, for the year ending 31st December, 1874, and he recommends these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

"GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

"*Victoria, February 3rd, 1874.*"

*Ordered*, That the said Message, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to prevent the careless use of Fire in Woods and Forests."

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Wednesday, 4th instant.



Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Breeding Stock Act, 1872,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the Legal Professions."

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Wednesday, 4th instant.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters."

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Wednesday, 4th instant.

The Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* presented, by command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, a Report on the subject of his mission as Special Agent and Delegate of the Province of *British Columbia to Canada and England*, with regard to the construction of a Dry Dock at *Esquimalt* and the raising of funds for the carrying out of certain Public Works in the Province. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

And then the House adjourned at 6 p. m.

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### Wednesday, 4th February, 1874.

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2 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. *Robson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday, 9th instant.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to prevent the careless use of Fire in Woods and Forests," was considered."

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to provide for voting by Ballot at Municipal Elections, and at the Election of a Mayor or Warden."

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Thursday, 5th instant.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the Legal Professions" was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters."

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Friday, 6th instant.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of altering the Custom Duties on certain articles, to be described in the Petition; and also the Excise, in order to afford protection to Agricultural and Manufacturing interests in this Province.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Thursday, 5th instant.

Pursuant to Order, the debate on the Motion,—“That an humble Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will ask the Dominion Government to have transferred to the City of *Victoria, British Columbia*, all that part of the Inlet East of the Westerly side of *James' Bay* Bridge, in said City, to the Corporation of City of *Victoria* aforesaid, for the purpose of holding Agricultural and Horticultural Exhibitions and Fairs,” was resumed,

Mr. *Robertson* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Booth*,—

That all the words after “that” in the second line of the Motion, be struck out, and the following be inserted in lieu thereof:—“he will cause inquiry to be made as to whether it is competent to the Dominion Government to transfer to the City of *Victoria, British Columbia*, all that part of the Inlet East of the Westerly side of *James' Bay* Bridge, in said City, to the Corporation of the City of *Victoria*, for corporate purposes, without interfering with the rights of the proprietors of land contiguous to the land in question; and if it shall be found that there are no legal or other objections to such transfer being made, that His Honor will be pleased to recommend the Dominion Government to make such transfer.”

Amendment, and Motion as amended, put and carried.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Married Women’s Property Act, 1873.’”

The Committee rose without Report.

And then the House adjourned at 5, p.m.

Thursday, 5th February, 1874.

2 o'clock p. m.

Mr. *Smith* presented a Report from the Select Committee to which Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to further amend the ‘Land Ordinance, 1870,’ and to amend the ‘Land Ordinance Amendment Act, 1873.’” was referred, with instructions to report upon the Land Laws of the Province generally; and to draft any Act or Acts necessary for the improvement thereof, with power to send for persons, books and papers. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

Report read and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 6th instant.

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* presented, by command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of the names of persons (if any) who have been placed as Settlers in the Province, by the Emigration Agents employed by the Government. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867,'" was postponed until Friday, 6th instant.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to provide for the voting by Ballot at Municipal Elections, and at the Election of a Mayor or Warden."

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Monday, 9th instant.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of altering the Custom Duties on certain articles, to be described in the Petition; and also the Excise, in order to afford protection to Agricultural and Manufacturing interests in this Province.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Friday, 6th instant.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to provide for the more speedy payment of Taxes due on Real Estate in *Vancouver Island*."

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Monday, 9th instant.

And then the House adjourned at 3.45 p. m.

### Friday, 6th February, 1874.

2 o'clock P. M.

On the Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Supply, a Debate arose.

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

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned to eleven o'clock on Saturday morning next.

The Debate, on the Order of the Day, for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Supply, was adjourned until Saturday, 7th instant.

And then the House adjourned at 6, p.m.

### Saturday, 7th February, 1874.

11 o'clock A. M.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act respecting Articles 2 and 12 of the Terms of Union."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday, 9th instant.

The Debate on the Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Supply, was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Humphreys* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *McCreight*,—

That all the words after "That" in the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair," be struck out, and the following be inserted in lieu thereof:—

"In the opinion of this House it is neither expedient or wise to alter the Terms of Union without a direct reference to the people."

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

7.30 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Debate was continued.

Disorder having arisen in the House, and being continued, Mr. Speaker left the Chair shortly after 10 o'clock.

Monday, 9th February, 1874.

2 o'clock P. M.

