

Monday, 1st March, 1909.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. A. Collison*.

The Hon. Dr. *Young* presented papers relating to Chapter 23 of the Acts of 1908, being "An Act to Regulate Immigration into British Columbia."

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows :—

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1898,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
1st March, 1909.

Ordered, That the said Message and the Bill accompanying the same be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1898,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting of the House :—

By the Hon. Mr. *McBride*—Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act.'"

By the Hon. Dr. *Young*—Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to provide for the Inspection of Hospitals, Orphanages, Sanitariums, Maternity Homes, and places where Persons are undergoing Medical or Health Treatment."

By Mr. *McPhillips*—Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act respecting Assignment of Wages or Salaries to be earned in the Future."

Mr. *Kergin* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions :—

1. What amount was spent last year, between 31st of March and 31st of December, by *H. D. Brown* at Bella Coola?
2. What amount out of this did he personally receive as foreman of the work?
3. What amount was spent last year, between 31st of March and 31st of December, by *F. A. Johnson* at Bella Coola?
4. What amount of this did he personally receive as foreman of work?
5. What was the expense of keeping *H. P. O'Farrel* in Bella Coola during last year, between 31st of March and 31st of December?
6. What was the total expense to the Government of sending *C. L. McCannan* and Mr. *Cammon* to Bella Coola to report on roads, during 1907?
7. Were these last amounts charged against the Bella Coola Waggon Road?

The Hon. Mr. *Taylor* replied as follows:—

- " 1. \$1,422.79.
- " 2. \$281.75.
- " 3. \$2,446.08.
- " 4. \$769.50.
- " 5. \$1,267.
- " 6. \$994.75.
- " 7. Yes."

Mr. *Jardine* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands the following questions:—

1. The amount of revenue obtained from timber licences and royalties on Vancouver Island for the years 1906, 1907, 1908 and 1909?
2. Specifying the amount of royalties obtained within the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Land Grant for the above years?

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* replied as follows:—

Year.	Licence Fee.	Royalties.	Total.
" 1. 1906.....	\$ 45,500.....	\$27,260.....	\$ 72,760.
1907.....	259,280.....	28,353.....	287,633.
1908.....	453,320.....	11,843.....	465,163.
1909.....	469.....	None collected.....	469 to date.

" 2. Timber within E. & N. Railway Grant is not subject to Royalty, therefore none has been collected."

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

What moneys have been paid each month to Mr. *A. A. Cruikshanks*, of Chilliwack, during the year 1908 and the month of January, 1909, and for what particular service in each case?

The Hon. Mr. *Taylor* replied as follows:—

Statement showing Moneys paid each month to A. A. Cruikshanks during 1908 and January, 1909.

Date.	Service as Caretaker, Chilliwack Dyke.		Chilliwack Protection Work.			Coquitlam Drainage Ditch as per con- tract, Feb. 10th to April 15th.	Matsqui Protection Work.			Total.
	Wages.	Horse Hire.	Pay as Supt.	Horse Hire.	Hire of Team.		Pay as Supt.	Sundry Ex- penses.	Hire of Team.	
1908.										
Jan...	\$24 20	.....	\$30 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 80 20
Feb.....	.....	.....	125 00	25 00	101 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	251 50
March.....	.....	.....	50 00	15 00	60 50	.....	\$105 00	\$32 20	\$50 50	313 20
April.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$2,200 00	160 00	20 90	47 50	2,428 40
May.....	30 00	\$12 00	70 00	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	126 00
June.....	27 50	.....	70 00	21 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	118 50
July.....	65 00	15 00	20 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	106 00
Aug... ..	65 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65 00
Sept... ..	30 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Oct... ..	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Nov... ..	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Dec... ..	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
1909.										
Jan... ..	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
	\$361 70	\$27 00	\$365 00	\$87 00	\$182 00	\$2,209 00	\$265 00	\$53 10	\$98 00	\$3,638 80
<i>Less amount refunded by the Dominion Government ...</i>			182 50	43 50	91 00	.....	132 50	26 55	49 00	525 05
			182 50	43 50	91 00	\$2,200 00	\$132 50	\$26 55	\$49 00	\$3,113 75

Pursuant to Order, the Resolutions reported from Committee of Supply on 24th, 25th and 26th February, were received, read a first time and taken as read.
Resolutions to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to declare the Rights of the Crown in respect to Water and Water Power, and to amend and Consolidate the Laws of the Province relating to the Diversion, Acquisition and Use of Water," was committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Act,'" was committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until eight o'clock this evening.

And then the House adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Monday, 1st March, 1909.

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Resolutions reported from Committee of Supply on 24th, 25th and 26th February, were read a second time and taken as read.
Third reading to-morrow.

On the third reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act further to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* moved that the order for the third reading be discharged and the Bill be referred back to Committee of the Whole, with instructions to consider the following amendment:—

"3. Section 14 of Chapter 138 of the Revised Statutes, 1897, aforesaid, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sub-section:—

"(a.) Every person employed underground in any mine shall be paid at intervals not to exceed once in every two weeks, and no contract shall be entered into that provides for payment of wages or remuneration at intervals longer than once in every two weeks."

A point of order having arisen, a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors' Act,'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ditches and 'Water-courses Act, 1907,'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the Law of Vendor and Purchaser, and to Simplify Titles," was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow :—

Bill (No. 37) intituled “ An Act with respect to the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia.”

Bill (No. 42) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Bush Fire Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 7) intituled “ An Act to amend the “ Municipal Elections Act.” ”

Bill (No. 45) intituled “ An Act authorising the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant to the City of Victoria Lot 921 in said City, used as the site of the Kingston Street Fire Hall.”

