
Monday, 5th March, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Perrin*.

The Honourable the Attorney-General presented Further Papers relating to the *Nakusp* and *Slocan* Railway.

On the motion of Mr. *Punch*, seconded by Mr. *Sword*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the navigation of the *Nikomekl*, *Serpentine*, and *Campbell* Rivers is at present much impeded by log-jams and by short curves, all of which could be removed at a comparatively slight cost; and

Whereas the Dominion Government have already expended different sums on the *Nikomekl* and *Serpentine* with great advantage to these streams, and a very small additional expenditure would largely extend the navigable portion of them; and

Whereas the cleaning out of the navigable portion of the *Campbell* River would enable the settlers on the upper part of the stream to utilize the river for necessary drainage, and also provide an outlet for timber, of which there is a large supply belonging to the Dominion Government;

Be it therefore Resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of taking steps to carry out these suggested improvements.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act for the redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts, and for amending the law applicable to Elections to the Legislative Assembly, and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects," was committed, with Mr. *Martin* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for this evening.

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

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act for the redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts, and for amending the law applicable to Elections to the Legislative Assembly, and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects," was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Martin* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1891.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:30 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 6th March, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *Scriven*.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* presented a Return showing, as at 30th June, 1893, the amount of rent, if any, due and unpaid on timber leases, with the names of the lessees, the location of the limits, and the years during which such rent accrued.

Also the amount, if any, of royalties due on timber cut, the names of those in arrears, with the respective amounts, and the years in which such arrears accrued.

Mr. *Kitchen* presented a Petition from *S. G. Chapman* and others, land owners in Township 16, *Sumas Municipality* (opposing the *Sumas Dyking Bill*).
Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Keith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Pharmacy Act, 1891.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act for the encouragement of Dairying."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act for the extermination of Noxious Weeds."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act for the redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts, and for amending the law applicable to Elections to the Legislative Assembly, and for other purposes in furtherance of or consequent on the aforesaid objects," was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Croft* in the Chair.

The Committee reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Friday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* moved that Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to authorize the issue of a Crown Grant of certain lands in the District of Kootenay, being the site of the Town of Three Forks," be now read a second time.

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

To strike out all the words after the word "be" and insert:—"referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Hunter, Eberts, Anderson, Brown, and Kitchen*, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and report to this House."

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

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor enclosing Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act respecting the Nakusp and Slocan Railway," with Mr. *Croft* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act respecting the Nakusp and Slocan Railway."

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

Report adopted.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Davie*, Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act respecting the Nakusp and Slocan Railway," was then introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1891,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Papers relating to the Acts passed by the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia during the Session of 1893.

Mr. Speaker presented a Report on the Legislative Library of British Columbia, by Mr. *R. E. Gosnell*, Librarian.

The Report on Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Great Western Telegraph Company," was considered.

Mr. *Eberts* moved to amend section 16 in the following manner:—

By striking out the word "Nanaimo," in the third line, and insert in lieu thereof the following words: "Victoria to the City of Nanaimo; thence."

Carried.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to amend section 20, lines six and seven, by striking out the words "exemption from taxation or other impost."

Carried.

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

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

Mr. *Beaven* moved to amend section 21, lines 1 and 2, by striking out the words "municipal or otherwise" and inserting "other than a municipal corporation."

Negatived.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to strike out, in line seven, the words "or exempt the Company from any tax or impost."

Negatived.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend certain Acts relating to the British Columbia Southern Railway Company," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting the Cariboo Railway Company, formerly called the Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company," was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Mr. *Horne* moved that Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Consolidated Railway and Light Company," be now read a second time.

Mr. *Martin* moved in amendment, to leave out the word "now" and add to the question the words "this day six months."

A debate arose, which was adjourned to Thursday next.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to authorize the Hall Mines, Limited, to construct Tramways and Electrical and other Works in the vicinity of Nelson," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act respecting the Victoria Electric Railway and Lighting Company, Limited," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved that Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act relating to certain Public Works in the Corporation of the Township of Chilliwack," be now read a second time.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Thursday next.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of the Brunette Saw-Mill Company, Limited Liability," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to alter the gauge of the Kaslo-Slocan Railway," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Mr. *Eberts* moved that Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company (Limited Liability)," be now read a second time.

A debate arose, which was adjourned to Thursday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10:50 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 7th March, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *Scriven*.

Mr. *Adams* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the dairying industry of the Province north of the Canadian Pacific Railway, as follows:—

March 7th, 1894.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee, composed of Messrs. *Booth, Martin, Anderson, Adams, and Semlin*, appointed to report upon the dairying industry of that portion of British Columbia lying north of the Canadian Pacific Railway, met this morning, and after discussion, beg to recommend that the Government urge upon the Dominion Government the desirability of sending an expert dairyman into that part of the country referred to, to give practical illustrations of the advanced system of dairying in those centres where that industry is now prosecuted, and to report to the Government of B. C. upon the availability of that country generally as a dairy country.

WM. ADAMS,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

7th March, 1894.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Mining have carefully considered various suggestions placed before it, and recommend that the Placer Mines Act be amended in accordance with the proposed provisions herewith submitted. (*See Bill No. 51.*)

A. W. SMITH,
Chairman.

7th March, 1894.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Committee on Mining have carefully considered various suggestions placed before it, and recommend that the Mineral Act be amended in accordance with the proposed provisions herewith submitted. (*See Bill No. 52.*)

A. W. SMITH,
Chairman.

The Reports were received.