Mr. *McCreight* presented a Petition from *George James Findlay* and others. Received, read, and ordered to be printed.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Duck*, it was Resolved,—  
That whereas, on the 20th July, 1871, the Colony of *British Columbia* was united to and became part of the Dominion of *Canada*, in accordance with certain Terms; and whereas, by Section Eleven of the said Terms, the Government of the Dominion undertook to secure the commencement, simultaneously, within two years from the date of Union, of the construction of a Railway from the *Pacific* towards the *Rocky Mountains*, and from such point as may be selected East of the *Rocky Mountains* towards the *Pacific*; and whereas, the two years therein referred to expired on the 20th July last, and the construction of the said Railway was not then, and has not since, been commenced, causing thereby serious loss and injury to the people of this Province, be it, therefore, Resolved,—

That a humble Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, respectfully requesting him to protest, on behalf of the Legislature and people of this Province, against the infraction of this most important clause of the Terms of Union, and to impress upon the present Administration in *Canada* the absolute necessity of commencing the actual construction of the Railway from the seaboard of *British Columbia* early in the present year.

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

That, in view of the importance of the Railway Clause of the Terms of Union between *Canada* and *British Columbia* being faithfully carried out by *Canada*, this House is of opinion that no alteration in the said clause should be permitted by the Government of this Province.

Mr. *Duck* moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos*,—

That the following words be added at the end of the motion:—"until the same has been submitted to the people for their endorsement."

Amendment, and motion as amended, put and carried.

The Honorable Mr. *Bunster* asked the Honorable Mr. *DeCosmos* the following question: What is the reason why the Dominion Government have stopped the Dredger? and why the tradesmen of *Victoria* are kept out of money due them on Contracts let by the Government?

The Honorable Mr. *De Cosmos* replied as follows:—

“The proper quarter from which to procure the information is from Mr. *Pearse*, Dominion Engineer.”

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honorable Mr. *De Cosmos* the following question:—

Is it correct, as reported in to-day's *Standard*, that His Honor will prorogue this House on Wednesday next?

The Honorable Mr. *De Cosmos* replied as follows:—

“I am not aware of the time when His Honor will prorogue this House.”

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honorable Mr. *Beaven* the following question:—

How does the Government propose to open the Trunk Road between *Chemainus* District and *Nanaimo* District?

The Honorable Mr. *Beaven* replied as follows:—

“By Contract work, as far as practicable.”

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honorable Mr. *Ash* the following question:—

What action has been taken by the Government with regard to the Petition, which I had the honor to present, from the people of *Nanaimo* and *Cowichan*, asking for the opening of the Trunk Road between *Cowichan* District and *Nanaimo* District?

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* replied as follows:

“The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works will answer the question at the proper time, when the Estimates are considered.”

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting Crown Lands in *British Columbia*,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Tuesday, 10th instant.

The Honorable Mr. *De Cosmos* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Armstrong*,—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned to Friday, 13th instant.

Motion put and carried on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>DeCosmos,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Saul,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Holbrook.</i> —12.

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Smithe.</i> —5.
<i>Bunster,</i>			

And then the House adjourned at 6.15, p.m.

Friday, 13th February, 1874.

2 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that the Honorable Mr. *De Cosmos* and the Honorable Mr. *Bunster*, on the 9th instant, vacated their Seats in the House, and that he had issued Warrants to the Registrar of the Supreme Court to issue Writs for the Election of new Members in the place of the Members who had so vacated their Seats.

The Letters of Resignation and duplicate Warrants were then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

“VICTORIA, B. C.,  
“9th February, 1874.

“To the Hon. James Trimble, Speaker, Legislative Assembly, Province of British Columbia:

“I, Arthur Bunster, a Member of the House of Assembly, representing therein the Victoria District, do hereby declare that I resign my Seat as such Member.

“Witness my hand and seal the 9th February, 1874.

(Signed) “A. BUNSTER.

“Witnesses:

(Signed) “T. B. HUMPHREYS,  
“J. F. McCREIGHT.”

“VICTORIA,  
“February 9th, 1874.

“SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that I hereby resign my Seat in the House of Assembly, as Member for Victoria District.

“I have, &c.  
(Signed) “A. DeCosmos.

“Mr. Speaker.

“Witnesses:

(Signed) “GEO. A. WALKER.  
“JAMES S. DRUMMOND.”

