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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SESSION, 1878.

Thursday, 7th February, 1878.

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

This being the first day of the third meeting of the second Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of his Honour the Honourable Albert Norton Richards, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 15th day of December, 1877.

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:

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

At the opening of this the third Session of the second term of our Provincial Legislature, it affords me much pleasure to congratulate you on the hopeful prospect of early and great prosperity for British Columbia.

The past year has been an eventful one, and may well mark the beginning of a new era of progress and material development in the Province.

The exceedingly favourable result of the Mining Engineer's labours in Cariboo, proving as it has done the immense value of the gold quartz veins in that richly auriferous district, must be a source of great satisfaction to you, as it is to me. It is undoubtedly an acceptable reward to your wisdom, no less than to your generosity, in supporting with so much heartiness the measure which was submitted to you last Session, having for its object the establishment on a permanent basis of that branch of gold mining from which so much wealth may be derived, and by which manufacturing, agricultural, and commercial industries may be increased and sustained throughout the country.

The Railway question, which can only be satisfactorily settled by the actual commencement of construction in British Columbia, is, I hope, on the eve of attaining that desirable position. The Dominion Government have intimated that, so far as could be seen at the date of their despatch, it would not be necessary to prosecute further exploratory surveys in the Province. The correspondence will be submitted to you.

The loan which my Ministers were authorized to place upon the London market was duly realized, and the credit of the Province is in a satisfactory condition. The correspondence on the subject will, at once, be sent down to you.

The Commissioners appointed to deal with the Indian Land question have succeeded in allaying the irritation that was manifested by the natives of the interior at one period of the past season, to an extent which threatened for a time to result in an outbreak. Many of the more numerous and powerful tribes have been settled with, and it is not thought to be desirable or necessary to continue longer the present expensive method of determining Indian reserves. I have communicated with the Dominion Government with a view of dissolving the Commission at an early date.

The Inland Fisheries have been greatly extended during the past year, with very satisfactory results, and that industry has now assumed an importance that cannot be over-estimated as a valuable source of wealth to the Province. In the absence of Provincial authority to deal with questions relating to Fisheries, I have communicated with the Government at Ottawa with a view to inducing such action on the part of the Dominion as will lead to measures being taken to prevent the possible future exhaustion of the supply of fish in our rivers.

With reference to the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, I regret to say that the Dominion Government have positively refused to advance any money for Dock purposes, otherwise than as a loan, to be charged to the debt account of British Columbia. I have, therefore, made a very strong appeal to the Imperial Government for increased assistance, so that I may be enabled to complete that very important and necessary undertaking without further trenching upon the resources of the Province. Papers relating to this question will be laid before you.

Our public schools have continued steadily to advance their usefulness, the attendance throughout the Province generally, including the High School established in this city, has very much increased during the past year. The necessity for the erection of new and enlargement of old school houses may be taken as indicative of desirable progress and extension of settlement in the country.

The reclamation of the rich lands on the Fraser, at present subject to the overflow of that river, has engaged the attention of my Ministers. Various propositions having reference to dyking these lands have been submitted to me by persons interested in the work. Obstacles beset the enterprise, which I hope will shortly be overcome, and the District and the Province be made to reap the full benefit of the natural fertility of the Fraser Valley.

The coal and lumber industries have been subjected during the past season to adverse circumstances. The decline in the price of coal in the San Francisco market has had a somewhat depressing influence upon the trade at Nanaimo. The exportation for the year has, however, fully equalled that of last year, and the prospect for the business of the future is again, to some extent, brightening.

Owing to the unusually early close of the mining season at Cassiar, and the diminished yield of the alluvial diggings at Cariboo, the produce of our gold fields has again fallen below that of former years.

The recent developments in our quartz mines, however, promise in the near future to restore the gold fields of British Columbia to their old position of pre-eminent importance. The yield of the future may be anticipated to increase steadily and rapidly. I trust the good already resulting from your wise legislation of last Session will induce you to support measures calculated to still further foster the development of quartz mining in the Province.

The Commissioners appointed, in conformity with the Act of last session, to revise and consolidate the laws of the Province, have finished their labours, and the Statutes are now ready to be laid before you in their new and improved form.

Important changes in many of the Electoral Districts have occurred since the framing of the "Constitution Act, 1871," and a more equitable representation of the people in your honourable Assembly is now urgently required. I purpose to submit for your consideration an Act to provide for a redistribution of seats and an increase of the number of members, which, however, is not intended to add to the present cost of legislation.

Necessary changes in the Mining laws will be submitted for your consideration.

A Bill will be introduced to amend the Quartz Act of last year, some of the conditions upon which the Government aid was made contingent requiring to be modified or removed. It is intended also, as a merited recognition of the service they have rendered to the Province, to ask for power to grant to the Cariboo Quartz Company the aid contemplated by the Act.

The Public Accounts will at once be laid before you, and estimates for the current year will be sent down to you at an early day.

I now leave you to your deliberations, in the confident belief that you will enter upon your duties with an earnest desire to promote the welfare of British Columbia.

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

Mr. Speaker informed the House, through the Clerk, that during the recess, vacancies had occurred in the Assembly by *Alexander Edmund Batson Davie*, Esquire, having accepted office under the Crown, and by *William Cosgrove Milby*, Esquire, having died; and that he had issued Warrants to the Registrar of the Supreme Court to issue Writs to fill such vacancies, and that *George Cowan*, Esquire, had been elected in the place of *Alexander Edmund Batson Davie*, Esquire; and that *Robert Leslie Thomas Galbraith*, Esquire, had been elected in the place of *William Cosgrove Milby*, Esquire, deceased.

The Certificates of Election were read by the Clerk, as follows:—

“SUPREME COURT, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
“Registrar’s Office, February 1st, 1878.

“Whereas *Alexander Edmund Batson Davie*, Esquire, one of the members for the Electoral District of *Cariboo*, did, on or before the 15th day of May last, accept office under the Crown, and did thereby vacate his seat in the House of Assembly.

“And whereas on the 16th day of May last, a Writ for the Election of a Member to represent such District was duly issued to *Henry Maynard Ball*, Esquire, the Returning Officer of the said District.

“Now I do hereby certify that, on the 9th day of July last, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer with his Certificate attached, whereby it appears that *George Cowan*, Esquire, has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, elected a Member to represent the said Electoral District of *Cariboo* in the Legislative Assembly.

“HENRY S. MASON,
“Acting Registrar Supreme Court.”

“SUPREME COURT, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
“Registrar’s Office, February 1st, 1878.

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly in consequence of the death of *William Cosgrove Milby*, Esquire, one of the Members for the Electoral District of *Kootenay*.

“And whereas on the 29th day of October last, a Writ for the Election of a Member to represent such District was duly issued to *Cornelius Booth*, Esquire, the Returning Officer of the said District.

“Now I do hereby certify that, on the 17th day of January last, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer with his Certificate attached thereto, whereby it appears that *Robert Leslie Thomas Galbraith*, Esquire, has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, elected a Member to represent the said Electoral District of *Kootenay* in the Legislative Assembly.

“HENRY S. MASON,
“Acting Registrar Supreme Court.”

Resolved, That the documents referring to the election of Messrs. *Cowan* and *Galbraith*, for the Electoral Districts of *Cariboo* and *Kootenay* respectively, be entered in the Journals of the House.

Messrs. *Cowan* and *Galbraith* having been duly sworn, were introduced and took their seats.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*,

Ordered, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration on Monday next.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*,

Resolved, That the House at its rising do stand adjourned to Monday next, at 2 p.m.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, a Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Power of Attorney Act, 1875,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, having been 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 for this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

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

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.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, papers relating to the construction of a Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, papers in connection with the negotiation of a loan of £150,000, under the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1877." (*See Sessional Papers*.)

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, papers relating to the non-fulfilment by Canada of the Railway Clause of the Terms of Union. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Consolidated Statutes of British Columbia.

And then the House adjourned at 3.15, p.m.

Monday, 11th February, 1878.

Two o'clock, p. m.

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

Mr. *Fisher* moved, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*,—

1. That an humble Address be presented to His Honour, to thank him for his gracious speech at the opening of this the third session of the second term of our Provincial Legislature, and to inform him that we are pleased at His Honour's congratulations on the hopeful prospect of early and great prosperity for British Columbia,

2. That we are aware that the past year has been an eventful one, and may well mark the beginning of a new era of progress and material development in the Province.

