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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SESSION, 1882.

Thursday, February 23rd, 1882.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

This being the first day of the fifth meeting of the Third Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable Francis Clement Cornwall, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the twentieth day of January, 1882.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In meeting you in your legislative capacity for the first time since I have had the honour of being Lieutenant-Governor, I gladly avail myself of the opportunity for expressing the pleasure I feel in extending to you a most cordial welcome, and for assuring you that I shall, during my official term, be ever ready to earnestly co-operate with you in promoting, as far as possible, the prosperity of our Province.

In accordance with your Resolution of last session relating to the early construction of portions of the Canadian Pacific Railway within the Province, my predecessor forwarded the Petition which you addressed to Her Majesty on the subject; and the Honourable Mr. DeCosmos was, as you desired, appointed your delegate, with instructions to proceed to London and personally advocate the claims of the Province as set forth in the Petition.

You will be gratified to learn that Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Kimberley, has specially desired that you should be informed that the Petition had been laid before the Queen, and that Her Majesty was pleased to receive it very graciously.

After careful consideration of the case presented by your delegate, Lord Kimberley was pleased to express the following opinion, that—

“The construction of a light line of Railway from Nanaimo to Esquimalt;

“The extension, without delay, of the line to Port Moody; and

“The grant of reasonable compensation in money for the failure to complete the work within the term of ten years, as specified in the Conditions of Union would offer a fair basis for a settlement of the whole question.”

The justice of your claims has thus been recognized by the Imperial Authorities; and you will have observed with satisfaction that the Dominion Government have already taken steps to carry into effect your request for the immediate construction of the line between Port Moody and Yale.

I regret, however, to state that the questions relating to construction of the Island Section and to compensation have not yet been finally settled; but they are now under consideration. The papers in connection with your Petition will be placed before you shortly.

Full information with respect to the Graving Dock Works will also be given to you at an early date.

In compliance with your Resolution of the 8th of February, 1881, the Cariboo Trunk Road was divided into sections and tenders invited for their maintenance. Contracts for four of the sections have been let. The details of this and other public works will be furnished to you through the usual channel.

It is very gratifying to find that the Fisheries of our Coasts and Rivers have, during the last year, shown a marked improvement, the total product for 1881 being nearly \$1,454,000, or more than double that of 1880. This industry promises to be one of the most valuable to the country, as it is capable of almost indefinite expansion owing to the abundance of fish, its superior quality, and the natural facilities for successfully carrying on the enterprise.

The output of coal in 1881, though large, falls slightly below that of the previous year. The yield in 1881 was 228,357 tons, of which 189,323 tons were exported to foreign markets.

It is advisable that explorations for mineral and arable lands should be encouraged as far as our means will permit, and I shall therefore ask you to place a sum of money at my disposal for the purpose.

Owing to the unusual inclemency of the weather in Cariboo, it is to be regretted that the miners have not been as fortunate as in former and more favourable seasons. A Bill for the purpose of consolidating the Mining laws has been prepared, and will be submitted for your consideration.

The farmers in the lower sections of the Province have, I am happy to state, been prosperous; but owing to early and unprecedented snow storms those in the Interior have, unfortunately, not met with that success which their labours fairly entitled them to expect.

I may here mention that a project is on foot for the holding of a Provincial Exhibition during the current year. The scheme is one, which, I venture to think, is well worthy of your assistance, as the benefits of such Exhibitions have been clearly demonstrated elsewhere. I shall consequently request you to aid me in promoting its success.

By a recent decision of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, it has been declared that that Court is not a Provincial, but a Dominion Court. Under the British North America Act the Province is responsible for the Administration of Justice, and is, moreover, empowered to make laws in relation to the Constitution, organization, and maintenance of Provincial Courts. The Supreme Court being considered a Provincial Court your body has annually voted considerable sums of money for its maintenance. By our Terms of Union, Canada, as you are aware, assumed the payment of the salaries and allowances of the Judges of the Superior and County Courts of British Columbia. In other Provinces of the Dominion the Superior Courts have always regarded themselves as subject to Provincial legislation, and have been dealt with accordingly, from Confederation onwards. Under these circumstances your earnest attention will be directed to this subject with a view of establishing the Constitutional rights of the Province in regard to it.

I am able to announce that during the past fiscal year the revenue of the country exceeded expenditure; the public debt was diminished; and the Bonds of the Province were in demand. The Public Accounts down to the end of 1881 will be laid before you, and Estimates for the coming year will be transmitted to you for consideration.

I feel assured that you will join with me in deploring the death of the late President of the United States and in expressing a mutual abhorrence of the crime which led to his sad and untimely end.