“To the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

“Whereas the Honorable Arthur Bunster, one of the Members for Victoria District, has resigned his Seat in, and ceased to be a Member of, the Legislative Assembly of the Province. Now I do hereby direct you to issue a Writ for the election of a new Member in the place of the Member—the Honorable Arthur Bunster—who has so resigned.

“Dated 10th February, 1874.

(Signed) “JAMES TRIMBLE,  
“Speaker.”

“To the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

“Whereas the Honorable Amor DeCosmos, one of the Members for Victoria District, has resigned his Seat in, and ceased to be a Member of, the Legislative Assembly of the Province. Now I do hereby direct you to issue a Writ for the election of a new Member in the place of the Member—the Honorable Amor DeCosmos—who has so resigned.

“Dated 10th February, 1874.

(Signed) “JAMES TRIMBLE,  
“Speaker.”

Mr. Barnston asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to provide that the Office of Minister of Mines be added to that of one of the Members of the Executive Council.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.\*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday, 16th instant.

On the motion of Mr. McCreight, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Humphreys, it was Resolved,—

That the Petition of George James Findlay, and others, be taken into consideration.

Mr. McCreight moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Humphreys,—

That it is inadvisable to enter into any negotiations for capitalizing the Dry Dock Guarantee, or to borrow any money from the Dominion Government, until the scheme of the Mackenzie Ministry for the relaxation of the Terms of Union shall be made known; and, further, that it is improper to interfere in any manner with the Terms, or to agree to any new Terms offered by the Mackenzie Government, until the same shall have been submitted to the people for adoption.

A Debate arose.



Mr. *McCreight* presented a Petition from *Robert Dexter* and others. (See *Sessional Papers*.)

Received, and *Ordered* to be printed.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Ash*, seconded by Mr. *Hunter*, it was *Resolved*,—  
That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned to 2 o'clock on Saturday next.

The Debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55, p. m.

Saturday, 14th February, 1874.

2 o'clock P. M.

Mr. *McCreight* presented a Petition from *William Denny* and others.  
Received, read, and *Ordered* to be printed. (See *Sessional Papers*.)

Mr. *Smithe* presented a Petition from *Samuel Harris* and others.  
Received, read, and *Ordered* to be printed. (See *Sessional Papers*.)

The Debate on Mr. *McCreight's* Motion—"That it is inadvisable to enter into any negotiations for capitalizing the Dry Dock Guarantee, or to borrow any money from the Dominion Government, until the scheme of the Mackenzie Ministry for the relaxation of the Terms of Union shall be made known; and, further, that it is improper to interfere in any manner with the Terms, or to agree to any new Terms offered by the Mackenzie Government, until the same shall have been submitted to the people for adoption," was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Beaven* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Ash*,

That all the words after "That" be struck out, and the following be substituted therefor: "whereas the policy of the Government with regard to the Dry Dock guarantee, and to the receiving of a sum of money from the Dominion Government, provides that the proposed change in the Terms of Union shall not affect the Railway or any other Term of Union, and shall not become law until assented to by the Governor-General, and consequently by the Government of the Dominion; and whereas this House has unanimously passed a Resolution stating that no alteration is to be made in the Railway clause of the Terms of Union until the same shall have been submitted to the people for their endorsement,—this House is of opinion that the policy of the Government should be sustained, and that the expressed views of the House relative to the Railway clause should be carried out."

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, for want of a quorum, at 40 minutes past 4 o'clock P. M., the Honorable Mr. *Armstrong*, and Messrs. *Smithe*, *Robson*, *Semlin*, *Holbrook*, *McCreight*, and *Humphreys* being then present.

Monday, 16th February, 1874.

2 o'clock, P. M.

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

That, whereas the population of the interior of this Province are in such an isolated and unprotected condition; and, whereas of late the settlers have every reason to believe that the Indians feel disposed to be troublesome; therefore, be it Resolved,

That an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to recommend to the Dominion Government the expediency of having a Military Post established at some point contiguous to *Kamloops* or *Okanagan*.

Mr. *Todd* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "pleased" in line 2, and insert the following:—"to take such steps as may lead to the establishment of a Volunteer Force at some point contiguous to *Kamloops* or *Okanagan*"

The Amendment was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Motion put and carried.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Todd*, it was *Resolved*, That Rule 1, of the Rules and Orders of this House, be varied and amended by expunging the words "is at two o'clock in the afternoon," and inserting the words "shall, unless otherwise ordered, be at eleven o'clock in the forenoon."