Bill (No. 8) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Municipal Clauses Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 46) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 47) intituled “ An Act to provide for the Inspection of Hospitals, Orphanages, Maternity Homes, and places where Persons are undergoing Medical or Health Treatment.”

Bill (No. 67) intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the Portland Canal Short Line Railway Company.

The Report on Bill (No. 56) intituled “ An Act to enable the Coldstream Estate Company, Limited, and the White Valley Irrigation and Power Company, Limited, to amalgamate their Water Rights,” was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 54) intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the Prince Rupert and Port Simpson Railway Company,” was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 63) intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the Graham Island Railway Company,” was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 69) intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver and Northern Railway Company,” was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 58) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900,’ ” was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 52) intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Permanent Loan Company,” a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 1:05 A.M. Tuesday, 2nd March.

Tuesday, 2nd March, 1909.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. A. Collison*.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Fernie," was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at next sitting.

Pursuant to Order the Resolutions reported from Committee of Supply on 24th, 25th and 26th February, were read a third time and agreed to.

On the motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Honourable the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty, the following sums be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of British Columbia:—

\$	153,100.46	for the financial year ending 30th June, 1908.
	1,030,638.55	for the nine months ending 31st March, 1909.
	5,615,798.11	for the financial year ending 31st March, 1910.

\$6,799,537.12

The Chairman reported the Resolution.

Report received and adopted.

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* presented Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

Ordered, That the same be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," be reported to the House.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill read a first time.

Second reading at next sitting.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors' Act,'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ditches and Water-courses Act, 1907,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the Law of Vendor and Purchaser, and to Simplify Titles," was adopted on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>
<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>
<i>Munro,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Mackay,</i>
<i>McBride.</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Parson,</i>
<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Behnsen,</i>	<i>Davey—26.</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Young,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>King,</i>	<i>Eagleson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>McInnis—7.</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Jardine,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to declare the Rights of the Crown in respect to Water and Water Power, and to amend and Consolidate the Laws of the Province relating to the Diversion, Acquisition and Use of Water," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Farmers' Institutes and Co-operation Act,'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting.

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

Mr. *Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What has the recently completed section of the Rossland-Trail Road cost?
2. Did the Government Engineer report against its construction?

The Hon. Mr. *Taylor* replied as follows:—

"1. \$10,432.04.

"2. *H. B. Smith*, C. E., was engaged by the Government to report on this work, and his report was favourable."

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

How much money was paid to Mr. *H. Freeman*, of Aldergrove, in each month of the calendar year 1908 for each particular piece of work, and for what particular service in each case?

The Hon. Mr. *Taylor* replied as follows:—

Amount.	Month.	Work.	Service.
"\$40.00	August	Yale Road, Section 4	Foreman.
5.00	October	"	Rent of shack.
.75	"	"	Supplies.
59.25	"	"	Powder, fuse, &c.
32.00	"	"	Foreman.
48.00	"	"	"
48.00	November	"	"
28.00	"	"	"
11.00	"	"	Supplies.
6.50	"	"	Lumber.
8.85	"	"	Supplies
19.25	"	"	Powder and fuse.
12.80	"	"	Supplies.
76.00	December	"	Foreman."

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What was the cost of re-covering bridges between Aldergrove and Abbotsford during the calendar year 1908?
2. To whom were the moneys paid, with the amount paid and service rendered in each case?

The Hon. Mr. *Taylor* replied as follows:—

“ 1. \$864.19.

Name.	Service.	Amount.
“ 2. A. A. Cruickshank.....	Superintendent.....	\$124.50
T. H. Lehman	Foreman	68.00
D. B. McDougall	Labourer	32.50
V. Ferguson	“	32.50
H. Ryder	Teamster	85.00
R. Lehman	“	85.00
A. Lehman	“	85.00
Abbotsford Lumber Co., Ltd.....	Lumber	327.69
William Miller	Hardware	24.00.”

Mr. *McPhillips* presented the Ninth Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 2nd, 1909.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways beg leave to report as follows:—

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 66) intituled “ An Act respecting the Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway,” and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. E. MCPHILLIPS,
Chairman.

The report was received.

And then the House adjourned at 5:59 P.M.

Tuesday, 2nd March, 1909.

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 2) intituled “ An Act to declare the Rights of the Crown in respect to Water and Water Power, and to amend and Consolidate the Laws of the Province relating to the Diversion, Acquisition and Use of Water,” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 12) intituled “ An Act to amend the Law of Vendor and Purchaser, and to Simplify Titles,” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 56) intituled “ An Act to enable the Coldstream Estate Company, Limited, and the White Valley Irrigation and Power Company, Limited, to amalgamate their Water Rights,” was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900,'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 59)—An Act to amend the "False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904."

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Hardy Bay and Quatsino Sound Railway Company,"

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Permanent Loan Company."

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Corporation of Victoria Water Works Act, 1873,' and the 'Victoria Water Works Amendment Act,' Chapter 64 of the Statutes of 1892, and to give additional powers," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting the Consolidation of the Mining Claims and Water Rights of John Hopp," a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act respecting the Profession of Medicine and Surgery," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:55 P.M.

Wednesday, 3rd March, 1909.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. H. A. Collison.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Prince Rupert and Port Simpson Railway Company."

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Graham Island Railway Company."

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900.'"

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Goat River Water, Power and Light Company, Limited," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904,'" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Hardy Bay and Quatsino Sound Railway Company," was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Permanent Loan Company," was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting the Consolidation of the Mining Claims and Water Rights of John Hopp."

The debate was again adjourned until the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until half-past eight o'clock this evening.

And then the House adjourned at 6 P.M.