In the discharge of your important duties this Session, I humbly trust that your deliberations may receive the blessing of the Almighty and promote the general welfare of our Province.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Prayers by the Lord Bishop of British Columbia.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Beaven*,—

Ordered, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration on Monday next at two o'clock.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, through the Clerk, that during the recess a vacancy had occurred in the Assembly, by *Ebenezer Brown*, Esquire, having resigned, and that he had issued his warrant to the Registrar of the Supreme Court to issue a Writ to fill such vacancy, and that *William James Armstrong*, Esquire, had been elected in the place of the said *Ebenezer Brown*, Esquire.

The Certificate of Election was read by the Clerk as follows:—

“ SUPREME COURT, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
“ 18th January, 1882.

“ Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly, in consequence of the resignation of *Ebenezer Brown*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *New Westminster City*.

“ And whereas, on the 17th day of November, 1881, a Writ for the election of a Member to represent such District was duly issued to *J. C. Hughes*, Esquire, the Returning Officer of the said District.

“ Now I do hereby certify that on the 3rd day of December last, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer with his certificate attached thereto, whereby it appears that *William James Armstrong*, Esquire, has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, elected a Member to represent the said Electoral District of *New Westminster* in the Legislative Assembly.

“ JAMES CHARLES PREVOST,
“ *District Registrar Victoria Judicial District.*”

Resolved, That the documents referring to the election of *W. J. Armstrong*, Esquire, for the Electoral District of *New Westminster City*, be entered in the Journals of the House.

W. J. Armstrong, Esquire, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. Mr. *Walkem* and *R. L. T. Galbraith*, Esq., and took his seat.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Beaven*,—

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until Monday the 27th instant, at two o'clock p. m.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act respecting Convictions and Orders of Justices of the Peace," was introduced.

The Bill was then read a first time.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Ordered, That Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for papers, persons, and records.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

And then the House adjourned at 3.30 p. m., till two o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, February 27th, 1882.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by Rev. P. *Jenns*.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. *McGillivray* moved, seconded by Mr. *Helgesen*,—

1. That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking him for his gracious Speech at the opening of this the fifth meeting of the third term of the Provincial Legislature, and informing him that we reciprocate the feelings expressed by him on the occasion of his meeting us for the first time as Lieutenant-Governor; and we feel grateful for his assurance that he will, during his official term, be ever ready to earnestly co-operate with us in promoting, as far as possible, the prosperity of our Province.

2. That we are pleased that, in accordance with our Resolution of last Session, relating to the early construction of portions of the Canadian Pacific Railway within the Province, His Honour's predecessor forwarded the Petition which we addressed to Her Majesty on the subject; and the Honourable Mr. DeCosmos was, as we desired, appointed our delegate, with instructions to proceed to London and personally advocate the claims of the Province as set forth in the Petition.

3. That we are gratified to learn that Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Kimberley, has specially desired that we should be informed that the Petition had been laid before the Queen, and that Her Majesty was pleased to receive it very graciously, and that, after careful consideration of the case presented by our delegate, Lord Kimberley was pleased to express the following opinion, that—

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And it is a matter of congratulation that the justice of our claims has thus been recognized by the Imperial Authorities; and we also observe with satisfaction that the Dominion Government have already taken steps to carry into effect our request for the immediate construction of the line between Port Moody and Yale.

4. That we regret, however, that the questions relating to construction of the Island Section and to compensation have not yet been finally settled; but we are glad to know that they are now under consideration. The papers in connection with our Petition will receive our best attention when laid before us.

5. That we thank His Honour for the assurance that full information with respect to the Graving Dock Works will be given to us at an early date.

6. That we learn with satisfaction that in compliance with our Resolution of the 8th February, 1881, the Cariboo Trunk Road was divided into sections and tenders invited for their maintenance; that contracts for four of the sections have been let, and that the details of this and other public works will be furnished to us through the usual channel.

7. That it is very gratifying to find that the Fisheries of our Coasts and Rivers have, during the last year, shown a marked improvement, the total product for 1881 being nearly \$1,454,000, or more than double that of 1880; and that this industry promises to be one of the most valuable to the country, as it is capable of almost indefinite expansion owing to the abundance of fish, its superior quality, and the natural facilities for successfully carrying on the enterprise.

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9. That we will consider His Honour's suggestion respecting explorations for mineral and arable lands, and the expediency of placing a sum of money at his disposal for that purpose.

10. That we concur in the regret expressed by His Honour that, owing to the unusual inclemency of the weather in Cariboo, the miners have not been as fortunate as in former and more favourable seasons. The Bill for the purpose of consolidating the Mining laws to be submitted to us will receive our earnest attention.