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to provide that the office of Minister of Mines be added to that of one of the Members of the Executive Council" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

The Debate on Mr. *McCraith's* Motion—"That it is inadvisable to enter into any negotiations for capitalizing the Dry Dock Guarantee, or to borrow any money from the Dominion Government, until the scheme of the Mackenzie Ministry for the relaxation of the Terms of Union shall be made known; and, further, that it is improper to interfere in any manner with the Terms, or to agree to any new terms offered by the Mackenzie Government, until the same shall have been submitted to the people for adoption," was resumed.

On the motion of Mr. *Mara*, seconded by Mr. *Robson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned to 2 o'clock on Tuesday next.

The Debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 6, p.m.

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Tuesday, 17th February, 1874.

2 o'clock P. M.

Mr. *Duck* presented a Petition from *Alexander Wilson* and others. Received, read, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Order of the Day being read for resuming the Debate relative to the Terms of Union,

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

That the Debate upon the question be adjourned until the consideration of the second reading of the Terms of Union Amendment Bill, (No. 28).

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting Crown Lands in *British Columbia*."

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Wednesday, next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55, p.m.

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Wednesday, 18th February, 1874.

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11 o'clock A. M.

Mr. *Robson* asked the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* the following question:—

Referring to a certain Telegram published on Saturday in the *Standard* newspaper, and purporting to have been sent by the Premier of *Canada*; was said Telegram sent to any Member of the Government, or to any one in any manner acting in the capacity of Agent of the Government?

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* replied as follows:—

“No such Telegram has been received by the Government. The Government has no Agent. I cannot state to whom the Telegram was sent.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting Crown Lands in *British Columbia*.”

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

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

And then the House adjourned at a quarter to two o'clock, until a quarter to three o'clock.

2.45 o'clock P. M.

The House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting Crown Lands in *British Columbia*.”

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Thursday next.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Robson* moved, seconded by Mr. *McCreight*, and it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that any information (other than that already before the House) in the possession of or available to the Government, bearing upon the question of the proposed alteration or relaxation of the Terms of Union, or any telegrams, negotiations, memoranda, or understanding, either oral or in writing, relative to the same, or to any cognate matter affecting the same, whether such negotiations may have been carried on directly or through an agent, may be placed before this House in time to be considered in connection with the Bill for altering the said Terms of Union.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p. m.

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Thursday, 19th February, 1874.

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11 o'clock A. M.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honor.

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

“JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

“The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly, for reconsideration, a Bill intituled ‘An Act respecting the Legal Professions,’ and suggests to the Assembly the advisability of amending Section 3, by substituting ‘the Monday preceding the 31st day of March’ for ‘the Monday preceding the 1st day of March.’”

“GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS,

“Victoria, February 19th, 1874.”

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* presented, by command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of all information (other than that before the House) in the possession of or available to the Government, bearing upon the question of the proposed alteration or relaxation of the Terms of Union, or any telegrams, negotiations, memoranda, or understanding, either oral or in writing, relative to the same, or to any cognate matter affecting the same, whether such negotiations may have been carried on directly or through an agent, may be placed before this House in time to be considered in connection with the Bill for altering the said Terms of Union. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act for granting certain sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the year 1874, and for making good certain sums expended in the Public Service in 1873, and for other purposes.”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday, 23rd instant.

Mr. *Robson* asked the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* the following question:—

Have the late Government, or the present Government, or any one acting on their behalf, telegraphed to the Dominion Government, or to any one acting in behalf of said Government, during the present Session, or received any Telegram seeking or conveying information respecting any proposed or contemplated alteration or relaxation of the Terms of Union? If yes, will copies of such Telegrams, and the replies thereto, (if any) be laid before this House in time to be considered in conjunction with the Bill to change the Terms of Union?

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* replied as follows:—

“No.”

*Ordered*, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the said Message of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Saul*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had resolved to adopt the suggested amendment of a Bill intituled “An Act respecting the Legal Professions.”

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act respecting Articles 2 and 12 of the Terms of Union.”

A Debate arose.

Mr. *Robson* moved, at 10 minutes to 1 o'clock, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Humphreys*, the adjournment of the Debate for one hour.

Motion put and negatived.

The Debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 6, p.m.

Friday, 20th February, 1874.

11 o'clock A. M.

Mr. Booth moved, seconded by Mr. Smithe,—

That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient to grant any more Leases of Land, at present, for Pastoral purposes.