Wednesday, 3rd March, 1909.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Oliver* on February 24th, as follows:—

"Whereas it would appear that the cost of coal to the consumer in the Province of British Columbia is out of all proportion to the cost of production; and

"Whereas, owing to the abundance of the coal deposits in this Province and the proximity of the sources of supply to the market, the cost of coal to the consumer in British Columbia should be much less than at present is the case; and

"Whereas the excessive price of coal in British Columbia has the effect of retarding and preventing the establishment in this Province of industries depending upon a fuel supply; and

"Whereas much of the product of the coal mines of the Province is being exported to foreign markets and sold at a price that enables it to compete with coal from other countries in such foreign markets; and

"Whereas a belief exists that an understanding exists between the persons or corporations controlling or owning such coal mines to maintain the high prices now being charged to consumers in this Province;

"Therefore, be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by this House praying him to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the following questions:—

"1. Whether or not a combine or understanding exists amongst the coal producers, or any of them, of this Province to establish and maintain prices charged for coal.

"2. Whether or not coal is being sold by producers, or any of them, for consumption outside British Columbia for a less price than that sold for consumption in the Province.

"3. Whether or not the prices charged by the producers, or any of them, for coal consumed in British Columbia is excessive.

"4. Whether or not the prices charged by the producers, or any of them, of coal in British Columbia bears a reasonable proportion to the cost of production."

Upon the point of order raised by the Hon. the Premier Mr. Speaker *Eberts* gave the following decision :—

On moving the above resolution, a point of order was taken that the resolution was out of order in that if it passed, and a Royal Commission of inquiry should be appointed, an expenditure of money would of necessity have to be made, and as such a resolution did not originate in the Committee of the Whole House, it was out of order.

I do not look at a resolution of this kind, having for its main object the presentation of an address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to appoint a Commission to inquire into certain questions set out in the resolution, as an infringement of Rule 40.

The resolution asks for a Commission to inquire into certain matters of fact which, if true, would be breaches of the Criminal Law and therefore come under the administration of Justice and the good government of the Province.

The power of appointment under section 4 of the "Public Inquiries Act" authorises the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to appoint Commissioners to inquire into the administration of Justice and the good government of the Province, and as such Act authorises the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to make provision for defraying the expenses of such a Commission and a fund is provided therefor upon message, I am of the opinion that the resolution is not one in contravention of section 40 of our Rules, whereby it is declared that the House may not adopt or pass any vote, resolution, address or Bill for the appropriation of any part of the Public Revenue to any purpose that has not been first recommended by message. The resolution is in order.

D. M. EBERTS, *Speaker*.

The debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

McBride,
Bowser,
Cotton,
Ellison,
Ross,
Shatford,

McPhillips,
Thomson,
Hunter,
Fulton,
Young,

Taylor,
Macgowan,
Gifford,
Grant,
Behnsen,

Manson,
Hayward,
McGuire,
Davey,
Schofield—21.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Hall,
Eagleson,
Jones,

Yorston,
Oliver,
Macdonald,

Henderson,
Munro,
Jardine,

Brewster,
Williams,
McInnis—12.

PAIRS :

Messieurs

Garden,
Mackay,

Kergin,
Naden.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Goat River Water, Power and Light Company, Limited," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Portland Canal Short Line Railway."

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting the consolidation of the Mining Claims and Water Rights of John Hopp."

Mr. *Oliver* objected to the Bill being proceeded with, as it dealt with Crown lands and waters, the administration of same, and with Crown revenue.

Mr. Speaker *Eberts*, after debate on the point of order, reserved his decision.

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act,'" was committed.
 Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act,'" was committed.
 Reported with amendments.
 Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," was read a second time.
 To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Fernie," was read a second time.
 To be committed to-morrow.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.
 And then the House adjourned at 11:10 P.M.

Thursday, 4th March, 1909.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. E. McCoy.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Bowser Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend an Act relating to the City of Victoria, being Chapter 46 of the Statutes of 1907," was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Tatlow presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment of Depôts and Facilities for the Preparation for Market and Shipment of Provincial-grown Fruit," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
4th March, 1909.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to Provide for the Establishment of Depôts and Facilities for the Preparation for Market and Shipment of Provincial-grown Fruit," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
 Report adopted.
 Bill introduced and read a first time.
 Second reading at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. Oliver on February 24th, as follows:—

"Whereas it would appear that the cost of coal to the consumer in the Province of British Columbia is out of all proportion to the cost of production; and

"Whereas, owing to the abundance of the coal deposits in this Province and the proximity of the sources of supply to the market, the cost of coal to the consumer in British Columbia should be much less than at present is the case; and

“Whereas the excessive price of coal in British Columbia has the effect of retarding and preventing the establishment in this Province of industries depending upon a fuel supply; and
 “Whereas much of the product of the coal mines of the Province is being exported to foreign markets and sold at a price that enables it to compete with coal from other countries in such foreign markets; and

“Whereas a belief exists that an understanding exists between the persons or corporations controlling or owning such coal mines to maintain the high prices now being charged to consumers in this Province;

“Therefore, be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by this House praying him to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the following questions:—

“1. Whether or not a combine or understanding exists amongst the coal producers, or any of them, of this Province to establish and maintain prices charged for coal.

“2. Whether or not coal is being sold by producers, or any of them, for consumption outside British Columbia for a less price than that sold for consumption in the Province.

“3. Whether or not the prices charged by the producers, or any of them, for coal consumed in British Columbia is excessive.

“4. Whether or not the prices charged by the producers, or any of them, of coal in British Columbia bears a reasonable proportion to the cost of production.”