3. That we assure His Honour that the exceedingly favourable result of the Mining Engineer's labours in Cariboo, proving as it has done the immense value of the gold quartz veins in that richly auriferous district, is a source of great satisfaction to us, as it is to His Honour; and we thank His Honour for the expression, that it is undoubtedly an acceptable reward to our wisdom, no less than to our generosity, in supporting with so much heartiness the measure which was submitted to us last Session, having for its object the establishment on a permanent basis of that branch of gold mining from which so much wealth may be derived, and by which manufacturing, agricultural, and commercial industries may be increased and sustained throughout the country.

4. That we cordially concur with His Honour in the hope that the Railway question, which can only be satisfactorily settled by the actual commencement of construction in British Columbia is on the eve of attaining that desirable position; and we are pleased to hear that the Dominion Government have intimated that, so far as could be seen at the date of their despatch, it would not be necessary to prosecute further exploratory surveys in the Province, and that correspondence on the subject will be submitted to us.

5. That we mark with satisfaction that the loan which His Honour's Ministers were authorized to place upon the London market was duly realized; that the credit of the Province is in a satisfactory condition; and that the correspondence on the subject will, at once, be sent down to us.

6. That we are pleased to learn that the Commissioners appointed to deal with the Indian Land question have succeeded in allaying the irritation that was manifested by the natives of the interior at one period of the past season, to an extent which threatened for a time to result in an outbreak; that many of the more numerous and powerful tribes have been settled with, and that it is not thought to be desirable or necessary to continue longer the present expensive method of determining Indian reserves; and that we are glad to be informed that His Honour has communicated with the Dominion Government with a view of dissolving the Commission at an early date.

7. That we are gratified to hear that the Inland Fisheries have been greatly extended during the past year, with very satisfactory results, and that that industry has now assumed an importance that cannot be over-estimated as a valuable source of wealth to the Province; and that in the absence of Provincial authority to deal with questions relating to Fisheries, His Honour has communicated with the Government at Ottawa with a view to inducing such action on the part of the Dominion as will lead to measures being taken to prevent the possible future exhaustion of the supply of fish in our rivers.

8. That we regret with His Honour that, with reference to the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, the Dominion Government have positively refused to advance any money for Dock purposes, otherwise than as a loan, to be charged to the debt account of British Columbia; and we are glad to be informed that His Honour has therefore made a very strong appeal to the Imperial Government for increased assistance, so that His Honour may be enabled to complete that very important and necessary undertaking without further trenching upon the resources of the Province; and that papers relating to this question will be laid before us.

9. That it is satisfactory to find that our Public Schools have continued steadily to advance their usefulness; that the attendance throughout the Province generally, including the High School established in this city, has very much increased during the past year; and we agree with His Honour that the necessity for the erection of new and enlargement of old school houses may be taken as indicative of desirable progress and extension of settlement in the country.

10. That we are gratified to learn that the reclamation of the rich lands on the Fraser, at present subject to the overflow of that river, has engaged the attention of His Honour's Ministers; and that various propositions having reference to dyking these lands have been submitted to His Honour by persons interested in the work. We join with His Honour in the hope that the obstacles which beset the enterprise will shortly be overcome, and the District and the Province be made to reap the full benefit of the natural fertility of the Fraser Valley.

11. That we are aware that the coal and lumber industries have been subjected during the past season to adverse circumstances, and that the decline in the price of coal in the San Francisco market has had a somewhat depressing influence upon the trade at Nanaimo, but are pleased to hear that the exportation for the year has, however, fully equalled that of last year, and that the prospect for the business of the future is again, to some extent, brightening.

12. That we are aware that owing to the unusually early close of the mining season at Cassiar, and the diminished yield of the alluvial diggings at Cariboo, the produce of our gold fields has again fallen below that of former years.

But we hail with satisfaction that the recent developments in our quartz mines, however, promise in the near future to restore the gold fields of British Columbia to their old position of pre-eminent importance, and that the yield of the future may be anticipated to increase steadily and rapidly. We assure His Honour that the good already resulting from our wise legislation of last Session will induce us to support measures calculated to still further foster the development of quartz mining in the Province.

13. That we are pleased to hear that the Commissioners appointed, in conformity with the Act of last Session, to revise and consolidate the laws of the Province, have finished their labours, and that the Statutes are now ready to be laid before us in their new and improved form.

14. That we are aware that important changes in many of the Electoral Districts have occurred since the framing of the "Constitution Act, 1871," and a more equitable representation of the people in our honourable Assembly is now urgently required; and we are pleased to learn that His Honour proposes to submit for our consideration an Act to provide for a redistribution of seats and an increase of the number of members, which, however, is not intended to add to the present cost of legislation.

15. We hear with satisfaction that necessary changes in the Mining Laws will be submitted for our consideration; and that a Bill will be introduced to amend the Quartz Act of last year, some of the conditions upon which the Government aid was made contingent requiring to be modified or removed; and that it is intended also, as a merited recognition of the service they have rendered to the Province, to ask for power to grant to the Cariboo Quartz Company the aid contemplated by the Act.

16. That we thank His Honour for the assurance that the Public Accounts will at once be laid before us, and that estimates for the current year will be sent down to us at an early day.

17. That we thank His Honour for the expression that, in leaving us to our deliberations, His Honour has the confident belief that we will enter upon our duties with an earnest desire to promote the welfare of British Columbia.

The first, second, third, and fourth clauses being again read, were agreed to.

The fifth clause being again read, a debate arose.

Mr. *Walkem* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*,—

That in lieu of clause five, the following be substituted:—

"We are interested to learn that the Loan, which Your Honour's Ministers were authorized to place upon the *London* market, was duly realized, and that the credit of the Province is in a satisfactory condition; but we have to express our want of confidence in Your Honour's Ministers for not having advised Your Honour of the urgent necessity for a far more economical administration of the public revenue, as we believe that the condition of the Province calls for a material change in its present fiscal system, and for a marked reduction in its annual expenditure."

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Lists of Voters in the several Electoral Districts in British Columbia, in force on the 1st September, 1877; the Sixth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province; and the Fourth Annual Report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, his Annual Report as Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of Orders in Council necessary to carry out the provisions of the "Assessment Act, 1876." (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

On the motion of Mr. *Williams*, the debate upon the Amendment proposed by Mr. *Walkem* to the fifth clause of the proposed Address was adjourned until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 o'clock, p.m.

Tuesday, 12th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The adjourned debate on the proposed Amendment to the fifth clause of the proposed Address, in reply to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech, was resumed.

And the question being put, the Amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :
Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.</i>	<i>Gallagher.—11.</i>
<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	

NAYS :
Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith, R</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Pimbury.—13.</i>
<i>Brown, E</i>			

The fifth clause was agreed to.

The sixth and seventh clauses being again read, were agreed to.

The eighth clause being again read, a debate arose.

The eighth clause was agreed to.

The ninth to the seventeenth clauses, both inclusive, being again read, were agreed to.

And it was *Resolved* accordingly.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 o'clock, p.m.

Wednesday, 13th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*, 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, to be composed as follows:—

The Honourable the Attorney-General, the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the Honourable the Minister of Finance, and Messrs. *Fisher* and *Morrison*, with instructions to prepare and report an Address to His Honour.

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

To the Honourable ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS, 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 third Session of the second term of our Legislature.

We are pleased at Your Honour's congratulations on the hopeful prospect of early and great prosperity for British Columbia.

We are aware that the past year has been an eventful one, and may well mark the beginning of a new era of progress and material development in the Province.

We assure Your Honour that the exceedingly favourable result of the Mining Engineer's labours in Cariboo, proving as it has done the immense value of the gold quartz veins in that richly auriferous district, is a source of great satisfaction to us, as it is to Your Honour; and we thank Your Honour for the expression, that it is undoubtedly an acceptable reward to our wisdom, no less than to our generosity, in supporting with so much heartiness the measure which was submitted to us last Session, having for its object the establishment, on a permanent basis, of that branch of gold mining from which so much wealth may be derived, and by which manufacturing, agricultural, and commercial industries may be increased and sustained throughout the country.