Mr. *Horne* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Wide Tire Act, 1893.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Horne*, seconded by Mr. *Smith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas the commercial importance of the harbour of the City of *Vancouver* is rapidly increasing, and there is every reason to believe that in the near future it will become one of the most important in the interest of shipping and commerce on the Pacific Coast ;

And whereas it is necessary, in the interest of shipping and commerce, that a certain natural shoal in the said harbour (known as *Burnaby Shoal*) should be removed ;

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to urgently request the Dominion Government to take immediate steps for the removal of said *Burnaby Shoal*.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting the Cariboo Railway Company, formerly called the Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company," was committed, with Mr. *McKenzie* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Great Western Telegraph Company," was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act respecting the Victoria Electric Railway and Lighting Company, Limited," was committed, with Mr. *Sword* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented additional papers relating to the *Nakusp* and *Slocan* Railway.

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

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

Thursday, 8th March, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Vev. Archdeacon *Scriven*.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act for the Regulation of the Department of Agriculture, and for defining the powers and duties of the Minister and of the Officers of the Department."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Kellie* moved that Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of Tramway, Telephone, and Telegraph Companies in West Kootenay District," be now read a second time.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Keith,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Watt,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Fletcher—15.</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Anderson—15.</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	

Mr. Speaker voted with the nays.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Act to regulate the Practice of Dentistry in the Province of British Columbia," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

The Report of the Committee of the Whole on the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing "An Act to establish and maintain a Library for the use of the Legislative Assembly, and to constitute a Bureau of Statistics," was considered.

Report adopted.

On the motion of the Honourable Colonel *Baker*, Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to establish and maintain a Library for the use of the Legislative Assembly, and to constitute a Bureau of Statistics," was then read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act for the encouragement of Dairying," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act for the eradication of and to prevent the spreading of Noxious Weeds," was discharged.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to authorize the Hall Mines, Limited, to construct Tramways and Electrical and other Works in the vicinity of Nelson," was committed, with Mr. *Rogers* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* presented a statement of Special Warrants, signed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the expenditure incurred thereon, between 1st March, 1893, and the 28th February, 1894, required by the Revenue Act, cap. 102, s. 42.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented papers relating to the pre-emption of certain land situated at *Three Forks* of *Carpenter Creek*, now known as Lot 210, Group 1, *Kootenay District*.

And then the House adjourned at 5:59 o'clock, p. m.

Friday, 9th March, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *Scriven*.

Mr. *Grant* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to prepare a Bill to amend the "Municipal Act, 1892," and amending Acts, reporting a Bill (No. 55).

The Report was received and the Bill *Ordered* to be printed.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1890,' and amending Acts."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Hall* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act for the better protection of Bottlers and Manufacturers of Beverages."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act, 1891.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1891,' and amending Acts."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Horne*, seconded by Mr. *Smith*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the boundary line between British Columbia and Alaska is likely to be defined at an early date;

And whereas that piece of land situated south of the 49th parallel of north latitude, and known as *Point Roberts*, containing about four square miles of territory, is so isolated from the United States of America that the only means of communication by land is through British Columbia;

And whereas during the summer months a large number of Indians and others congregate on the said *Point Roberts* and cause great annoyance to settlers in the vicinity of the mouth of the *Fraser River*, in British Columbia;

And whereas there is growing up at the said *Point Roberts* a salmon fishing and canning industry, which, being in the United States waters, is wholly uncontrolled by such strict regulations as those of British Columbia fisheries;

And whereas the salmon caught by those fishermen are on their way to the *Fraser River*, and are entrapped by means which are illegal in British Columbia, and without any weekly close season;

And whereas this entrapping and fishing at *Point Roberts* seriously interferes with the fishing and canning industry on the *Fraser River*, it is of the utmost importance that it should be, either by consent or arrangement, brought under some international regulations in harmony with those of the *Fraser River*;

And whereas it is desirable for the protection of the fishing interests of the *Fraser* that some international arrangement should be entered into between the United States and the Dominion of Canada for preventing the catching and destruction of salmon at *Point Roberts* by methods which are illegal in the adjoining waters of British Columbia;

And whereas it would be a great advantage to British Columbia and the fishing industry on the *Fraser River* if *Point Roberts* were part of Canada;

Therefore be it Resolved, That His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to call the attention of the Dominion Government to the desirability of placing before the Joint Commissioners (appointed by the United States and Canada in the summer of 1892 to settle the boundary line between Alaska and British Columbia) the desirability of Canada acquiring the said *Point Roberts*, either by purchase or by giving a piece of land in British Columbia adjoining Alaska in exchange for the said *Point Roberts*; and that His Honour be respectfully requested to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Dominion Government.

The Order for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'County Courts Acts,'" was discharged and the Bill recommitted, with Mr. *Stoddart* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.
Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to establish and maintain a Library for the use of the Legislative Assembly, and to constitute a Bureau of Statistics," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act,'" was again committed, with Mr. *Adams* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.
Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1891,'" was committed, with Mr. *Horne* in the Chair.

A point of order having arisen, the Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The Bill was withdrawn.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act for the encouragement of Dairying," was committed, with Mr. *Watt* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.
Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act respecting the Victoria Electric Railway and Lighting Company, Limited," was again committed, with Mr. *Sword* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.
Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to alter the gauge of the Kaslo-Slocan Railway," was committed, with Mr. *Grant* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.
Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to authorize certain Dyking and Drainage Works in the District of New Westminster," was read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

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