Mr. *McGuire* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Mackay*,—

That all the words in the Resolution after “Province,” at the end of the recital, be struck out, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof:—

“And whereas the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, by a Resolution passed on the 10th day of February, 1908, prayed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to request the Dominion Government, through the proper channel, to cause an inquiry to be instituted by the Dominion Department of Trade and Commerce to decide whether there exists a combine or understanding between the owners or controllers of the coal mines of this Province, whereby an excessive price is charged to consumers in the Province for coal produced from the said mines:

“And whereas said request was duly forwarded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State at Ottawa:

“Therefore, be it Resolved, That this House re-affirms the said Resolution passed on the 10th day of February, 1908; and that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be prayed to again bring said Resolution to the attention of the Dominion Government, with an urgent request that such inquiry be instituted; also that a copy of this Resolution accompany such request.”

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

Mr. *Oliver* moved, seconded by Mr. *Yorston*,—

That a Select Committee of five Members of this House, namely, Messrs. *Garden*, *Grant*, *Ross*, *Henderson* and the mover, be appointed to inquire into the truth, or otherwise, of the allegations set out in the petition of *John McLarty*, presented to this House on the 17th day of February last, with power to call for persons, papers, letters, telegrams and documents, and to examine witnesses on oath, and such Committee to report their findings and recommendations and the evidence to this House.

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

Dr. *Kergin* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

With reference to the cancelling of the commission of *R. L. McIntosh*, of Prince Rupert, as Stipendiary Magistrate, stated by you to be because “in the public interest,” what was the more particular cause why Mr. *McIntosh's* commission was cancelled?

The Hon. Mr. *Bowser* replied as follows:—

“There is no more particular cause.”

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions :—

1. Was Mr. *A. A. Cruikshank*, of Chilliwack, employed in connection with any road work in Chilliwack Electoral District during 1908?
2. If so, when was Mr. *A. A. Cruikshank* so employed?
3. In connection with what works?
4. What was the rate per day paid?
5. In what month was the service rendered?

The Hon. Mr. *Taylor* replied as follows :—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. 13th October to 30th November.
- "3. Repairing bridges, Yale Trunk Road, Matsqui.
- "4. \$5.
- "5. Answered by No. 2."

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions :—

Have any changes been made in the specifications for the new Vancouver Court House since the contract was let? If so, what changes of specifications have been made? Did such changes increase or decrease the expenditure? If so, to what extent was the expenditure increased or decreased?

The Hon. Mr. *Taylor* replied as follows :—

"Yes. Changes, Registry Office—Granite abutment arches, south area wall; basement lavatory (installing); substituting galvanized iron frames and wired glass for wood frames and sash and polished plate; nosing front steps; substituting brick in concrete; concrete, heating cellar and under front steps: extra vault doors. Increase, \$36,000, approximately.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act respecting the Profession of Medicine and Surgery," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Farmers' Institutes and Co-operation Act,'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bush Fire Act,'" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act authorising the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant to the City of Victoria Lot 921 in said City, used as the site of the Kingston Street Fire Hall," was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at next sitting

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at next sitting

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act respecting the Official Map of Alberni Townsite." was read a second time.

To be committed at next sitting.

Resolved. That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until eight o'clock this evening.

Mr. *Macgowan* presented a Petition from *John Welch*, O. M. I., praying that an Act may be passed incorporating the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Vancouver as a Corporation Sole. The Petition was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Macgowan*, seconded by Mr. *McPhillips*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Rules of the House be suspended and that the Petition be received, and that the Bill be dealt with in all its stages by the House without the interposition of the Private Bills Committee, the Bill not affecting any interest other than the Petitioners, the special circumstances and exigency of the case warranting the suspension of the Rules.

And then the House adjourned at 5:59 P.M.

Thursday, 4th March, 1909.

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Macgowan* Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to Create the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver and his Successors in Office a Corporation Sole," was introduced and read a first time.

Second Reading at the next sitting.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*—Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Police and Prisons Regulation Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Taylor*—Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the Steam Boilers Inspection Act, 1901."

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

Whereas it is in the interest of the people of this Province and of humanity that some solution of evils arising out of traffic in intoxicating liquors be arrived at:

Whereas local option, which aims at prohibition in given localities of the sale of intoxicating liquors, is objectionable from certain standpoints and ineffective as a remedy:

Whereas the Government has decided to grant a plebiscite at some future date on this question:

Whereas it has been shown that the Gothenburg system of manufacturing and distributing intoxicating liquors removes many of the evils complained of; and

Whereas it is desirable that the people of this Province, before taking a plebiscite, be seised of full information on the questions:

Be it, therefore, *Resolved*, That an Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to take into consideration the advisability of appointing a Royal Commission immediately, to inquire into all matters in relation to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in this Province, with a view to ascertaining the amount of liquor manufactured, imported and sold in the Province, the amount of capital invested, the number of wage-earners employed, the estimated profits obtained by such employment, and further to obtain such information in regard to the Gothenburg system as may enable the people to intelligently comprehend its merits or demerits, with a view to the possible adoption and establishment of this system, or a modification of it, in the Province of British Columbia.

Carried on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Behnsen,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>McInnis,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>	<i>Davey,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Schofield—19.</i>
<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>King,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Jardine,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>
<i>Eagleson,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Kergin,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Hayward—12.</i>

PAIRS :

Messieurs

<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>
<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Naden,</i>
<i>Parson,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>
<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Yorston,</i>
<i>Mackay,</i>	<i>Hall.</i>

Mr. *Naden* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions :—

1. How many hydraulic mining leases have been issued in Atlin District ?
2. The dates of same ?
3. To whom issued ?
4. By whom now held ?
5. The term of each lease ?
6. The rentals, if any, in arrear on each lease ?
7. How many leases have been cancelled ?
8. The reasons for cancellation ?
9. The number of years in arrear when cancelled ?
10. How long was Pine Creek in said District held by bedrock flume ?
11. By whom held ?
12. How much rent was paid in the first five years ?
13. To whom were rights in Pine Creek granted in 1906 ?
14. What rights and privileges were granted ?
15. What rents have been paid therefor ?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows :—

"1. 459.