We cordially concur with Your Honour in the hope that the railway question, which can only be satisfactorily settled by the actual commencement of construction in British Columbia, is on the eve of attaining that desirable position; and we are pleased to hear that the Dominion Government have intimated that, so far as could be seen at the date of their despatch, it would not be necessary to prosecute further exploratory surveys in the Province, and that correspondence on the subject will be submitted to us.

We mark with satisfaction that the loan which Your Honour's Ministers were authorized to place upon the London market was duly realized; that the credit of the Province is in a satisfactory condition; and that the correspondence on the subject will, at once, be sent down to us.

We are pleased to learn that the Commissioners appointed to deal with the Indian Land question have succeeded in allaying the irritation that was manifested by the natives of the interior at one period of the past season, to an extent which threatened for a time to result in an outbreak; that many of the more numerous and powerful tribes have been settled with, and that it is not thought to be desirable or necessary to continue longer the present expensive method of determining Indian reserves; and that we are glad to be informed that Your Honour has communicated with the Dominion Government with a view of dissolving the Commission at an early date.

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with a view to inducing such action on the part of the Dominion as will lead to measures being taken to prevent the possible future exhaustion of the supply of fish in our rivers.

We regret with Your Honour that, with reference to the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, the Dominion Government have positively refused to advance any money for Dock purposes, otherwise than as a loan, to be charged to the debt account of British Columbia; and we are glad to be informed that Your Honour has therefore made a very strong appeal to the Imperial Government for increased assistance, so that Your Honour may be enabled to complete that very important and necessary undertaking without further trenching upon the resources of the Province; and that papers relating to this question will be laid before us.

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We hear with satisfaction that necessary changes in the Mining Laws will be submitted for our consideration; and that a Bill will be introduced to amend the Quartz Act of last year, some of the conditions upon which the Government aid was made contingent requiring to be modified or removed; and that it is intended also, as a merited recognition of the service they have rendered to the Province, to ask for power to grant to the Cariboo Quartz Company the aid contemplated by the Act.

We thank Your Honour for the assurance that the Public Accounts will at once be laid before us, and that estimates for the current year will be sent down to us at an early day.

We thank Your Honour for the expression that, in leaving us to our deliberations, Your Honour has the confident belief that we will enter upon our duties with an earnest desire to promote the welfare of British Columbia.

The said Address was agreed to.

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

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be printed, and sent down to this House, copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Contractors, or their Agent, or the Engineers-in-Chief, or the Resident Engineer, in reference to the Dock at *Esquimalt*, since 4th March, 1877.

Mr. *Galbraith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs' Act, 1873;" and a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bills severally introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to visit the Royal Hospital, Lunatic Asylum, and Public Schools; such Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Douglas*, *Smith*, *Cowan*, *E. Brown*, and *Gallagher*.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to send down to this House the following documents referred to in the papers connected with the negotiation of a Loan of £150,000, but omitted, viz.:—

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure of Province, 1874, 1875, 1876;

Formal Prospectus of Loan;

Statement of Financial position of Province, December 31st 1876;

Statement of Expenditure, shewing outlay on Public Works and Buildings as contrasted with ordinary expenditure of Province, 1874, 1875, and 1876.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the manner in which the existing contracts for supplies to the *Victoria* Prison were awarded; the Committee to consist of Messrs. *Beaven*, *Williams*, *Mara*, *Dickinson*, and the mover.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877;'"

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 129 of the Consolidated Statutes of British Columbia;"

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to encourage the mining of Gold-bearing Quartz;"

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ballot Act, 1877.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bills severally introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. *Tolmie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fisher*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause the Dominion Government to be informed of the earnest wish of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia for the early establishment of well-defined and just federal relations between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland of the one, and British North America of the other part.

The Motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act for the protection of certain Animals and Birds in British Columbia."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the 21st instant.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act relating to Corporations."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday, the 22nd instant.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down a Return showing, in detail, all applications to purchase unsurveyed lands since 1st April, 1875; all lands sold since 31st December, 1876; and all town lots sold since 31st December, 1872.

Mr. *Williams* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Questions:—

1. Have the contractors for the Cofferdam received any extension of time for completion of work, other than to 18th October, 1876, 1st February, 1877, and 31st July, 1877? If so, to what date?

2. Is there any arrangement or agreement between Mr. *Dawson*, or *Reed Bros. & Co.*, and yourself, other than the contract dated *London*, 24th January, 1876, and extensions, under which the Cofferdam work is being carried on? If so, what is its nature?

3. What amount of money have the Government paid Messrs. *Reed Bros. & Co.* on account of their contract since commencement?

4. Have the contractors or the Engineers made any claims against the Government which are unpaid? If so, of what nature and amount?

5. Have the plans, specifications, and detail drawings of the Dock been received from Messrs. *Kinipple & Morris*, and been accepted?

6. Has any change been made in the agreement with the Engineers-in-Chief on the 28th April, 1875? If so, what is its nature?

7. Are you aware that the piles used in the Cofferdam are very extensively worm eaten?

8. In Graving Dock correspondence (*See* letter 26th September, 1877), "The Lieutenant-Governor to Rear-Admiral *DeHorsey*," the following paragraph occurs:—

"The position now assumed by the Dominion, with regard to the important work of constructing a Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*, places the matter entirely between the Imperial and Dominion Governments. The Provincial Government have expended \$126,482 50 in the purchase of the site, pumping machinery, cement, &c., and in payments on account of Cofferdam contract; and have provided for the completion of the Cofferdam, &c., which will require the payment of \$71,291 86, in addition to the aforesaid sum of \$126,482 50."

How is the sum of \$71,291 86 made up?

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

"1. No extension of time has been granted to the Contractors."

"2. There is no other arrangement or agreement."

"3. \$19,837 50 to date."

"4. The Contractors have made no claim against the Government. The Engineers have made a claim for the amount of the Resident Engineer's salary prior to the 18th March, 1876."

"5. Yes."

"6. No."

"7. No. The Resident Engineer has reported that the quality of the work performed is of a satisfactory description."

"8. The amount is made up as follows:—

Balance due <i>Reed Bros., & Co.</i> , contractors for Cofferdam ...	\$48,783 66
Do. <i>James Watt & Co.</i> , machinery	3,150 00
Do. <i>Kinipple & Morris</i> , Engineers.....	19,358 20

\$71,291 86"

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable Mr. *Smithe* the following Question:—

What sum of money, in Dominion currency, has the loan of 1877 netted to the Government at *Victoria*, after deducting exchange, discount, commissions, accrued interest, and charges of all descriptions, and on what date was the money received here by Government?

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

" £150,000, or \$727,500 @ 96 produced	\$698,400 00
Deduct Bank Commission, 1 per cent. on gross amount..	7,275 00

\$691,125 00

RECEIVED:

July 10 (Less exchange) £140,000, or	\$679,000 00
Nov. 9 Do. £2,500, or	12,125 00

\$691,125 00

DEDUCT:

Exchange on Drafts for £140,000	\$ 938 00
Payment for expenses, &c., to H. H. Hughes	131 25
Do. do. T. L. Stahlshmidt	2,572 43
Telegrams	1,001 67

4,643 35

\$686,481 65"

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable Mr. *Smithe* the following Questions:—

1. Are any of the Debentures issued under the Loan Acts, 1874 and 1876, outstanding?
2. Has the special Graving Dock account at the Bank of British Columbia been paid out of money obtained under the "Loan Act, 1877?"
3. Is there any overdraft at the Bank of British Columbia?

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

"1. Debentures issued under the 'British Columbia Loan Act,' 1874:—

2 of \$10,000 each	\$ 20,000 00
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and under the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1876:—

109 to 326. 118 of various sums, amounting to.....	86,000 00
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81 to 89. 9 of \$500 each.....	4,500 00
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"2. Yes."

\$110,500 00"

"3. No."

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

Why are the inmates of the Lunatic Asylum not removed to the new asylum at *New Westminster*?

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

"Because the building has been reported, by three medical gentlemen, to be unsuitable for the reception of the patients."

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

Have the Government requested the Government of the Dominion of Canada to make a complete scientific geological survey of the mineral lands in the Districts of *Cariboo* and *Kootenay*? if so, on what date, and with what results?

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

"Government has made no special request that the scientific geological survey of British Columbia should be confined to the localities mentioned."