The Honorable Mr. Beaven moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Walkem,—

That the following words be added to the motion:—"except in cases where the Act has already been complied with, and leave granted by Government."

Amendment, and motion as amended, put and carried.

Mr. Robson moved, seconded by Mr. Smithe,—

Whereas certain statements have appeared in the public newspapers connecting the names of Members of the late Government, and of the present Government, with proceedings of a questionable character in relation to *Texada Island*, in the *Straits of Georgia*; and whereas transactions are alleged to have taken place in respect to said Island, of a nature prejudicial to the public interest; be it therefore Resolved,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause a Royal Commission to be appointed, with full power to take evidence under oath, and send for persons and papers for the purpose of enquiring into the whole matter, and reporting thereon to this House at its next Session.

The following words of Mr. Robson's were, upon request, taken down in writing by the Clerk:—

"I believe, and have good reason to believe, that there is truth in the charges, or some of them, to which the preamble to the Resolution refers."

"I believe that those charges, or some of them, can be established."

Mr. Booth moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Semlin,—

That all the words after "Whereas" be struck out, and the following words inserted instead:—"this House is of the opinion that, before any Resolution calling for an investigation into the conduct of any Member of this House can be entertained, some charge ought to be brought forward by some Member of this House, in his place, upon which such investigation may be founded."

The Amendment was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Mr. Saul moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Todd,—

After "Whereas" strike out all words, and insert—"the Honorable Member for *Nanaimo* has stated, in his place in this House, that certain statements have appeared in the public newspapers, connecting members of the late Government and of the present Government with proceedings of a questionable nature, in relation to *Texada Island*, in the *Straits of Georgia*; and that certain other transactions are alleged to have taken place, in respect of said Island, of a nature prejudicial to the public interest; and whereas the said Honorable Member for *Nanaimo* has declined to pledge his belief of the truth of the said statements and charges, this House is of opinion that there is no sufficient ground shewn to justify it in moving His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor to issue a Royal Commission to inquire into the truth of the said newspaper statements."

Amendment, and Motion as amended, put and carried.

The Standing Orders were suspended, and

The Honorable Mr. Walkem moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Beaven,—

Whereas the Honorable the Member for *Nanaimo* has stated, in his place in this House, that he was credibly informed—

That prominent members of the late and present Government were in a ring to acquire possession of *Texada Island*, in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the public;

That the late Premier, the Honorable A. De Cosmos, had improperly used his political position, while lately in *Canada*, to attempt to extort a large sum of money—\$150,000—from *Sir John A. Macdonald's* Administration; be it therefore Resolved,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause a Royal Commission to be appointed, with full power to take evidence under oath, and send for persons and papers, for the purpose of enquiring into the whole matter, and reporting thereon to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor for publication.

By leave of the House, the Motion was amended, by striking out all the words after the word "public" down to and including the word "Administration" in the preamble.

Motion, as amended, put and carried on the following division:—

## YEAS:

## Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Holbrook,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Robertson.—15.</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	

## NAYS:

## Messieurs

<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Robinson.—6.</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Saul,</i>		

And then the House adjourned at 3.50, p. m., until to-morrow.

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 Saturday, 21st February, 1874.
 

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11 o'clock, A. M.

The Honorable Mr. *Humphreys* moved, seconded by Mr. *McCreight*,—

That the Reporter of the *Standard* newspaper be cited to appear before the Bar of this House.

The motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Then the House adjourned at half-past twelve o'clock, until half-past one o'clock.

1.30 o'clock P. M.

The Debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act respecting Articles 2 and 12 of the Terms of Union," was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Humphreys* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Smithe*,—

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

A Debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

7.30 o'clock, P.M.

The Debate was continued.

The Amendment was negatived on the following division:—

## YEAS:

## Messieurs

<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Humphreys.—4.</i>
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## NAYS:

## Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Holbrook,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>Cogan,</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Saul.—15.</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	



Pursuant to Order, the Bill was read a second time, on the following division:—

## YEAS:

## Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>Cogan,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Saul,</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Holbrook.—14.</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>		

## NAYS:

## Messieurs

<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Smithe.—5.</i>
<i>Robson,</i>			

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Monday, 23rd February.

And then the House adjourned at 9 o'clock p. m.

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Monday, 23rd February, 1874.