"2. 1899—June 17th, 10 ; July 7th, 6 ; July 31st, 6 ; August 17th, 21 ; August 24th, 14 ; Sept. 2nd, 15 ; Sept. 4th, 4 ; Sept. 15th, 11 ; Oct. 13th, 5 ; Oct. 16th, 6 ; Oct. 20th, 3 ; Nov. 14th, 31 ; Nov. 25th, 1 ; Nov. 29th, 27 ; Dec. 4th, 1 ; Dec. 11th, 2 ; Dec. 30th, 4.

"1900—April 14th, 1 ; June 15th, 18 ; July 13th, 4 ; July 18th, 1 ; Aug. 3rd, 21 ; Aug. 22nd, 12 ; Sept. 6th, 2 ; Oct. 20th, 1 ; Nov. 3rd, 1 ; Nov. 6th, 6 ; Nov. 17th, 2.

"1901—March 21st, 3 ; March 22nd, 1 ; May 15th, 2 ; May 16th, 1 ; May 17th, 4 ; June 5th, 4 ; June 20th, 1 ; Sept. 6th, 3 ; Dec. 20th, 2 ; Dec. 23rd, 1.

"1902—May 10th, 1 ; Oct. 7th, 2 ; Nov. 25th, 2 ; Nov. 26th, 1 ; Dec. 27th, 1.

"1903—June 15th, 3 ; Aug. 18th, 9 ; Aug. 24th, 3 ; Aug. 28th, 5 ; Oct. 5th, 2 ; Oct. 17th, 1 ; Oct. 24th, 2 ; Oct. 29th, 6 ; Nov. 30th, 1.

"1904—Feb. 8th, 5 ; Feb. 27th, 3 ; March 4th, 1 ; March 12th, 1 ; March 19th, 13 ; April 27th, 1 ; May 12th, 2 ; May 14th, 5 ; May 30th, 2 ; June 22nd, 2 ; June 24th, 1 ; July 12th, 1 ; Aug. 8th, 1 ; Aug. 16th, 1 ; Aug. 17th, 2 ; Aug. 18th, 1 ; Aug. 16th, 1 ; Oct. 21st, 10 ; Nov. 9th, 8.

"1905—May 31st, 2 ; June 6th, 1 ; June 21st, 1 ; June 22nd, 2 ; June 30th, 3 ; July 15th, 2 ; July 31st, 2 ; Aug. 7th, 7 ; Aug. 12th, 1 ; Aug. 14th, 1 ; Aug. 23rd, 1 ; Aug. 28th, 4 ; Aug. 31st, 1 ; Sept. 6th, 1 ; Sept. 14th, 2 ; Sept. 18th, 3 ; Oct. 4th, 1 ; Oct. 9th, 3 ; Oct. 23rd, 1 ; Nov. 2nd, 1 ; Dec. 29th, 2 ; Dec. 31st, 5.

"1906—March 14th, 11 ; March 19th, 3 ; March 20th, 3 ; March 22nd, 2 ; May 1st, 3 ; May 16th, 1 ; May 31st, 3 ; July 3rd, 1 ; July 17th, 1 ; July 30th, 2 ; Aug. 8th, 1 ; Aug. 21st, 1 ; Sept. 12th, 3 ; Oct. 4th, 2 ; Oct. 8th, 1 ; Oct. 12th, 1 ; Oct. 30th, 2 ; Nov. 26th, 1 ; Nov. 30th, 1 ; Dec. 15th, 8.

"1907—March 9th, 1 ; April 3rd, 1 ; Aug. 9th, 1.

"3. *No. Issued to.*

- 1.—Edmunds, G.
- 2.—White, F.
- 3.—Wilson, J. B.
- 4.—Hall, G. C.
- 5.—Bodwell, E. V.
- 6.—Needham, R. B.
- 7.—Short, (Mrs.) A. H.
- 8.—Smith, W.
- 9.—Pearse, N. L.
- 10.—Christian, S. E.
- 11.—Spencer, W. A.
- 12.—Miller, J. E.
- 13.—Douglas, Ben
- 14.—Russell, J. H.
- 15.—Baillie, Wm.
- 16.—Bowell, John
- 17.—Cargill, E. C.
- 18.—Herron, C. E.
- 19.—Kilmer, J. H.
- 20.—Fairborn, J. A.
- 21.—Vickers, W. H.
- 22.—Roselli, E.
- 23.—Niskern, E. L.
- 24.—Patterson, D.
- 25.—Hawkins, E. C.
- 26.—Hawkins, (Mrs.) E. A.
- 27.—McBride, R.
- 28.—Atkins, G. J.
- 29.—Brownlee, M.
- 30.—Christopher, C.
- 31.—Graham, L. L.
- 32.—Butler, L.
- 33.—Gardiner, Amy
- 34.—Devereux, F. A.
- 35.—Fountain, John
- 36.—Doherty, G. F.
- 37.—Clifford, C. W. D.
- 38.—Dixon, T. A.
- 39.—Clifford, L. M.
- 40.—Garden, E. G.
- 41.—Mitchell, H. H.
- 42.—Gardiner, G. A.
- 43.—Courtenay, C. K.
- 44.—Russell, J. H.
- 45.—Moncrieff, R.
- 46.—Stewart, V.
- 47.—Doherty, Wm.
- 48.—Hawkins, (Mrs.) E. A.
- 49.—Hawkins, E. C.
- 50.—Keith, Phil. S.
- 51.—Stewart, C.
- 52.—Christopher, J.
- 53.—Christopher, C.
- 54.—Whiting, F. H.
- 55.—McDowell, J. E.
- 56.—Hislop, John
- 57.—Butler, Leslie
- 58.—Berdoe, A. L.
- 59.—Niskern, E. L.
- 60.—Doering, C.
- 61.—Switzer, O. T.
- 62.—Wilson, O. M.
- 63.—Canavan, H. W. E.
- 64.—Muckleston, H. B.
- 65.—Taylor, S. W.
- 66.—Young, J.
- 67.—Crom, E.
- 68.—de Lamare, E. Jaune
- 69.—Houghton, Alice
- 70.—Brownlee, A. G.
- 71.—McInnes, T. R.
- 72.—Hawkins, E. C.