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

How is it that the important evidence, in reference to the payment of \$16,500 to Messrs. *Tolmie* and *Finlayson*, given by Mr. *J. F. McCreight* before the Public Accounts Committee, and signed by that gentleman, has been omitted from the Journals of 1877?

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

"All the evidence in this matter reported to the House and ordered to be printed, and handed by the Clerk of the House to the Government Printer, has been published, and appears in the Journals of the House."

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

Why have not the Orders in Council necessary to carry out the provisions of Acts of Parliament been published in the *British Columbia Gazette*, in accordance with the Resolution of this House on 17th April, 1877?

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

“It was considered inadvisable to publish the Orders in Council in relation to the British Columbia Loan Act, 1877, before the meeting of the House.”

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Has any Member of the Government made application to acquire Public Land since 1st February, 1876? if so, what is the date and nature of the application, and name of applicant?

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

“The Honourable *Wm. Smith* made application to purchase 320 acres of unsurveyed land near *Salmon Arm, New Westminster* District, under clause 62, ‘Land Act, 1875,’ on 22nd November, 1876.”

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Power of Attorney Act, 1875,’ was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Friday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Friday next.

Messrs. *Ash, Fisher, Galbraith, Gordon, and Mara* were elected, by ballot, to form the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Messrs. *Walkem, E. Brown, E. Smith, Armstrong, and Tolmie* were nominated to form the Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

And then the House adjourned, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Friday, 15th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Armstrong* presented a Petition from *Hugh Nelson* and others.

Mr. *Armstrong* presented a Petition from *E. L. Derby*.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to send down to this House, in printed form, copies of all telegrams, petitions, and correspondence between the Trustees of the *Cache Creek* School and the Government since 1st February, 1876.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be laid before this House copies of all letters, petitions, and other papers relative to the appointment of a Mining Engineer, and respecting the various appropriations asked for on behalf of the District of *Cariboo* for the year 1877.

Mr. *Walkem* moved, seconded by Mr. *Humphreys*,—

That this House have placed before it an account of the mileage paid to Members during the last two years, together with a copy of the declaration made by each Member before receiving the said mileage.

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

That the words "during the last two years" be struck out, and the words "since Confederation" be inserted in lieu thereof.

Amendment, and Motion as amended, put and carried.

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

That whereas the Honourable junior member for *Cariboo*, Mr. *Evans*, stated in his place in this House, on the 11th instant, that "a road ten miles in length had been constructed for the benefit of one gentleman in *Yale* District, whose name could be given if a committee of enquiry was appointed:" and that he further stated, in his place in this House on the 13th instant, that "the gentleman referred to was the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works," that "his informant was the Rev. Mr. *Turner*," and that "the fact was patent to every one in the Upper Country."

Resolved, That a Select Committee, consisting of the following Members, Messrs. *Evans*, *Cowan*, *Douglas*, *Morrison*, and the mover, be appointed to enquire into the above charge.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cowan*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House Returns showing the cost of carrying out the Statute in each district; the amount assessed; amount collected and amount due on the Collector's Roll in each electoral district, in each year, since the "Assessment Act, 1876," has been in force.

The following words were added to the Motion: "up to 1877; and also the amount collected for School Tax in each district."

The Motion, as amended, was put and carried.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House the following Returns:—

Copies of all correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments, with reference to the establishment of direct Mail communication between *New Westminster*, *Nanaimo*, and the Settlements on the *East Coast* of Vancouver Island.

Copies of all correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments, with reference to the appointment of Inspectors of Weights and Measures in this Province, under the Dominion "Weights and Measures Act."

Copies of all correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments, with reference to the establishment of Telegraphic communication between *Victoria* and *Nanaimo*.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the non-publication in the Journals of 1877, of certain evidence given by Mr. *McCreight* before the Public Accounts Committee of last Session.

Committee to consist of Messrs. *Evans*, *Galbraith*, *Dickinson*, *Morrison*, and the mover.

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

That this House go into Committee of the Whole on Wednesday next, to take into consideration the expediency of recommending to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the desirability of offering a bonus to any person or company who shall, within the next three years, erect, either at *Nanaimo*, *Departure Bay*, *Quadra*, *Comox*, or *Texada Island*, a Blast Furnace capable of smelting _____ tons per annum of good merchantable pig iron. The said bonus not to exceed the following rates up to five thousand tons per annum:—1st year, \$2 per ton; 2nd year, \$1 50 per ton; 3rd year, \$1 per ton.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down copies of correspondence between the Government and Mr. *Derby*.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down, in a printed form, copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, or any person acting on their behalf, and the applicants for the position of Resident Physician of the Lunatic Asylum.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down, in a printed form, copies of all correspondence and papers between the Architect, Contractors, Superintendents, Resident Physician, and Commissioners, in reference to the Lunatic Asylum, *New Westminster*.

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

Whereas application has been made to the Dominion Government for the exclusive right to fish in certain parts of *Fraser River*, which, if granted, will be a great injustice to the fishing interests:

That this House is, therefore, of opinion that the Government should respectfully request the Dominion Government not to grant any exclusive rights to fish for salmon in the waters of British Columbia.

Mr. *Mara* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the laws respecting the branding and marking of cattle.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Douglas* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Why is the road leading from *McNeile's* gate to *Foul Bay* allowed to be closed?

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

“The road has not yet been gazetted as a public highway.”

Mr. *Galbraith* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Has any arrangement been entered into with Mr. *Derby*, under authority of the 74th clause of the “Land Act, 1875?”

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

“No.”

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

Who is the resident Physician of Lunatic Asylum, *New Westminster*?

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

“Dr. *McNaughton Jones* has been appointed as resident Physician to the Lunatic Asylum at *New Westminster*.”

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Power of Attorney Act, 1875,’” 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, Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877,’” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

The second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend Chapter 129 of the Consolidated Statutes of British Columbia,” and of Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to encourage the mining of gold-bearing Quartz,” and of Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Ballot Act, 1877,’” was postponed until Monday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

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

That the Public Accounts, up to date, be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

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

Monday, 18th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Mara* presented a Petition from *F. J. Barnard* and others.

Mr. *Mara* presented a Petition from *Whitfield Chase* and others, which was read and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from *J. H. Turner* and others, which was read and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *Walkem* presented the first Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act respecting the Dyking of certain Lands in New Westminster District."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

Whereas the Dominion of Canada is directly interested in the development of the mineral resources of British Columbia; and, whereas, a geological survey of the gold, silver, and copper producing districts of the Province would place important information in possession of the public, thereby directing attention to their value, and tending to promote the development of the same; therefore be it *Resolved*.—

That this House is of opinion that the Government of the Dominion of Canada be requested by this Government to cause, at an early day, a complete scientific geological survey of the gold, silver, and copper producing districts of the Province to be made; and that copies of the report, maps, and diagrams be published and distributed; and that our Provincial Representatives in the Senate and House of Commons of Canada be also requested to use their influence to attain the same end.

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

That His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully moved to cause all correspondence with the Dominion Government, respecting the Acts of last Session, to be sent down to this House as early as possible.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of all correspondence with the Dominion Government respecting the Acts of last Session. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to send down to this House a Return of all Telegrams, in connection with Loan of £150,000, for which over one thousand dollars was paid by Government.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*,—

Whereas on the 1st of October, 1877, Rear-Admiral *A. F. R. de Horsey*, Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Pacific Squadron, communicated with His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor with the object of ascertaining whether, in the event of the Imperial Government entertaining the alternative proposition submitted by the Provincial Government's Minute, 21st July last, viz., that the Imperial Government should take over the Dock and complete it as an Imperial work, the Province would "contribute the site and work already done, together with the plant and material now in hand, as a gift, so that the Dock and its site would become Admiralty property."

And, whereas, on the 8th of October last, His Honour answered that the Government of the Province were not prepared to take upon themselves the responsibility of disposing of so large an amount of Provincial capital without first consulting the Legislature, but that they would engage to recommend to Parliament a gift of the site, &c., on the condition that merchant vessels shall be permitted to be docked on payment of expenses, whenever the ships of Her Majesty's squadron do not require its use:

Be it therefore resolved,—That, in view of the desirableness of ensuring the completion of the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock without further cost to the Province, this House is of opinion that it is advisable, in the event of the Imperial Government agreeing to complete the Dock as an Imperial work, to grant to the Admiralty the site, plant and material on hand, and work already done, subject to the condition that merchant vessels shall be permitted to be docked, on payment of expenses, whenever the ships of Her Majesty's Navy do not require its use; and that a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to inform Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies of the determination of this House upon the subject.