11. That we are glad to learn that the farmers in the lower sections of the Province have been prosperous; but regret that owing to early and unprecedented snow storms those in the Interior have, unfortunately, not met with that success which their labours fairly entitled them to expect.

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13. That we observe with concern that by a recent decision of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, it has been declared that that Court is not a Provincial, but a Dominion Court. We are aware that under the British North America Act the Province is responsible for the Administration of Justice, and is, moreover, empowered to make laws in relation to the constitution, organization and maintenance of Provincial Courts; and the Supreme Court being considered a Provincial Court, our body has annually voted considerable sums of money for its maintenance. We are also aware that by our Terms of Union, Canada assumed the payment of the salaries and allowances of the Judges of the Superior and County Courts of British Columbia. And as we learn from His Honour that in other Provinces of the Dominion the Superior Courts have always regarded themselves as subject to Provincial legislation, and have been dealt with accordingly, from Confederation onwards, we shall, when invited to do so, give our earnest attention to this subject with a view of establishing the Constitutional rights of the Province in regard to it.

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15. That we join with His Honour in deploring the death of the late President of the United States, and in expressing a mutual abhorrence of the crime which led to his sad and untimely end.

16. That we unite with His Honour in humbly trusting that in the discharge of the important duties which will engage our attention, our deliberations may receive the blessing of the Almighty and promote the general welfare of the Province.

The several clauses being, on motion, taken as again read, were agreed to, and it was *Resolved* accordingly.

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

That the Resolution to present an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Honour for his gracious Speech, be referred to a Select Committee, composed as follows:—

The Honourable the Attorney-General, the Honourable the Minister of Finance, and the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, and Messrs. *McGillivray* and *Helgesen*.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, from the Select Committee, reported an Address, which read as follows:—

To the Honourable CLEMENT FRANCIS CORNWALL, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for your gracious speech at the opening of this the Fifth Session of the third term of the Provincial Legislature.

We reciprocate the feelings expressed by you on the occasion of meeting us for the first time as Lieutenant-Governor; and we feel grateful for your assurance that you will, during your official term, be ever ready to earnestly co-operate with us in promoting, as far as possible, the prosperity of our Province.

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The Address was *Ordered* to be printed, and taken into consideration forthwith.

The said Address, in reply to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech, being again read, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Address, in reply to the Speech, be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by such Members as are of the Executive Council.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Eighth Annual Report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Tenth Annual Report on Public Schools. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the List of Voters for the year 1881. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the year ending 1881. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Eighth Annual Report of the Minister of Mines. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Printing Office Report for the year 1881. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Statement of all Bonds deposited in the Provincial Secretary's Office by Civil Officers of the Province, for the due performance of their duties, under the "Civil Officers Securities Act, 1872." (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Statement of the names and residences of Collectors of Revenue paid by Commission, rate of same, and date of authority therefor. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Public Accounts of the Province from 1st July, 1880, to 30th June, 1881, and from 1st July to 31st December, 1881. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that he may be pleased to have sent to this House copies of all correspondence between the Government of the Dominion of Canada and the Government of British Columbia, or any person acting in their behalf, as Agent or otherwise, respecting, or in anywise affecting, the 40-mile belt of land now held as a Railroad or Government Reserve on the Mainland of British Columbia, from the time the Dominion Government made application to have said belt of land reserved for railway purposes.

On the motion of Mr. *Wilson*, seconded by Mr. *Smithe*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Committee be appointed to enquire into all matters relating to the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock, with power to call for persons and papers and to report to this House; the said Committee to consist of Messrs. *Helgesen*, *Harris*, *Galbraith*, *Smithe*, and the mover.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Gold and other Minerals, excepting Coal."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting the Supreme Court of Canada and the Exchequer Court of Canada."

Ordered That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Ash* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Agriculture the following Question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to ask the House for an appropriation to defray the cost of the services of the Judges who acted as Commissioners in the *Kootenay* enquiry?

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

"The information will be given when the Estimates are placed before the House."

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following Question:—

Has the Government ordered Cement for Graving Dock purposes, to supplement the amount purchased in 1874, and stored since that time at *Esquimalt*; if so, how much, for what reason, and on what authority?

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

"Yes; 900 tons, because by the contract with Messrs. *McNamee & Co.* the cement was required. The order was given under authority of Order in Council under 42 Vic., cap. 20, and a Warrant issued under 44 Vic., cap. 21. There are also about 45½ tons yet to be obtained, which was a loan to the *Victoria* Corporation, and which they have paid for according to agreement as they could not supply it."

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following Question.—

Have you, in your capacity of Attorney-General of the Province, as Law Agent in this Province of the Dominion of Canada, or in any other capacity, made any recommendation to the Dominion Government, or any member thereof, relating to the vacant Judgeship in this Province?