No. Issued to.

- 73.—McBride, R.
- 74.—Graham, L. L.
- 75.—Christopher, C.
- 76.—Sanders, E. D.
- 77.—Ide, Lucy A.
- 78.—Gandy, E. J.
- 79.—Lowry, R. C.
- 80.—Russell, J. H.
- 81.—Spencer, W. A.
- 82.—Weir, Frank
- 83.—Davis, Edward
- 84.—Burke, Robert
- 85.—Berdoe, Josephine
- 86.—Pringle, J.
- 87.—Bennett, C. M.
- 90.—Hawkins, E. C.
- 91.—Fraser, J. A.
- 92.—Garden, G. Lee
- 93.—Jardine, Hugh
- 93A.—White, F. G.
- 94.—Kerr, John H.
- 94A.—Ruffner, J. M.
- 95.—Parsons, John H.
- 95A.—Breeze, Frank
- 96.—Couppland, Joseph
- 96A.—Volkert, C. B.
- 97.—Watson, T. M.
- 97A.—Spencer, W. A.
- 98.—Fraser, J. A.
- 98A.—Hayden, J. R.
- 99.—Rolph, A. F.
- 99A.—Rose, J. H.
- 100.—Fountain, John
- 100A.—Young, F. McB.
- 101.—Proven, J. L.
- 101A.—Radford, A.
- 102.—Doyle, D. D.
- 102A.—McBride, R.
- 103.—Angevine, G. L.
- 103A.—Calbreath, J. F.
- 104.—McDonald, A. R.
- 104A.—Turner, John
- 105.—Newton, C. D.
- 105A.—Young, H. E.
- 106.—Burton, D.
- 106A.—Wright, Charles A.
- 107.—Billett, T. R., Young, F. McB., Scheeler, D.
- 108.—Grant, A.
- 109.—Creed, D.
- 110.—Godfrey, (Mrs.) H. E.
- 111.—Belyea, A. L.
- 112.—Rannie, W., Moore, J. H.
- 113.—Adams, Fred.
- 114.—Baillie, Wm.
- 115.—Menzies, D.
- 116.—Ward, Thos. E.
- 117.—Hemlow, H.
- 118.—Lees, Carrie Todd
- 119.—Miller, Greta
- 120.—Newton, C. D.
- 121.—Watts, C. B.
- 122.—Mackay, W. J.
- 124.—Wright, C. A.
- 125.—Letherdale, John
- 126.—Barkdull, C. H., Witt, C. H.
- 127.—Johnson, A. A.
- 128.—Baxter & Broder
- 129.—Baxter & Broder
- 130.—Partridge, W. J.
- 131.—Adams, James
- 132.—Partridge & Adams
- 133.—Gineca, Louis A.