On the motion of Mr. *Williams*, the words "at an early date" were inserted after the word "Dock" in the sixteenth line of the Motion.

Mr. *Walkem* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, that the words "within a reasonable period" be inserted after the word "complete" in the eighteenth line of the Motion.

The Amendment was withdrawn by leave of the House.

On the motion of Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by Mr. *Fisher*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the words "without loss of time" be inserted after the word "work" in the eighteenth line of the Motion.

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

Mr. *W. M. Brown* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ash*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the manner in which the *Howe Sound* Trail has been managed during the years 1876 and 1877; to have power to call for persons, papers, specifications, and all documents connected therewith. Said Committee to consist of the following members:—Messrs. *E. Brown*, *Beaven*, *Pimbury*, *Morrison*, and the mover.

On the motion of Mr. *Morrison*, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*, the numbers "1873, 1874, 1875," were added to the Motion, after the word "years" in the second line.

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to cause the Dominion Government to be informed of the earnest wish of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, for the establishment of well-defined and just federal relations between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland of the one, and British North America of the other part.

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

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

Under what terms and conditions is Mr. *T. L. Stahlschmidt* acting as the Government Agent in *London*?

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

"There are no terms and conditions under which Mr. *Stahlschmidt* is acting as the Government Agent in *London*."

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—
For what services rendered, in connection with the £150,000 Loan, did Mr. *T. L. Stahlschmidt* receive \$2,572 43, and Mr. *H. H. Hughes* \$131 25?

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

	£	s.	d.
“For altering and removing brass plate, ‘Government of British Columbia’	3	10	0
June 30, Cable message	5	12	6
July 3, do.	4	19	0
Aug. 9, do.	4	14	6
Sept. 25, do.	5	3	6
Oct. 2, do.	5	12	6
Government Stamp on Bonds, 500 £100 @ 2s. 6d.	62	10	0
Do. do. 500 £200 @ 5s. 0d.	125	0	0
Preparation of Debentures, as per <i>Perkins, Bacon, & Co.’s</i> account	94	4	9
Debenture Registers, per <i>Stephens, Hayter & Co.</i>	3	3	0
	<u>£314</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
“Paid to Mr. <i>T. L. Stahlschmidt</i> , for his services in connection with the ‘British Columbia Loan Act, 1877’ ..	200	0	0
	<u>£514</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

£514 9s. 9d. @ \$5 = \$2,572 43.

“Paid Mr. *H. Hughes*, for signing Debentures, Coupons, &c., 25 guineas..... \$ 131 25”

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

Under what authority did the Government purchase Real Estate property from *T. L. Stahlschmidt*, Esq., at a cost of \$3,525? How much land did they obtain, and for what public purpose is it now used?

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

“The property referred to being offered for sale, was purchased on the authority of an Order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. It contains 1½ acres, and is let for \$15 per month, and the well is used to supply water to Government House.”

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable Mr. *Smithe* the following Question:—

Have proceeds of the “Loan Act, 1877,” been set aside or invested in order to retire Debentures outstanding under Loan Acts, 1874 and 1876? if so, what amount and in what manner?

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

“No portion of the proceeds of the Loan of 1877 has been specially set aside or invested in order to retire Debentures outstanding under the Acts of 1874 and 1876.”

Mr. *Gordon* asked Mr. *Ash*,—

To give the names of the persons, living in *Nanaimo*, from whom he gained the information, given to this House on Friday last, to the effect that the Coal Mines Regulation Act was useless, and had produced no beneficial results.

Mr. *Ash* replied as follows:—

“I should not object to gratify the curiosity of the Honourable Member, if it were proper to mention names of persons, with whom one has talked confidentially, without their consent first having been asked and given.”

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877,’” was considered.

On the motion of Mr. *Gordon*, the Bill was recommitted for the purpose of inserting an additional clause.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, the Title of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 129 of the Consolidated Statutes of British Columbia," was amended by substituting the following Title: "An Act to amend certain Acts relating to Municipalities."

Pursuant to Order, the said Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ballot Act, 1877,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Morrison*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with an amendment.

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.

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

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

Tuesday, 19th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I thank you for your dutiful and loyal Address, and for the assurance that the important subjects submitted to you will receive your earnest attention.

Government House,
19th February, 1878.

A. N. RICHARDS.

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

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Mr. *Walkem* presented the second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Mara* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Express Company."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Armstrong*, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House a return of all correspondence on the subject of the non-payment of School Tax by Chinamen in the employment of Mr. *J. S. Deas*, *Fraser River*.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877,'" 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. 5) intituled "An Act to amend certain Acts relating to Municipalities," 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, Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to encourage the mining of gold-bearing Quartz," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 2.50 o'clock, p.m.

Wednesday, 20th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Statement of Expenditure for the year 1876, and for the nine months ended 30th September, 1877, together with Returns of Revenue for the year 1877. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from "The British Columbia Milling and Mining Company (Limited)."

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

What acreage of land does *J. C. Haynes* and *W. H. Lowe* claim from Government in the *Osoyoos* District, either by pre-emption, purchase, or military grant?

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

"*J. C. Haynes* holds 694 acres under pre-emption, for which he has Crown Grants.

"*W. H. Lowe* holds 155 acres under pre-emption, for which he has a Crown Grant.

"Messrs. *Haynes* and *Lowe* have applied to purchase, under clause 62, 'Land Act, 1875,' 5,290 acres.

Mr. *Haynes* claims 600 acres on account of military grants stated to be owned by him."

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Have Messrs. *Haynes* and *Lowe* acquired any title or claim to the land in the *Okanagan Valley*, extending from the head of *Osoyoos Lake* up the valley about twelve and a half miles in length? And has the cost of survey, made by the Lands and Works Department in 1876 and 1877 for these gentlemen, been refunded to Government.

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

“Messrs. *Haynes* and *Lowe* have acquired no title or claim to any land in *Okanagan Valley*, extending from the head of *Osoyoos Lake* up the valley about twelve and a half miles in length, other than the lands referred to in my previous answer, except the title or claim acquired by their application to purchase unsurveyed land, under clause 62, ‘Land Act, 1875.’

“The cost of survey, apportioned by the Lands and Works Department in 1876 and 1877, for Messrs. *Haynes* and *Lowe*, amounted to \$384 53, of which amount \$369 58 has been refunded.”

The Order for the House to resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to take into consideration the expediency of recommending to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the desirability of offering a bonus to any person or company who shall, within the next three years, erect, either at *Nanaimo*, *Departure Bay*, *Quadra*, *Comox*, or *Texada Island*, a Blast Furnace capable of smelting _____ tons per annum of good merchantable pig iron; the said bonus not to exceed the following rates up to five thousand tons per annum:—1st year, \$2 per ton; 2nd year, \$1 50 per ton; 3rd year, \$1 per ton; was discharged, Mr. Speaker ruling that the matter was out of order.

The second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876,’” was postponed.

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

And then the House adjourned, at 2.50 o’clock p.m.

Thursday, 21st February, 1878.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Armstrong* presented a Petition from *W. H. Ladner* and others.

Mr. *Walkem* presented the third Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a further Return of copies of all correspondence with the Dominion Government respecting the Acts of last Session. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Milling and Mining Company (Limited).”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Armstrong* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Moodyville Saw Mill Company (Limited).”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the non-publication, in the Journals of 1877, of certain evidence given by Mr. *J. F. McCreight* before the Public Accounts Committee, 1877, which was read, and Ordered to be printed and published with the Journals of this Session. (*See Appendix.*)

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ash*,—

That this House is of opinion that the salaries of all persons (whether monthly or annual) in employ of the Government, should be placed in the Estimates for this and subsequent years, in detail, under the Department through which they are to be employed and paid.

Mr. *Mara* moved in amendment, that the words "as far as practicable" be inserted after the word "Estimates" in the second line of the Motion.

Amendment, and Motion as amended, put and carried.