11 o'clock A. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act respecting Articles 2 and 12 of the Terms of Union."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Holbrook*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments; the second section of the Bill having been carried on the following division:—

## YEAS:

## Messieurs

<i>Wlakem,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>Cogan,</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Saul,</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Smith.—16.</i>

## NAYS:

## Messieurs

<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Robson.—2.</i>
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An additional Section, moved by Mr. *Mara*; in the following words:—"This Act shall not take any force or effect until the fulfilment of certain conditions and provisions, for the purpose of obtaining the assent thereto of the Electors in the several Electoral Districts named and defined in the 'Constitution Act, 1871;' such conditions and provisions to be contained in any Act of the Legislature of *British Columbia* to be passed in that behalf during this Session," having been negatived, on the following division:—

## YEAS:

## Messieurs

<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Smithe.—4.</i>
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## NAYS:

## Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Cogan.—14.</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>		

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Wednesday, 25th instant.

Then the House adjourned at ten minutes to two o'clock, for one hour.

2.50 O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting Crown Lands in *British Columbia*."

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Tuesday, 24th instant.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Robson* moved—That Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,'" be now read a second time.

Motion put and negatived, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs.

<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Cogan,</i>	<i>Smithe.—9.</i>
<i>Robson,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs.

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Saul,</i>
<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>Holbrook.—12.</i>

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Municipality Act, 1872,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to provide for the more speedy payment of Taxes due on Real Estate in *Vancouver Island*," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's Department, for the year 1874.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,410 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department, for the year 1874.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Treasury Department, for the year 1874.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department, for the year 1874.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,880 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Supreme Court, for the year 1874.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Sheriffs of the Province, for the year 1874.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,056 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols in *Victoria*, for the year 1874.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,864 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *New Westminster*, for the year 1874.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,108 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Kootenay*, for the year 1874.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,812 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Cariboo*, for the year 1874.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,712 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Omineca*, for the year 1874.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,204 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Cassiar*, for the year 1874.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Tuesday, 24th instant.

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee on Tuesday, 24th instant.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Armstrong*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Ash*,—

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p. m.

Tuesday, 24th February, 1874.

11 o'clock, A. M.

Pursuant to Order, the First Report of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply was considered.

Report adopted.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the year ending 31st December, 1874, the sum of \$59,446 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of British Columbia.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Wednesday, 25th instant.

*Resolved*, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee on Thursday, 26th instant.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,728 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Nanaimo*, for the year 1874.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Assay Office, *Cariboo*, for the year 1874.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,784 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lunatic Asylum, for the year 1874.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation (exclusive of salaries) for the year 1874.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$850 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Assay Office (exclusive of salaries) for the year 1874.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Printing Office (exclusive of salaries) for the year 1874.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,650 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (exclusive of salaries) throughout the Province, for the year 1874.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols (exclusive of salaries) throughout the Province, for the year 1874.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Revenue Services (exclusive of salaries) throughout the Province, for the year 1874.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lunatic Asylum (exclusive of salaries) for the year 1874.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Charitable Allowances, throughout the Province, for the year 1874.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, throughout the Province, for the year 1874.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Surveys, throughout the Province, for the year 1874.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$444 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Rent, throughout the Province, for the year 1874.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Transport, for the year 1874.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Immigration, for the year 1874.

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

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Wednesday, 25th instant.

And then the House adjourned at five minutes to one o'clock, for one hour.

1.55 O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

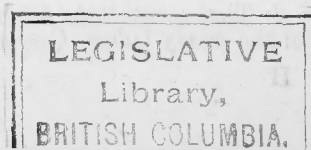
29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,550 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works of Buildings, throughout the Province, for the year 1874.

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

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Wednesday, 25th instant.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.



Wednesday, 25th February, 1874.

11 o'clock A. M.

Mr. *Duck* moved, seconded by Mr. *Booth*,—

That, whereas, certain errors and irregularities in preparing the List of Voters in the *Victoria* District, for the late Election, have been made, thereby excluding many of the otherwise duly qualified Electors from the rights and privileges of the franchise; it is Resolved,—That, in the opinion of this House, the Government ought to institute due and diligent enquiry, to ascertain who (if any) are the guilty parties, and to take such steps as to them may seem expedient to prevent a like occurrence in the future.

By leave of the House, the motion was amended by striking out the words “the *Victoria*” in the first part of the second line, and by inserting the word “various” in lieu thereof, and by adding the letter “s” to the end of the word “District” in the said line.

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act for authorizing a Guarantee of the Water Works Debentures issued by the Corporation of the City of *Victoria* under the authority of the ‘Corporation of *Victoria* Water Works Act, 1873.’”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Thursday, 26th instant.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act respecting Articles 2 and 12 of the Terms of Union,” was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Second Report of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply was considered.