" 3. No.	<i>Issued to.</i>	No.	<i>Issued to.</i>
134.	—Mourot, Albert	206.	—Carmicheal, A.
135.	—McKenna, J. J., Fraser, J. A.	207.	—Carmichael, W.
136.	—McInnes, Frank	208.	—Cressell, Thos.
137.	—Ware, Rachel	209.	—Deeks, M. A.
138.	—Ware, F. H.	210.	—Deeks, C. A.
139.	—Ware, J. Frank	211.	—Deeks, John F.
140.	—Long, J. H.	212.	—Ware, J. F.
141.	—Brownlee, M.	213.	—Thomson, Livingston
142.	—Switzer, L. J.	214.	—Grime, W. W.
143.	—Young, H. E.	215.	—Atlin & Willow Creek Gold Mining Co.
144.	—Watts, A. E.	216.	— " " "
145.	—Miller, A. C.	217.	— " " "
146.	—Switzer, K. S.	218.	— " " "
147.	—Mackintosh, J. W.	219.	—Barrett, Wm.
148.	—Switzer, M. E.	220.	—Bradley, Wm.
149.	—Switzer, M. E.	221.	—Sage-man, T. W.
150.	—Hawkins, E. A.	222.	—Burr, W. L.
151.	—Hawkins, E. C.	223.	—Long, E. F.
152.	—Christopher, J.	224.	—McInnes, W. W. B.
153.	—Christopher, C.	225.	—Moran, J. E.
154.	—Swinehart, C.	226.	—Wilson, A. M.
155.	—McInnes, T. R. E.	227.	—White, A. W.
156.	—Clifford, C. W. D.	228.	—Mussen, P. N.
157.	—Hunter, (Mrs.) Ida	229.	—Robb, Peter
158.	—Clifford, (Mrs.) L. M.	230.	—Reid, P. J.
159.	—Englehardt, R. S.	231.	—Park, W. S.
160.	—Hunter, Gordon	232.	—Kirkland, Lillie
161.	—Lampman, P. S.	233.	—Kirkland, Thomas
162.	—Irving, John	234.	—Fairhurst & Dibble
163.	—Bethune, J. T.	235.	—Atlin Mining Co., Ltd.
164.	—Stokes, James	236.	—Atlin Lake Co., Ltd.
165.	—Jones, Thomas	237.	— " " "
166.	—Moore, W. H., Phillips, J. H.	238.	— " " "
167.	—Smith, Walter	239.	— " " "
168.	—Neligan, Mary	240.	—McNicol, Pat
169.	—Needham, R. B.	241.	—Jones, C. B.
170.	—Blackwood, Sir Francis	242.	—Ruffner, J. M.
171.	—Brownlee, J. H.	243.	— " " "
172.	—Williams, Mostyn	244.	— " " "
173.	—Hart, H.	245.	—Grant, W. P.
174.	—Studdy, Beatrice	246.	—De Witt, C. H.
175.	—Patterson, Moses	247.	—Carmicheal, A.
176.	—Trood, S. P.	248.	—Moran, J. E.
177.	—Lowry, R. C.	249.	—Anderson, W. J.
178.	—Robinson, E. A.	250.	—Societe Miniere de la B. C.
179.	—Plumbe, S. H.	251.	— " " "
180.	—Macpherson, O. J.	252.	—Cross, A. S., Thain, Anita, McIntosh, J. W
181.	—Blaikie, W.	253.	—Newberry, C. J.
182.	—Martin, John	254.	—Abbott, Frank
183.	—Mason, C. D.	255.	—Thompson, Charles
184.	—Burns, G. H.	256.	—Stewart, D. G.
185.	—Hamilton, Lord Ernest William	257.	—McDonald, A. R.
186.	—Latimer, N. H.	258.	—McLennan, John
187.	—Brook, W. M.	259.	—Mobley, F. H.
188.	—Friemuth, A. P.	260.	—Garrison, A. H.
189.	—Murton, J. F.	261.	—Stables, James
190.	—Law, P. W.	262.	—Irvine, Claude A.
191.	—Law, Emma	263.	—Mobley, Ida J.
192.	—Williamson, Geo.	264.	—Ginaca, Louis A.
193.	—Dixon, L. M.	265.	—Hirschfield, Greta Miller
194.	—Fetherstonhaugh, R. D.	266.	—Lees, Carrie Todd
195.	—Shiels, A. W.	267.	—Mussen, Philip N.
196.	—Hamilton, Lord Ernest William	268.	—Mason, C. Dubois
197.	—Reardon, J. R.	269.	—Lees, David Todd
198.	—Marpole, R.	270.	—Weir, S. D.
199.	—Lowry, R. C.	271.	—Costigan, M. C.
200.	—Morton, P. F.	272.	—Berry, A. H.
201.	—Runnalls, M. E.	273.	—Sage-man, Thomas W.
202.	—Doherty, R.	274.	—Robinson, Edward A.
203.	—Wheelock & McCloskey	275.	—Societe Miniere de la B. C.
204.	—Bethune, J. T.	276.	—Abbott, Alfred Thomas
205.	—Orr, Thomas W.	277.	—Muirhead, Charles H.

"3. No.	<i>Issued to.</i>	No.	<i>Issued to.</i>
278.	—Andrews, James	350.	—Chauvenet, Regis
279.	—Missen, Christian H.	351.	—Trotman, Venn
280.	—Brown, William	352.	—Lees, David Todd
281.	—Hart, John A.	353.	—Hirschfield, Greta Miller
282.	—Fall, Joseph	354.	—Switzer, Lilla J.
283.	—Jameson, Melbourne R.	355.	—Switzer, Kait S.
284.	—Maluin, Henry	356.	—Peterson, Antone
285.	—Letherdale, John	357.	—Jackson, Rupert A.
286.	—Dunham, John	358.	—Dymond, Robert
287.	—Grant, William Pollard	359.	—Denniston, Arthur C.
288.	—Abbott, A. T.	360.	—Richards, William
289.	—Carlson, Andy	361.	—Williams, John
290.	—Walker, Charles	362.	—Williams, Elizabeth
291.	—Swanson, Brore S.	363.	—Lumsden, Jas. D.
292.	—Hirschfield, Alfred Cyril	364.	—Stables, James
293.	—Dewey, Harry	365.	—Fetherstonhaugh, R. D.
294.	—Prescott, John T.	366.	—McDonald, Sarah
295.	—Carlson, Joseph	367.	—Knight, H. W., Jr.
296.	—Reid, James	368.	—Robinson, Wm. J.
297.	—Brown, John	369.	—Little, Frank
298.	—Ebultoft, Oscar	370.	—McDonald, D. H.
299.	—Denniston, Arthur C.	371.	—Robinson, Edward A.
300.	—Robinson, Miram E.	372.	—Robinson, Arthur P.
301.	—Lambert, Roland A.	373.	—Brown, William
302.	—Stewart, Thomas	374.	—Brownlee, J. H.
303.	—Rogers, Henry N.	375.	—Black, Robert
304.	—Curtis, Annie M.	376.	—McDonald, D. H.
305.	—Watts, Charles B.	377.	—Wheeling, N. C.
306.	—Campbell, Thos. N.	378.	—Housel, Jos.
307.	—Letherdale, John	379.	—Turnbull, J. M.
308.	—Jackson, Rupert A.	380.	—Turnbull, H. A.
309.	—Jackson, Arthur C.	381.	—Fountain, John
310.	—Dymond, Robert	382.	—Fassio, Joseph
311.	—Weiler, William F.	383.	—Foley, Michael
312.	—Kerr, George A.	384.	—Carmichael, Walter
313.	—Stewart, Jane G.	385.	—Hooper, R. P.
314.	—Wheeling, Nat C.	386.	—Taylor, W. S.
315.	—Ross, Donald	387.	—Gibbs, Robt. W.
316.	—Fetherstonhaugh, H. E.	388.	—Chauvenet, Regis
317.	—Brownlee, J. H.	389.	—Letherdale, John
318.	—Ashton, K. Winnifred	390.	—Ware, Francis H.
319.	—Ashton, Frank G.	391.	—Ware, Rachel
320.	—Pickering, Hugh	392.	—Ware, J. Frank
321.	—Bruner, William A.	393.	—Muir, William
322.	—Pine Creek Power Co., Ltd.	394.	—Ware, Wilfred G.
323.	—Garrett, Alex. E.	395.	—Dunham, John, Sr.
324.	—Brown, William	396.	—Pritchard, Richard
325.	—Abbott, Frank	397.	—Macartney, Henry
326.	—Bradley, William	398.	—Macartney, Henry
327.	—Grime, W. Wallace	399.	—Kerr, George A.
328.	—Richards, William	400.	—Pearse, Florence K.
329.	—Ross, Alex.	401.	—Pearse, Herbert P.
330.	—Ruffner, J. M.	402.	—McPherson, John
331.	—	403.	—Taylor, Charles
332.	—	404.	—Dunham, John
333.	—	405.	—Palmer, Joseph
334.	—	406.	—Roxborough, John
335.	—	407.	—Williams, John
336.	—	408.	—Williams, Elizabeth
337.	—	409.	—Dale, Eliza Jane
338.	—McLeod, Archie	410.	—Dale, Wm. J.
339.	—Ruffner, J. M.	411.	—Reid, James
340.	—Sangster, Wm.	412.	—Mannell, Stuart
341.	—Fraser, F. I.	413.	—Bartrim, W. H.
342.	—Newton, C. D.	414.	—Dale, W. J.
343.	—Cross, A. S.	415.	—Ross, Donald
344.	—Blair, Thos.	416.	—Switzer, Oliver T.
345.	—Stokes, James	417.	—Plunbe, Saml. H.
346.	—Mason, C. Dubois	418.	—McGregor, Catherine
347.	—Grime, W. Wallace	419.	—Duncan, William
348.	—McCrimmon, Alexander	420.	—Fetherstonhaugh, R. D.
349.	—Koppacher, Otto	421.	—Stukey, George W.