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

"I have made no such recommendation either in my official or private capacity. With respect to the statement in the question that I am Law Agent, I beg to say that during the last two years, I have only been referred to in two cases,—one on a criminal matter, which may have to be dealt with by me as Attorney-General; and the other in a civil matter of trifling importance. I have always understood that a firm of Solicitors here has had the Law Agency."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28th, 1882.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by Rev. *P. Jenns*.

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

That, taking into consideration the various advantages to accrue to all classes of the community by having Railway and other works carried on by means of a better class of labour than by Chinese labour, be it

Resolved, that the Government of British Columbia be respectfully requested to move the Government of the Dominion to take such steps as may be considered necessary to induce the contractors on the Canadian Pacific Railway to import and employ white labour on their works, instead of Chinese; and also to take into consideration the advisability and expediency of devising proper means of assisting immigration, with the view of carrying out the system of employing white labour on Railway construction throughout the Dominion.

Messrs. *Saul, McIlmoyl, Cowan, Mara, and Ash*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Messrs. *Abrams, Brown, Armstrong, Bennett, Pimbury, and Vernon*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

Messrs. *Drummond, Gallagher, Williams, Mara, and Armstrong*, were nominated to form the Select Committee on Printing.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 3, intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting the Supreme Court of Canada and the Exchequer Court of Canada," was read a first time.
Ordered to be read a second time at next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Galbraith* presented a Petition from *Samuel Perry Mills* for a Private Bill.
Ordered received and referred to Private Bills Committee.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.40 o'clock, p. m.

Friday, March 3rd, 1882.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by Rev. *P. Jenns*.

On the motion of Mr. *Smithe*, leader of the Opposition, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, leader of the Government, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Committee be appointed to draft an Address to Her Majesty, to convey to Her Majesty an expression of the satisfaction and thankfulness experienced by this House at Her Majesty's providential escape from the attempt lately made upon Her life by *Roderick McLean*.

Mr. *Cowan* presented a Petition from *Charles Wilson*, of *Cariboo*, which was read and referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. *Harris* presented a Petition from *J. P. Walls*, of *Victoria*, which was read and referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Report relating to the Mission of the Honourable Mr. *DeCosmos* as Special Agent of the Province of British Columbia to Canada and England on the subject of the Island Railway.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that he may be pleased to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all correspondence between the Attorney-General and the Dominion Government and the Judges of the Supreme Court, relating to the appointment of a Judge of the Supreme Court to reside within the District of *New Westminster*.

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

That the Public Accounts from 1st July, 1880, to 31st December, 1881, be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

On the motion of Mr. *McGillivray*, seconded by Mr. *Harris*, it was *Resolved*,—

For an Order of the House for copies of all papers and correspondence between the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works or Surveyor-General and *Richmond* Municipal Council, respecting the gazetting of public highways within the said Municipality, or from any other person or persons relating to the same, since 1st January, 1881, to date.

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

Is any delay of the work of constructing the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock likely to occur when the present supply of cement is exhausted ; and, if so, will the contractors be entitled to compensation for any delay so occasioned ?

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

“No.”

Mr. *Ash* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Agriculture the following question :—

Is the voucher kept back from Mr. *Dawson*, the agent of the contractors for the Cofferdam, still in existence ; and, if not, when was it destroyed, by whom, and by whose authority ?

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

“I do not know whether the document referred to is in existence or not. I have not seen it, and know nothing of its disposition, since I returned it, in December, 1878, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, with Mr. *Dawson's* knowledge and tacit consent. Mr. *Dawson* never made any enquiry from me about it until fully two weeks after I had returned it to the Lands and Works Department.”

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 2, intituled “An Act to Consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Gold and other Minerals excepting Coal,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 3, intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting the Supreme Court of Canada and the Exchequer Court of Canada," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the report be considered on Monday next.

Ordered, That Bill No. 1, intituled "An Act respecting Convictions and Orders of Justices of the Peace," be placed on the Order for second reading on Monday next.

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

Monday, March 6th, 1882.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. Watson*.

Mr. *Armstrong* presented a Petition from the Corporation of *New Westminster* City, which was read.

Ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. *Gallagher* presented a Petition from *Andrew Leamy*, for a Private Bill, which was read and referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. *Armstrong* presented the First Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Wilson* presented a Report from the Select Committee on the Dry Dock, which was received.