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

That this House, whilst temporarily acquiescing in the adoption of the paragraph relating to the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock, in reply to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech at the opening of this Session, and in the Resolution on the subject of the Graving Dock introduced into this House by the Honourable *A. C. Elliott* on the 17th instant, desires to place on record that it does not thereby in any way relax the obligation of the Dominion Government to this Province under the 12th Clause of the Terms of Union, or the subsequent agreement of the Dominion Government to pay \$250,000 to this Province in lieu of the guarantee provided by the said 12th Clause of the Terms of Union with Canada, which said amount, viz., \$250,000 was not to be repaid by the Province to Canada nor interest thereon charged by Canada to this Province; and, also, that in the event of the Imperial Government failing to accept the proposition contained in the said Resolution of the 17th inst, relating to the said Dock, that the previous agreement of the Imperial Government to pay this Province £50,000 upon completion thereof remain intact.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ash*,—

That a Select Committee, with power to call for persons and papers, be appointed to enquire into, ascertain, and report what person or persons supplied *New Westminster* Gaol with meat and vegetables during 1877; the Committee to consist of Messrs. *Galbraith*, *Pimbury*, *Humphreys*, *Gordon*, and the mover.

The name of Mr. *E. Brown* was added to the Motion as one of the Committee. Motion, as amended, put and carried.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House a return of the telegrams from Mr. *T. L. Stahlschmidt*, dated respectively as follows: June 30th, cable message; July 3rd, cable message; August 9th, cable message; September 25th, cable message; October 2nd, cable message.

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

And then the House adjourned, at 2.45 o'clock p. m.

Friday, 22nd February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause the Dominion Government to be informed of the pressing need for the establishment of such Agencies as exist in other parts of the Dominion, amongst certain Indian tribes of this Province.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act for the better regulation of traffic on the highways of British Columbia."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from the *Victoria* and *Esquimalt* Railway Company.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act relating to Corporations," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act for the protection of certain Animals and Birds in British Columbia," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Thursday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.50 o'clock p. m.

Monday, 25th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Douglas* presented a Report from the Committee appointed to visit the Royal Hospital, Lunatic Asylum, and Public Schools, which was read and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Council of the City of *Victoria*, which was read.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that he will cause to be brought under the notice of the Governor-General, that serious injustice may occur in the case where petition is made to His Excellency praying for the remission of the sentence passed, in this Province, on a person convicted of an offence, through the custom which prevails of referring back, from *Ottawa*, the matter to the Judge who tried the prisoner; and that, in the opinion of this House, it would be more satisfactory if His Excellency the Governor-General would authorize, in his stead, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, at his discretion, to move the Judge, on petition being made, to send on his notes of evidence, and remarks on the case, simultaneously with any such petition.

On the motion of Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House any Report from the Indian Reserve Commissioners on the complaints made by Messrs. *Chase*, *Macpherson*, *McBryan*, and *Williams*, of *Shuswap*, relative to the action of said Commissioners.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* 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. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all letters, petitions, and other papers relative to the appointment of a Mining Engineer, and respecting the various appropriations asked for on behalf of the District of *Cariboo* for the year 1877. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, 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 Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No 15) intituled "An Act for the better regulation of Traffic on the Highways of British Columbia," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Douglas*, 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 2 o'clock on Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.50 o'clock p. m.

Tuesday, 26th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Ash* presented a Petition from the Bishop of British Columbia and others.

The Standing Orders were suspended, and Mr. *Mara* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the date of Requisition No. 1, of a payment amounting to \$278,070, and the date of the payment of two cheques amounting to \$16,590 34. The Committee to consist of Messrs. *Morrison*, *Beaven*, *Cowan*, *Douglas*, and *Mara*.

The Motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire whether clauses 6 and 7 of the First Report of Public Accounts Committee of 1877 are correct, and whether there was any special authority on requisition for the payment of the sum of \$16,590 34 to Messrs. *Toime* and *Finlayson*, and to enquire the date of the Lands and Works vouchers relative thereto, and what officers of the Executive Council were acquainted with the transaction. The Committee to consist of Messrs. *Morrison*, *Beaven*, *Douglas*, *Cowan*, and *Mara*.

Mr. *Ash* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the County Courts Ordinance, 1867."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. *Ash* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Fees Ordinance, 1870.'"

Ordered, That leave be 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 2 o'clock on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act for the better regulation of traffic on the highways of British Columbia."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

Wednesday, 27th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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.

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

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Ordered, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Ordered, That this House will, on Tuesday 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.

Mr. *Walkem* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Questions:—

What is the approximate electoral vote of each of the constituencies proposed to be formed under the Constitution Amendment Bill?

Upon what plan or basis have the proposed electoral divisions been formed?

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

"Kootenay	47
Kamloops	119
Okanagan	76
Nicola	50
Yale	130
Chilliwack	180
New Westminster	230
New Westminster City	195
Burrard Inlet	180
Lillooet	70
Clinton	70
Alexandria	100
Stanley	90

Cariboo	160
Cassiar	
Victoria City	950
Victoria District	210
Cowichan	140
Esquimalt	132
Nanaimo	250
Nanaimo City	235
Comox	81
Islands District	85

- "1. In some cases the plan or basis has been area;
- "2. In some cases population;
- "3. In some, community or diversity of interests;
- "And in some, for all these reasons."

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to make a trail from the *Forks of Leech River*—end of present trail—to *San Juan River*? Distance computed to be about 25 miles.

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

"The matter has been brought before the notice of the Government by the senior member for the district, Mr. *Fisher*, and is under consideration."

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act for the better regulation of traffic on the highways of British Columbia."

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia."

The second reading was postponed.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Statement of the Expenditure of the Province of British Columbia for the years 1874, 1875, and 1876; a Statement of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Province of British Columbia for 1874, 1875, and 1876; a Statement showing the financial position of the Province of British Columbia on 31st December, 1877; a Prospectus of the Loan of £150,000, and Telegrams and copies of Telegrams relative to the said Loan. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act for the protection of certain Animals and Birds in British Columbia," was considered.

Mr. *Beaven* moved,—

That Bill No. 8 be recommitted for the purpose of amending—

Clause 2. By inserting at the commencement, "except as is hereinafter provided."

Sub-section 1. By striking out "wild rabbits," and by striking out "1st" and inserting "10th" before "day of August."

Sub-section 2. After the word "quail" insert "water fowl which are known as mallard duck," and "10th" instead of "20th" day of August.

Insert as Clause 12—"Nothing in this Act shall be construed into preventing any resident farmer from killing deer of the male species, that he finds depasturing within his cultivated fields, at any time."

Clause 10. Strike out all the words after "Department," on the fourth line, to the end of the section, and insert in lieu thereof "until a petition, signed by a majority of the voters of an electoral district, has been received by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, requesting that this Act be made applicable to such district, and notice to that effect has been inserted in the *British Columbia Gazette*."

The Motion was amended by striking out the words "be recommitted for the purpose of amending," in the first line of the Motion, and by inserting the words "be amended as follows," in lieu thereof.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act relating to Corporations."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of copies of telegrams, petitions, and correspondence between the Trustees of the *Cache Creek* School and the Government, since February 1st, 1876. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

And then the House adjourned, at 5.45 o'clock p.m.

Thursday, 28th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend 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 Monday next.

Mr. *W. M. Brown* moved, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House a Return of all letters written by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, to the junior member for *Lillooet*, during the months of July and August 1876, referring to the construction of the road from *Kelly's* to *Big Bar Creek* and other works within the *Lillooet* District.

Mr. *Ash* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*,—

That the following words be added to the Motion:—"and that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the nature of the correspondence alleged to have passed between the junior member for *Lillooet* and the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, regarding the construction of certain public works in said district, and to report thereon to this House. The Committee to consist of Messrs. *E. Brown*, *Dickinson*, *Williams*, *W. M. Brown*, and *Evans*."

The Amendment moved by Mr. *Ash*, and the Motion as amended, was put and carried.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of copies of correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, or any person acting on their behalf, and the applicants for the position of Resident Physician of the Lunatic Asylum. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

The Standing Orders were suspended, and the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smith*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the charges made by the Members for *Kootenay* (Messrs. *Gallagher* and *Galbraith*) against Mr. *Elliott*. The Committee to consist of Messrs. *Mara*, *Morrison*, *Gordon*, *Beaven*, and *Walkem*.

The Motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Royal Commission be immediately appointed, with power to take evidence under oath, and send for persons and papers, to enquire into the statements made by the Members for *Kootenay* (Messrs. *Gallagher* and *Galbraith*), that the leader of the Government had, through his *Kootenay* agents or otherwise, and alone or in connection with any other Member of this House, virtually endeavoured to influence the representatives or electors of the district, by offering to him, Mr. *Gallagher*, \$1,000 and the Government constablenesship, filled by *Geo. A. Kelly*, worth \$1,400 a year, and inside of three months the best position in the gift of the Government.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 6 o'clock p. m.

Friday, 1st March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Speaker presented to the House a Statement of Mileage paid to Members of the Legislative Assembly, for the years 1872 to 1877, inclusive; and informed the House that the declarations were in the Clerk's hands, and could be inspected at any time.

Mr. *Walkem* presented the Fourth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Mara* presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts. (*See Appendix.*)

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The adjourned debate on the Motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*,—"That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Royal Commission be immediately appointed, with power to take evidence under oath, and send for persons and papers, to enquire into the statements made by the Members for *Kootenay* (Messrs. *Gallagher* and *Galbraith*), that the leader of the Government had, through his *Kootenay* agents or otherwise, and alone or in connection with any other Member of this House, virtually endeavoured to influence the representatives or electors of the district, by offering to him, Mr. *Gallagher*, \$1,000 and the Government constablenesship filled by *Geo. A. Kelly*, worth \$1,400 a year, and inside of three months the best position in the gift of the Government,"—was resumed.

Mr. *Williams* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to call for persons and papers, to enquire into the statements made by the Members for *Kootenay* (Messrs. *Gallagher* and *Galbraith*), that the leader of the Government had, through his *Kootenay* agents or otherwise, and alone or in connection with any other Member of this House, virtually endeavoured to influence the representatives or electors of the district, by offering to him, Mr. *Gallagher*, \$1,000 and the Government constablenesship, filled by *Geo. A. Kelly*,

worth \$1,400 a year, and inside of three months the best position in the gift of the Government; and to report to this House, immediately, as to whether it is advisable to request His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire into the subject.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of copies of correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments, with reference to the establishment of Telegraphic communication between *Victoria* and *Nanaimo*.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.50 o'clock p. m.

Monday, 4th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Douglas* presented a Report from the Committee appointed to enquire whether clauses 6 and 7 of the First Report of Public Accounts Committee of 1877 are correct, and whether there was any special authority on requisition for the payment of the sum of \$16,590 34 to Messrs. *Tolmie* and *Finlayson*, and to enquire the date of the Lands and Works vouchers relative thereto, and what officers of the Executive Council were acquainted with the transaction, which was received and laid on the Table. (*See Appendix.*)

Ordered, That the plans and specifications, in the hands of the Government, that have been submitted by Mr. *E. L. Derby* for dyking *Sumass*, *Chilliwack*, and *Matsqui*; also the maps showing the lands (if any) to be granted for such work, be submitted to the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Ash* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to authorize the Bishop of Columbia to convey certain lands, hereditaments, and premises to Trustees, and to incorporate the said Trustees and enable them to hold lands."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Minority Report from the Committee appointed to enquire whether clauses 6 and 7 of the First Report of the Public Accounts Committee of 1877 are correct, and whether there was any special authority on requisition for the payment of the sum of \$16,590 34 to Messrs. *Tolmie* and *Finlayson*, and to enquire the date of the Lands and Works vouchers relative thereto, and what officers of the Executive Council were acquainted with the transaction, which was received and laid on the Table. (*See Appendix.*)

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The adjourned debate on the proposed Amendment moved by Mr. *Williams*,—"That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to call for persons and papers, to enquire into the statements made by the Members for *Kootenay* (Messrs. *Gallagher* and *Galbraith*), that the leader of the Government had, through his *Kootenay* agents or otherwise, and alone or in connection with any other Member of this House, virtually

"endeavoured to influence the representatives or electors of the district, by offering to him, Mr. *Gallagher*, \$1,000 and the Government constablenesship, filled by *Geo. A. Kelly*, worth \$1,400 a year, and inside of three months the best position in the gift of the Government; and to report to this House, immediately, as to whether it is advisable to request His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire into the subject,"—was resumed.

Mr. *Walkem* moved, in amendment, to substitute the following for the proposed Amendment moved by Mr. *Williams*:—

"And whereas the Member for *Comox* stated in his place in the House, on the 1st day of March instant, that the leader of the Government had procured the place of Police Magistrate through bribery, which charge has been denied by the leader of the Government; and whereas it is above all things desirable that the pure character of our Courts of Justice should be preserved unblemished, be it therefore further resolved:

"That His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to instruct the Commission which may be appointed, to enquire, without delay, into all the facts and circumstances bearing upon the latter charge, and to report to His Honour forthwith, in order that the same may be dealt with by the House during its present Session; and that all the other charges made by the Member for *Comox*, on the same day, in his place in the House, that is to say, that the leader of the Government had lost his County Court Judgeship from ignominious causes, and had occupied a sinecure position as Sheriff of this Province, taking half the fees from those who did the work, and that he had reason to believe that Mr. *Humphreys* was allowed to sit in Council after it had been determined to get rid of him when the Session was over, be also examined into."

The Amendment moved by Mr. *Walkem* was put and carried.

The original Motion, as amended, was put and carried.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in all matters which relate to the printing executed by order of the House; and for the purpose of selecting and arranging for printing Returns and papers presented in pursuance of Motions made by Members.

The said Committee to consist of the following gentlemen: Messrs. *Beaven*, *Douglas*, *Armstrong*, *Mara*, and *Dickinson*.

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

That the following words be added to clause 26, Rules, Orders, and Forms of Proceeding of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia:—

"And shall have precedence over all other Orders, except Government Orders"

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to Minerals, other than Coal, found in lodes or veins, and to amend the 'Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

That this House recommend that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council take into consideration the expediency of issuing a new General Commission of the Peace, under the provisions of the "Magistrates' Act, 1877."

The Motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Mr. *Tolmie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to afford owners and occupiers of land a summary remedy in certain cases of Trespass.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, requesting that a Return be sent down to this House of all moneys received during the years 1875, 1876, and 1877, from leases of timber lands in this Province, giving the names of said lessees, the number of acres held by each respectively, and where such lands are located.

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

Mr. *Galbraith* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

Has the Province a Government Agent, or Immigration Agent, at *London*? if so, who are the officers, and what are the nature of the arrangements, financial or otherwise, under which they act?

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

“Mr. *T. L. Stahlschmidt* was appointed General Agent for the Province in *London* under Order in Council, approved by the Governor 26th April, 1877. No Salary.”

Mr. *Galbraith* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

What are the names, and what are the conditions under which salaried officers of the Government have been absent from their duties since 1st February, 1876.

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

“*C. Good*, Deputy Provincial Secretary, six months' leave from 11th January, 1877. Leave extended three months, 7th March, 1877.

“First three months Mr. *Good* received full pay, Government paying substitute one hundred dollars per month; during balance of leave Mr. *Good* paid substitute.

“*A. W. Vowell*, granted leave of absence from his district (17th July, 1877) during the winter months of 1877-8; full pay.

“*S. Redgrave* same as Mr. *Vowell*, with the proviso that one of the latter's staff should act as Recorder during Mr. *Redgrave*'s absence.

“*C. E. Pooley* (17th July, 1877) six months' leave of absence. Full pay first three months, Government paying substitute one hundred dollars per month; next three months Mr. *Pooley* to pay substitute.”

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*,—

That this House is of opinion that the \$259,500, seven per cent. Debentures (Statute 1876) deposited in 1876 with the Bank of British Columbia, as collateral security against overdraft, and to retire which the “British Columbia Loan Act, 1877,” was assented to by this House, should have been cancelled by the Government; and the Resolution of this House of the 16th April, 1876, in reference to Debentures, complied with; the existence of the said Debentures so uncanceled being contrary to the spirit of the said Statute.