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting Crown Lands in *British Columbia*,” was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$452,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Roads, Streets, and Bridges, throughout the Province, for the year 1874.

The item “*New Westminster* Roads, Streets, and Bridges, \$86,600,” being agreed to, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Walkem*,  
*Beaven*,  
*Armstrong*,  
*Ash*,

*Hunter*,  
*Semlin*,  
*Todd*,  
*Robinson*,

*Hughes*,  
*Booth*,  
*Robson*,  
*Holbrook*,

*Humphreys*,  
*Smith*,  
*Saul*.—15.

NAYS:

Messieurs

*McCreight*.—1.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at twenty minutes to two o'clock, until three o'clock.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honor.

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

“JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

“The Lieutenant-Governor transmits a Supplementary Estimate, to provide for the Expenditure of the year 1873, for which no vote was granted, and additional sums to be added to the Estimates for the year 1874, which he recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly.

“GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

“*Victoria, February 25th, 1874.*”

*Ordered*, That the said Message, together with the Supplementary Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,257 16 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1874.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$47,870 71 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Advances made during the years 1872 and 1873, for which no vote was taken.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,780 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lands and Works Department, for the year 1874.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,160 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Registrar-General's Department, for the year 1874.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, for the year 1874.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Yale*, for the year 1874.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Kamloops*, for the year 1874.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$180 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Police and Gaols, *New Westminster*, for the year 1874.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Trunk Road, *Sayward's to Chemainus*, for the year 1874.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of *Courtenay River Bridge*, for the year 1874.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Gaol, Stable, and Fencing, *Kamloops*, for the year 1874.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Thursday, 26th instant.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Armstrong*,

*Resolved*, That a Bill of Supply, for the several sums mentioned in the Estimates, be introduced.



Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters," was considered.

On the motion of Mr. *Booth*, the Bill was—

*Ordered* to be recommitted forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Thursday, 26th instant.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Thursday, 26th instant.

Pursuant to Order, the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to authorize a Loan of Three hundred thousand Dollars."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Thursday, 26th instant.

And then the House adjourned at half-past four o'clock, until one o'clock to-morrow.

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### Thursday, 26th February, 1874.

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1 o'clock P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the First Report from the Committee of Ways and Means was considered.

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the Third Report of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply was considered.

Report adopted.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the year ending 31st December, 1874, the sum of \$695,383 66 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of *British Columbia*, and that a further sum of \$47,870 71, for moneys paid for which no vote was taken, be granted, to be charged against the said Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money required for defraying the Expenses of Civil Government for the Year 1874, and for making good certain sums expended in the Public Service in 1873, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to authorize a Loan of Three hundred thousand Dollars," was read a second time, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Holbrook.</i> —15.
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

*McCreight,*                      *Humphreys,*                      *Robson.*—3.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act for authorizing a Guarantee of the Water Works Debentures, issued by the Corporation of the City of *Victoria*, under the authority of the 'Corporation of *Victoria* Water Works Act, 1873,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters" was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867,'" was considered.

On the motion of Mr. *Robson*,—

*Ordered*, That the Bill be re-committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned at 5.05 p.m., until half-past two o'clock on Monday, 2nd March, next.

Monday, 2nd March, 1874.

2.30 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received, from the Registrar of the Supreme Court, a Certificate of the Election of two Members for the Electoral District of *Victoria*.

The Certificate was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

“REGISTRAR’S OFFICE, SUPREME COURT,  
“27th February, 1874.

“Whereas, *Amor De Cosmos*, Esquire, and *Arthur Bunster*, Esquire, the two Members for the Electoral District of *Victoria* District, did, on or about the 9th day of February, instant, resign their seats in the Legislative Assembly of the Province.

“And whereas on the 10th day of February, instant, a Writ for the election of two Members to represent such District, was duly issued to *Charles James Prevost*, Esquire, the Returning Officer, of the said District.

“Now, I do hereby certify, that on this 27th day of February, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, whereby it appears that *William Fraser Tolmie*, and *William Archibald Robertson*, were duly Elected to be Members of the House of Assembly for the said District.

“CHAS. E. POOLEY,  
“Registrar, Supreme Court.”

*William Fraser Tolmie*, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of *Victoria*, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance before *John Roland Hett*, Esquire, a Commissioner authorized by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, took his seat.