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

Mr. *Galbraith* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill, No. 4, intituled "An Act to authorize the admission of Samuel Perry Mills as a Solicitor and Barrister-at-Law."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred back to the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Cowan* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill, No. 5, intituled "An Act to authorize the admission of Charles Wilson, as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of British Columbia."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred back to the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Smithe*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Mr. *J. W. Williams* be added to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

Mr. *Smithe* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to draft a congratulatory address to Her Majesty, reporting an address, which read as follows:—

We, Your Majesty's most loyal and loving subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia assembled, desire to approach Your Majesty with an expression of heart-felt joy and thankfulness at Your Majesty's providential escape from imminent peril on the occasion of the dastardly attempt recently made upon Your Majesty's life.

We earnestly pray that the Supreme Ruler of the universe may ever so especially continue to protect Your Majesty's life, so that it may be long spared unto your devoted subjects, who, in all parts of the Empire, hold in loving reverence Your Majesty's name.

Ordered, That the Report be received and adopted, and that authority be given to telegraph the address at once.

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

Monday, March 13th, 1882.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. H. Smith*

Mr. *McGillivray* presented a Petition from *Gordon Edward Corbould*, which was read, received, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. *Helgesen* presented a Petition from *Lewis M. Clement* and others, which was read, received, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. *Armstrong* presented the Second Report from the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked leave to introduce a Bill, No. 6, intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to Legal Professions."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Smithe*, seconded by Mr. *Harris*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Orders in Council relating to the purchase of cement, machinery, and all other materials for the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock, also all those relating to the contracts for the construction of said Dock.

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

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the Contract between the Government and Messrs. *McNamee* for the construction of the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock.

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

That an Order of the House do issue for a return shewing the date upon which the Government instructed the Government Agent at *Yale* to collect one-half cent instead of one cent per pound Road Toll, and the amount collected at one cent and at one-half cent during the year 1881.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that he may be pleased to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Government of this Province, respecting the Acts passed by this Legislature in the Session of 1880 and 1881.

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

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return shewing the number of convictions quashed during the year 1881, on Habeas Corpus, Certiorari, or Appeal, by whom quashed, and on what grounds.

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

Were the debentures numbered respectively 1, 3, 6, 10, 13, 14, 18, 19, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 57, 58, 60, 63, 64, 65, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 75, 76, 80, 83, 87, 91, redeemed on the 30th June, 1880, as per notice published in the *Government Gazette* from 3rd January, 1880, to 19th June of that year?

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

“ The Honourable gentleman is under some misapprehension ; No. 40 was redeemed and cancelled 30th June, 1880. (See Public Accounts for that year, page 97.)

“ Numbers 1, 6, 10, 13, 14, 18, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 47, 50, 54, 55, 57, 58, 60, 63, 64, 65, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72, 75, 76, 80, 83, 87, were redeemed and cancelled in July, 1881. (See Public Accounts, page 17.)

“ Numbers 3, 19, 29, 30, 32, 49, 51, 52, 73, 91, are outstanding. (See Public Accounts, page 11.)

“ Number 90 of the same issue, also outstanding, is omitted from your question.

“ A notice published in the *British Columbia Gazette* from 3rd January to 10th April, 1880, states that certain debentures (the numerals of which are given) would be redeemed on 30th June, 1880. A further notice, published from 17th April to 19th June, 1880, states that the portion of the Order in Council referring to certain debentures enumerated had been rescinded.”

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

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill, during the present Session, to authorize the conveyance of a portion of the *Victoria School Reserve* to the Corporation of that city?

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

“ The Government have no intention of doing so.”

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

Have *Reed Bros. & Co.*, the contractors for the Cofferdam at *Esquimalt*, placed before the Arbitrators a statement of their claim against the Government of this Province in respect of the matters submitted for arbitration, and have the Government received a copy of, or particulars of, the claim?

Also, have the Government sent to the Arbitrators a statement of the defence or counter-claim of the Government against the claim placed by *Reed Bros.* before the Arbitrators?

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

“ Yes, to both questions.”

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

Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Land Registry Office at *New Westminster* this summer, or as soon as possible?

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

“ I cannot definitely state now, but the question will be considered.”

Mr. *Mara* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions :—

Was a contract made in the year 1878, or at any other time, and when, between *George Newlove* and the Government, for the construction of a road from *Tranquille* to *Kamloops*, or for any other work?

If so, was such contract in writing; what were the terms of it; and if the contract was in writing, has the Government the same, or any duplicate thereof?

Was any, and, if so what, work done by the contractor?

Has any, and if so what, money been paid him?

Has he made any, and if so what, claim?

Does the Government recognise any liability in respect of the work, and if so, to what amount?

Has the sum of \$250, or any other, and what, sum been offered *George Newlove*, in discharge of such claim, and when was the offer made?

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

“I decline to answer the first question, as a Petition of Right has been presented.”