Mr. *Mara* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*,—

That this House is of opinion that the Debentures, amounting to \$259,500, deposited with the Bank of British Columbia on the 3rd July, 1876, as collateral security, and afterwards withdrawn and lodged in the Treasury, should be cancelled, in order to comply with the spirit of the “British Columbia Loan Act, 1877.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 5th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of a Report of the Indian Reserve Commissioners on the complaints made by Messrs. *Chase*, *Macpherson*, *McBryan*, and *Williams*, of *Shuswap*, relative to the action of said Commissioners. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

The name of Mr. *Morrison* was substituted for that of Mr. *Douglas* on the Printing Committee.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Act, 1873.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The adjourned debate on the proposed Amendment moved by Mr. *Mara*,—"That "this House is of opinion that the Debentures, amounting to \$259,500, deposited with "the Bank of British Columbia on the 3rd July, 1876, as collateral security, and after- "wards withdrawn and lodged in the Treasury, should be cancelled, in order to comply "with the spirit of the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1877,'"—was resumed.

And the original Motion being put, the same was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.</i>	<i>Gallagher.—11.</i>
<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith, R</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Pimbury.—13.</i>
<i>Brown, E</i>			

The proposed Amendment, moved by Mr. *Mara*, was put and carried.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No 15) intituled "An Act for the better regulation of Traffic on the Highways of 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.

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

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Beaven* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Corporation of Victoria Water Works Act, 1873.'"

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act for the protection of certain Animals and Birds in British Columbia," was considered.

The Bill was amended by inserting the words "Except as is hereinafter provided," at the commencement of Clause 2 :

By striking out the words "wild rabbits" in the first line of Sub-section 1 of Clause 2 :

By striking out the word "1st" in the second line of Sub-section 1 of Clause 2, and inserting the word "10th" in lieu thereof :

By striking out the words "20th" in the third line of Sub-section 2 of Clause 2, and inserting the word "10th" in lieu thereof :

By adding the following as Sub-section 3 of Clause 2 :—"Water fowl, which are known as mallard ducks, between the 1st day of March and the 15th day of July :"

By striking out all the words after the word "Department," in Clause 10, and inserting the following in lieu thereof :—"until a petition, signed by a majority of the voters of an electoral district, has been received by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council,

requesting that this Act be made applicable to such district, and notice to that effect has been inserted in the *British Columbia Gazette*:"

By inserting the following as Clause 12:—"Nothing in this Act shall be construed into preventing any resident farmer from killing deer that he finds depasturing within his cultivated fields, at any time."

Mr. *Williams* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gordon*,—

That the Report be again considered this day, six months.

The Motion was put and negatived.

The further consideration of the Report on the Bill, was adjourned until Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 5 45 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday, 6th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Walkem* presented the Fifth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Ordered, That the following Bills be read a second time to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Express Company."

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Milling and Mining Company (Limited)."

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Moodyville Saw Mill Company (Limited)."

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Evans*,—

That the Report of the Select Committee, and evidence, submitted by Mr. *Douglas*, on 4th March, 1878, be not received, but that it be referred back to a Select Committee of five, to be chosen by ballot by this House, to report whether Orders in Council were not submitted and approved by Lieutenant-Governor *Trutch* before the following obligations were incurred, in 1874 and 1875, in connection with the Graving Dock, for which requisition for about \$149,000 was made by Lands and Works Department for Graving Dock Account in 1875, viz:—Ordering Cement; ordering Dock Machinery; appointment of Engineer-in-Chief; purchase of Site, *Thetis Cove*; and Contract for Cofferdam.

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

That the Report of the Select Committee, and evidence, submitted by Mr. *Douglas*, on the 4th March instant, be received; and that a Select Committee of five be chosen, by ballot, to report whether Orders in Council were not submitted to and approved by Lieutenant-Governor *Trutch* before the following obligations were incurred, in 1874 and 1875, in connection with the Graving Dock, for which requisition for about \$149,000 was made by Lands and Works Department for Graving Dock Account in 1875, viz:—Ordering Cement; ordering Dock Machinery; appointment of Engineer-in-Chief; purchase of Site, *Thetis Cove*; and Contract for Cofferdam.

The Amendment was put and carried, on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Elliott,
Smithe,
Vernon,

Tolmie,
Dickinson,
Smith, R

Mara,
Gordon,
Fisher,

Morrison,
Douglas,
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NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Brown, W M</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>
<i>Galbraith,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Humphreys—10.</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>		

The following Members were chosen by ballot to form the Committee:—Messrs. *Mara, Beaven, Morrison, Douglas, and Ash.*

Mr. *Smith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consolidated Public School Act, 1876.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to send down to this House a Return of the names and occupations of the parents of the pupils attending the High School at *Victoria*.

On the motion of Mr. *Armstrong*, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House Returns of all rents due on Pastoral Leases since 1870.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Supplementary Report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, from the 1st to 31st December, 1877. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to Minerals, other than Coal, found in lodes or veins, and to amend the 'Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,'" was read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* and Messrs. *Walkem, Cowan, Evans, Morrison, Galbraith, and Gallagher*, with instructions to amend the Bill, if advisable, and report such amendments to the House.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Fees Ordinance, 1870,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.40 o'clock p. m.

Thursday, 7th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *E. Brown* presented a Petition from *James Morrison*.

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

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the following Amendment:—

That Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act for the protection of certain Animals and Birds in British Columbia," be amended, by inserting the following in lieu of Clause 5 of the Bill:—

"It shall be lawful for any Magistrate, upon information on oath that a breach of any of the provisions of this Statute has been committed, to issue his warrant for the arrest of such person or persons: Provided, always, that such warrant shall not remain in force for a longer period than ten days."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act for the protection of certain Animals and Birds in British Columbia," was further considered.

The Bill was re-committed, for the purpose of considering the Amendment proposed by Mr. *Smith*.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Dickinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with the proposed amendment.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

Whereas at a meeting of the Pilotage authority for the Pilotage District of British Columbia, held at *Victoria* on the 16th day of February, A. D. 1878, the following resolution was adopted, pending ratification by the Governor-General in Council:—

"That in future *Esquimalt* shall be free from Pilotage and come under same clause (No. 12) with *Royal Roads*, under the following conditions, viz.:—When a vessel is bound for any other port in the Province, either laden or in ballast, and does not discharge nor receive any cargo, passengers, or mails, but simply enters it as a harbour of refuge, then the ship shall be exempt from Pilotage, except always that a Pilot is actually engaged by the Captain for such services."

Therefore be it resolved, that this House is of opinion that the Government of the Dominion of Canada be requested by this Government to cause, at an early day, the erection of a suitable beacon on *Scrogg Rocks*, at the entrance of *Esquimalt Harbour*, and buoys on the rocks off the south-west point of *Inskip Islands* and *White Rock*, as a guide to vessels entering the said Harbour.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to authorize the Bishop of British Columbia to convey certain lands, hereditaments, and premises held by him, under the authority of Letters Patent, to Trustees, and to incorporate the said Trustees and enable them to hold lands," be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Do the Government intend to grant applications for land in Township 26, *New Westminster*, which were made during the year 1876, and up to 1st September, 1877?

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

"The matter is under the consideration of the Government, and will be dealt with shortly."

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to buy the wharf reputed to belong to Mr. *Ebenezer Brown*, and situate on the left bank of the *Fraser* opposite the City of *New Westminster*?

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

"No."

Pursuant to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia."

And the question being put "That the Bill be now read a second time,"

Mr. *Ash* moved, in amendment,—

That all the words after "That" be struck out and the following substituted: "this bill be read a second time not now, but after the receipt by this House of the Report of

the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the charge made against the Honourable the Attorney-General of having improperly secured the office of Police Magistrate of the City of *Victoria*."

And then the House adjourned at 5.30, p.m., until half-past seven o'clock, p.m.

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

The second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia," was postponed until to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Moodyville Saw Mill Company (Limited)," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, 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 House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act relating to Corporations."

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

The Standing Orders were suspended, and on the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, clause 1 of the Bill was amended as follows:—

By inserting the word "or" between the words "dyking" and "draining" in the second line;

By striking out the word "or" after the word "draining" in the second line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "purposes or for."

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Court Ordinance, 1867,'" was read a second time.

And on the question being put "That the Bill be committed on Monday next,"

Mr. *Walkem* moved, in amendment,—

That the Bill be committed this day six months.

The Amendment was put and negatived.

The original motion was put and carried.

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

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

That the Committee on Private Bills be furnished, by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, with such plans and specifications as will meet the requirements of Mr. Derby's Dyking Bill, the promoter agreeing to pay any necessary costs.

Pursuant to Order Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10.20 o'clock, p.m.