*William Archibald Robertson*, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of *Victoria*, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance before *John Roland Hett*, Esquire, a Commissioner authorized by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, took his seat.

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

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

An Act to extend the provisions of the “Coroners’ Jury Act, 1866,” to the Mainland of *British Columbia*.

An Act to amend the “Agricultural Societies Incorporation Act, 1873.”

An Act to facilitate the Conveyance of Real Property.

An Act to facilitate the granting of certain Leases.

An Act to amend the several Acts relating to Gold Mining, and to make provision for the security of Mining Property acquired in certain parts of the Province.

An Act to amend the “Courts Merger Ordinance (1870) Amendment Act, 1873.”

An Act respecting the management of Public Boarding Schools.

An Act respecting Ferries.

An Act to facilitate and explain the remedies of Creditors against the Lands of their Debtors.

An Act respecting the Legal Professions.

An Act to make provision for the better Administration of Justice.

An Act to amend the “Breeding Stock Act, 1872.”

An Act to amend the “Road Tax Extension Act, 1873.”

An Act to prevent the careless use of Fire in Woods and Forests.

An Act to better provide for the Administration of Oaths of Office to Justices of the Peace and Coroners, and to enable Stipendiary Magistrates and Justices of the Peace to take affidavits.

An Act to provide that the office of Minister of Mines be added to that of one of the Members of the Executive Council.

An Act to further amend the “Municipality Act, 1872.”

An Act to provide for the more speedy payment of Taxes due on Real Estate in *Vancouver Island*.

An Act respecting Articles 2 and 12 of the Terms of Union.

An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting Crown Lands in *British Columbia*.

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

An Act to authorize a Loan of Three hundred thousand Dollars.

An Act for authorizing a Guarantee of the Water Works Debentures issued by the Corporation of the City of *Victoria* under the authority of the "Corporation of *Victoria* Water Works Act, 1873."

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

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

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

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

Then, the Honorable the Speaker addressed His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOR :

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *British Columbia*, in Session assembled, approach Your Honor, 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 Honor's acceptance, a Bill intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the year 1874, and for making good certain sums expended in the Public Service in 1873, and for other purposes."

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

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

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

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—*

I thank you for the attention which you have given to your duties during a protracted and not uneventful Session.

The policy of preparing our Province for settlement, by the building of Colonization roads and trails, the construction of important public works, and the extension of surveys, upon a scale not hitherto attempted, meets with my hearty approval.

This policy is the true basis of a successful Immigration scheme in the future. Its advantages are not even confined to success in this quarter. It will stimulate trade. It will improve the condition, and increase the prosperity of our farmers by affording them easy access to new and, at present, inaccessible markets for the sale of their produce. It will ensure profitable employment to our mechanics. It will develop our mineral wealth. It will materially assist our pastoral interests, and thus retain for expenditure in the Province partially, if not wholly, large sums of money which have hitherto been paid by us to foreign markets. I have therefore cheerfully assented to the appropriations, which you have, with prudent liberality, made for these objects; as beneficial results of a permanent character are sure to flow from legislation so directed.

I shall not hesitate to avail myself of the powers placed at my disposal to obtain the funds necessary to carry out this policy, either, as expediency may direct, through the medium of the Act to amend Articles 2 and 12 of the Terms of Union, or by means of the provisions of the Loan Act, being fully satisfied that the former Act cannot invalidate, or serve as a pretext for any alteration in, the Railway clause, which forms the main bond of our alliance with Canada. In this matter of paramount importance to the Province, I shall act in the future, as I have acted in the past—steadfastly objecting to any relaxation of its conditions—strongly protesting against its non-fulfilment—and strenuously renewing my efforts to secure its faithful performance. Following the course

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which I pursued on the 25th of July and 24th November last, I have, in compliance with your recent Address, again entered a strong protest against the continued breach of the agreement referred to.

I regard with satisfaction, the liberal provisions of the Bill amending the law relating to the acquisition of our Crown lands.

The simple and inexpensive mode of Registration by Voters, under the Act to which I have just given my assent, will be found satisfactory when carried into practice.

I thank you in the name of Her Majesty for the Supplies which you have voted.

Before relieving you, I may add that the interest and importance of the questions which you have decided will mark this as a memorable session in our history, and I feel confident that its results will eminently promote the welfare of our Province.

The Honorable Mr. Ash, Provincial Secretary, then said,—

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :—*

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

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