Mr. *Mara* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following questions:—

Has a Petition of Right claiming \$420 been presented to the Government on behalf of *George Newlove*, and, if so, when?

Has the same been referred to you for report?

Is it your intention to advise that a *fiat* be granted, and if not what are the reasons why a *fiat* should not be granted?

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

“Mr. *Newlove* presented his Petition, which was referred to me, as Attorney-General, a short time ago, but I have been unable, for want of time, to come to any conclusion on it. The hon. member is not entitled to know the Attorney-General's opinion on any such Petition. His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor is alone entitled to that opinion.”

Mr. *Gallagher* asked leave to introduce a Bill, No. 7, intituled “An Act for the relief of Andrew Leamy, of Yale, British Columbia.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred back to the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Harris* asked leave to introduce a Bill, No. 8, intituled “An Act to authorize the Benchers of the Incorporated Law Society of British Columbia to call John Patmore Walls to the Bar of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred back to the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 2, intituled “An Act to Consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Gold and other Minerals excepting Coal.”

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.20 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, March 14th, 1882.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. H. Smith*.

Mr. *Harris* presented a Petition from *D. M. Eberts*, for a Private Bill, which was read, received, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 2, intituled "An Act to Consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Gold and other Minerals excepting Coal."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Friday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill No. 3, intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting the Supreme Court of Canada and the Exchequer Court of Canada," 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.

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

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

Wednesday, March 15th, 1882.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. H. Smith*.

Mr. Speaker stated that he had received a despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, containing the answer to the Petition to the Queen upon the subject of the Railway obligations of the Government of the Dominion toward this Province.

The despatch was read and laid on the table.

Moved by Mr. *Vernon*, seconded by Mr. *McGillivray*,—

That whereas certain parties settled upon unoccupied land in this Province prior to the passage of the "Land Act, 1879," and whilst the Act of 1875 (known as the "Free Grant Act") was in force: And whereas the said parties were unable at the time of their locating to obtain records for their claims, the surveys then in progress preventing the said lands from being thrown open to pre-emption and purchase: And whereas many of these settlers have resided continuously upon their claims since they located, and have erected houses, fences and other substantial improvements thereon, under the impression they would be allowed to become owners of their claims under the Free Grant Act.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that in the opinion of this House it is unjust to expect these settlers to pay for their lands under the terms and conditions of the "Land Act of 1879," and it is expedient that the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works take the necessary steps to enable such parties to complete their titles to said lands in the same manner as if the said Act of 1875 was still in force.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*,—

To erase all the words after "House" and substitute the following:—"it is desirable that statutory provision be made to enable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to give those settlers who have located land in the Province, under a belief that they could obtain the same under the Land Act of 1875 by free grants, the benefit of the said Act, provided the settlement duties and other requirements of the said Act be complied with."

Amendment put and carried.

Resolution, as amended, put and carried.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all tenders sent in to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the maintenance of a Ferry at *Savona*, since January 1st, 1881.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Attorney-General and the Dominion Government and the Judges of the Supreme Court, relating to the appointment of a Judge of the Supreme Court to reside within the District of *New Westminster*. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a copy of the report of the Attorney-General to the Dominion Government setting out the reasons why power was given to the Governor in Council to make the Rules of Court.

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

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the Session, be taken into consideration to-morrow, Thursday, 16th March.

Mr. *Ash* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Agriculture the following question:—

Did Mr. *Dawson* at any time ask you to return the Voucher, referred to in my question put to you on the 3rd instant? If so, what answer did you make?

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

“Upon Mr. *Dawson* addressing me upon the subject referred to in my answer of the 3rd instant, I reminded him that he was fully aware that the document had been returned to the Lands and Works Department, and I referred him to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.”

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

Is it the intention of the Government to bring in an Independence of Parliament Bill this Session to prevent any member of the Government accepting any Dominion appointment?

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* replied as follows:—
“No.”

Mr. *Wilson* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Agriculture the following question:—

Is it your intention to bring down a report on agriculture this Session?

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* replied as follows:—
“No.”

Resolved, that the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m., to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 3.30 o'clock, p. m.

Thursday, March 16th, 1882.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. H. Smith.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return showing the number of convictions quashed during the year 1881, on Habeas Corpus, Certiorari, or Appeal, by whom quashed, and on what grounds. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor a Return of all Tenders sent in to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the maintenance of a Ferry at *Savona*, since 1st January, 1881. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a copy of the Contract between the Government and Messrs. *McNamee & Co.*, for the construction of the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a copy of the Order in Council reporting a Resolution of the House as to the prejudicial effects caused by the locking up of the Railway lands, to the Dominion Government. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *Galbraith* presented a Petition from *Thornton Fell*, which was read, received, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. *Armstrong* presented the Second Report from the Private Bills Committee, reporting the notices proved for the following Private Bills:—*D. M. Eberts*, *G. E. Corbould*, and *Clements and others*, and that the preambles had been proved in the following cases: A Bill to authorize the admission of *S. P. Mills* as a Solicitor and Barrister, and a Bill to authorize the admission of *Charles Wilson* as a Solicitor and Barrister.

