
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS.

COMMITTEE PRIVATE BILLS.

March 18th, 1878.

Your Committee have to report the following Bills as having complied with the Standing Orders and been duly proved, viz.:—

1. The "Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Amendment Act, 1878."
2. The "Sumass Dyking Act."

With respect to this Act some modifications are recommended, the most important of which are:—

1st. That the lands to be given to Mr. Derby should, as far as possible, be in blocks and be selected, one half by Mr. Derby, and the other half by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, instead of being wholly selected by Mr. Derby.

2nd. That Mr. Derby should not be relieved from liability to damage done by him to settlers' lands in the construction of his works. This clause is merely declaratory, and is inserted to prevent misapprehensions as to the respective rights of all parties concerned; as the law, in the opinion of the Committee, would meet such contingencies without special provisions in the Act.

3rd. A clause has been inserted protecting all persons who actually settled on the district lands prior to December 1st, 1877, the date of Mr. Derby's notice of his intention to apply to the Legislature for the passage of his Act. It specially applies to settlers who, in good faith, settled upon the lands, irrespective of Mr. Derby's scheme or its presumed benefits, but who were unable to acquire any title to the plots settled upon, as the same were under reservation at the time.

4th. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council is empowered, in the event of Mr. Derby failing or declining to carry out the provisions of his Bill, to place the dyking scheme in other hands, so that its benefits may, as far as possible, be realized.

The evidence taken on this Act is enclosed.

GEO. A. WALKEM,

Chairman.

THIRD REPORT

OF THE

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

MR. SPEAKER,—

Your Committee have the honour to make a further Report.

They append a statement of the Revenue and Expenditure (approximate) of the year 1877.

They append a detail of the expenditure of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for travelling expenses during the year 1877.

They call attention to the charge, small in itself, but the payment of which involves a principle, detailed on the voucher No. 1791, a copy of which is annexed.

They also append a statement of the amount of Revenue collected as Property and Income Tax in the Okanagan District, and the cost of collection.

22nd March, 1878

(Signed)

J. A. MARA,
Chairman.

APPENDIX F.

REVENUE 1877 (APPROXIMATE).

Dominion Subsidy		\$ 208,093 56
Local Revenue:—		
Land Sales.....	\$ 21,099 29	
Land Revenue	5,485 95	
Rents (exclusive of Land)	217 50	
Free Miners' Certificates.....	10,062 50	
Mining Receipts, general	6,908 00	
Licences	26,866 50	
Fines, Forfeitures, and Fees of Court	11,466 85	
Fees of Office.....	4,319 53	
Sale of Government Property	531 06	
Reimbursements in aid of expenses	9,731 64	
Miscellaneous Receipts	71 50	
Road Tax.....	407 25	
Marriage Licences	530 00	
Wild Land Tax.....	7,229 40	
Road Tolls.....	29,070 72	
Arrears of Real Estate Tax (late V. I.)	216 45	
School Tax.....	20,148 00	
Real Property Tax	25,697 44	
Personal Property Tax.....	12,755 61	
Income Tax	1,467 95	
Interest.....	4,518 14	
		198,801 33
Total Revenue.....		\$ 406,894 89