Mr. *Saul* presented the First Report from the Public Accounts Committee, which was read and adopted.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked leave to introduce a Bill, No. 9, intituled "An Act to authorize the Benchers of the Incorporated Law Society of British Columbia to call David MacEwen Eberts to the Bar of the Supreme Court of British Columbia."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred back to the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *McGillivray* asked leave to introduce a Bill, No. 10, intituled "An Act to authorize the Benchers of the Incorporated Law Society of British Columbia to call Gordon Edward Corbould to the Bar of the Supreme Court of British Columbia."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred back to Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. *Ash*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and the Judges of the Supreme Court, or any of them, and between the Governments of the Province and the Dominion, on the subject of the status of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the Province in relation to the rights and powers of the Provincial Legislature.

Mr. *Ash* asked leave to introduce a Bill, No. 11, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Petitions of Right and Crown Procedure Act, 1873.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Abrams* moved, seconded by Mr. *Pimbury*,—

That, in the opinion of this House, it is in the interest of the Settlers on the East Coast desirable that a Judge of the Supreme Court should reside at *Nanaimo*.

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

Motion withdrawn by leave.

Mr. *Mara* moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion withdrawn by leave.

Original motion put and carried on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Pimbury,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>
<i>Harris,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>	<i>Saul,</i>	<i>Abrams,</i>
<i>McGillivray,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>McIlmoyl,</i>	<i>Williams,—19.</i>
<i>W. Brown,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Gabraith,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Ash,—3.</i>
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On the motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *McGillivray*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for all correspondence, and a return of all the expenses connected with and incurred in the arrest of the Indian *Hunter Jack*, and the expedition to *Chilcotin* in the *Pool* murder case.

On the motion of Mr. *Ash*, seconded by Mr. *Vernon*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Committee of Public Accounts be authorized to enquire into the circumstances connected with the refusal to pay or return a Voucher presented at the Treasury by the Agent of *Reed Bros.*, and to report thereon to the House.

On the motion of Mr. *Ash*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all correspondence on the subject of the grant of a portion of the Public School Reserve of the City of *Victoria*, to the Corporation of the said City.

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

Have any tenders been received for the maintenance of the Ferry at *Lillooet*, and if so, from whom; also has any tender been accepted?

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* replied as follows:

“The only tender is that of *John Miller*, of January, 1882, which has not been accepted.”

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

That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, and that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider this resolution on Monday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 6, intituled “An Act to amend the law relating to the Legal Professions,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 o'clock, p. m.

Friday, March 17th, 1882.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. H. Smith*.

On the motion of Mr. *McGillivray*, seconded by Mr. *Harris*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all papers, reports, and correspondence relating to the *Matsqui Dyke* since the 1st of April, 1881, to date.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem* leave was granted to introduce a Bill, No. 12, intituled "An Act to provide for Free Grants to certain persons who have settled on lands in the Province, between the date of the coming into force of the 'Land Act, 1875,' and the repeal of its provisions with respect to free grants."

Ordered, That the Bill be read a first time on Tuesday next.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem* leave was granted to introduce a Bill, No. 13, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Amendment Act, 1879.'"

Ordered, That the Bill be read a first time on Tuesday next.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of the monthly reports from the Superintendent of Sections 1 and 2, of the Main Trunk Road, and for copies of all correspondence between the Superintendent and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, since the first of September last.

On the motion of Mr. *Bennett*, seconded by Mr. *Vernon*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a committee be appointed to enquire into the claims of the late Deputy Superintendent of Education, *R. M. Clemitson, Esq.*, for services rendered as Deputy Superintendent of Education, and subsequently; the Committee to consist of Messrs. *Brown, McIlmoyl, Abrams*, and the mover.

On the motion of Mr. *McGillivray* leave was granted to introduce a Bill, No. 14, intituled "An Act to amend the Drainage, Dyking and Irrigation Acts."

Bill read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second on Monday next.

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

What answer has been sent to the Secretary of State of the Dominion, in reply to his letter to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, of 31st December, 1881?

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

"None has been sent to Secretary of State, but communications by telegraph have passed between the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, which will be laid before the House."

Mr. *Wilson* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Agriculture the following question:—

What are the duties of the Minister of Agriculture?

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

"The duties of that Officer have not been defined."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill, No. 6, intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the Legal Professions," was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 4, intituled "An Act to authorize the admission of Samuel Perry Mills as a Solicitor and Barrister-at-Law," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 5, intituled "An Act to authorize the admission of Charles Wilson as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of British Columbia," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 2, intituled "An Act to Consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Gold and other Minerals excepting Coal."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.30 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, March 20th, 1882.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

Mr. *Armstrong* presented the Third Report from the Private Bills Committee, reporting the notices proved for the Private Bill of *Thornton Fell*.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked leave to introduce a Bill, No. 15, intituled "An Act to authorize the call of *Thornton Fell* to the Bar of British Columbia."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred back to the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Moved by Mr. *Armstrong* seconded by Mr. *Harris*,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to move the Dominion Government to take such steps as may be necessary to establish a Tri-weekly Mail between *Victoria* and *New Westminster*.

Mr. *Vernon* moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*,—

To strike out the word "and" in the third line, between "*Victoria* and *New Westminster*," and to add the following words at the end:—"and *Yale*, and a bi-weekly mail between *Yale* and *Kamloops*, and also between *Yale* and *Cariboo*."

Amendment put and carried.

Original motion, as amended, put and carried.

On the motion of Mr. *Abrams* leave was granted to introduce a Bill, No. 16 intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners' Act, 1879.'"

Bill read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Ferguson*, seconded by Mr. *Cowan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all grants and leases given to parties for gold mining purposes in the Province; showing location, name of lessee, and amount of revenue derived from each, and also the correspondence connected therewith during the years 1881 and 1882.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of all correspondence on the subject of the grant of a portion of the Public School Reserve of the City of *Victoria*, to the Corporation of the said City. (See *Sessional Papers*.)

Moved by Mr. *Smithe*, seconded by Mr. *Harris*,—

This House being very strongly of opinion that the rights of settlers upon lands within the Railway Reserve in this Province should be recognized, be it therefore resolved that a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he will be pleased to communicate with the Dominion Government with a view to provide for a recognition of settlers' rights on Railway lands in this Province, and to arrange the terms upon which the title to said lands shall be acquired by the said settlers; and be it further resolved, that the title of squatters upon lands within any Railway reserve in the Province to the lands upon which they have squatted shall be secured to them before the said reserved Railway lands shall be transferred to the Dominion Government, or to any Railway syndicate.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *McGillivray*,—

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

"of opinion that the rights of bonâ fide settlers who have settled upon and cultivated lands within the Railway Reserve in this Province, and who would have been entitled to pre-empt the said lands had they not been reserved, should be recognized; be it therefore resolved that a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to communicate with the Dominion Government with a view to provide for a recognition of such settlers' rights, and to arrange the terms upon which the title to said lands shall be acquired by them."

A debate having arisen, Mr. *Armstrong* moved its adjournment until the next sitting of the House, which was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. *Drummond*, seconded by Mr. *Wilson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Committee be appointed to visit Government House, the Public Schools, Hospital, and Gaol, and report to this House at their earliest convenience. The Committee to consist of Messrs. *Gallagher*, *Saul*, *Bennett*, *McIlmoyl*, and the mover.

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

Is it the intention of the Government to bring down a Bill to provide for the establishment of Provincial Superior and County Courts?

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

"This matter is under the consideration of the Government."

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

Has any person or persons made any application or enquiry concerning the bonus offered by Statute, at last Session of this House, for the erection of a Woollen Mill within the Province?

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

"Yes. On 11th April, 1881, Mr. *James Skim*, of *New Brunswick*, enquired if bonus for Woollen Mill was still available."

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the motion—That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Beaven*,—

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

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

Report adopted.

Resolved, That a Supply be granted.

Ordered, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*,—

Resolved, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 2, intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Gold and other Minerals excepting Coal."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.40 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, March 21st, 1882.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of all Orders in Council relating to the purchase of cement, machinery, and all other materials for the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock, also all those relating to the contracts for the construction of such Dock. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended to allow the following Resolution to be moved without notice :—

Mr. *Drummond* then moved, seconded by Mr. *Harris*, and it was *Resolved*,—

That inasmuch as an Honourable Member of this House desires to be placed on the Select Committee to visit the Public Schools, Hospital, Gaol, and Government House, that the Honourable Member for *New Westminster City*, Mr. *Armstrong*, be added to the same.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 13, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Amendment Act, 1879,'" was read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 14, intituled "An Act to amend the Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation Acts, was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 2, intituled "An Act to Consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Gold and other Minerals excepting Coal."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.50 o'clock, p. m.