“3. No. Issued to.

- 422.—Boardman, Harry
- 423.—Grime, Mary K.
- 424.—Mason, Herbert W.
- 425.—Albert, Elijah E.
- 426.—Shiels, Archie W.
- 427.—Lumsden, James D.
- 428.—Mackay, Robert
- 429.—McLeod, Norman
- 430.—Green, John B. *et al.*
- 431.—Fisher, William E.
- 432.—Brown, A. N.
- 433.—Stewart, David G.
- 434.—Switzer, O. T.
- 435.—Neville, C. W. A.

No. Issued to.

- 436.—Taylor, Alexander B.
- 437.—Kershaw, Louis
- 438.—Taylor, Charles
- 439.—Wilkinson, Edward S.
- 440.—Templin, J. S.
- 441.—Berry, Albert E.
- 442.—Calvert, Hudson
- 443.—Eggert, Jules
- 444.—Taylor, Alexander B.
- 445.—McKee, Robert
- 446.—Faulkner, Hubert
- 447.—Wilkinson, Edward S.
- 448.—Solt, O. C.

“Questions 4, 5 and 6:—

No.	By Whom now Held.	Term.	Rental due to 31st Dec., 1908.
61	B. C. Land & Investment Co.	20 years.	\$ 75
62	North Columbia Gold Mining Co.	20 "	"
65	B. C. Land & Investment.	20 "	75
68	Societe Miniere de la B. C.	20 "	50
69	" "	20 "	50
70	" "	20 "	50
71	" "	20 "	50
72	" "	20 "	50
73	" "	20 "	50
74	" "	20 "	50
75	" "	20 "	50
76	" "	20 "	50
77	" "	20 "	50
78	" "	20 "	50
79	" "	20 "	50
80	" "	20 "	75
81	" "	20 "	75
82	North Col. G. M. Co.	20 "	"
93A	Pine Creek Power Co.	20 "	350
94A	" "	20 "	350
95A	" "	20 "	350
96A	" "	20 "	350
97A	" "	20 "	350
98A	" "	20 "	350
99A	" "	20 "	350
100A	" "	20 "	450
101A	" "	20 "	350
102A	" "	20 "	450
103A	" "	20 "	450
104A	" "	20 "	450
105A	" "	20 "	450
106A	" "	20 "	450
109	Pine Creek Flume Co.	20 "	50
110	Carroll & McQueen.	20 "	50
112	Pine Creek Flume Co.	20 "	50
115	" "	20 "	"
116	Carroll & McQueen.	20 "	"
117	" "	20 "	"
118	North Col. Gold M. Co.	20 "	"
119	" "	20 "	"
121	B. C. Land Investment Co.	20 "	75
130	Sipe, J. B.	20 "	50
131	"	20 "	50
132	"	20 "	150
133	Amal. McKee Creek M. Co.	20 "	50
134	" "	20 "	50
135	McKenna & Fraser.	20 "	50
136	Sipe, J. B.	20 "	50
137	"	20 "	50
138	"	20 "	50
139	"	20 "	50
148	B. C. Land Investment Co.	20 "	75
150	Sipe, J. B.	20 "	50
151	"	20 "	50
152	"	20 "	50

No.	By Whom now Held.	Term.	Rental due to 31st Dec, 1908.
153	Sipe, J. B.	20 years.	50
154	"	20 "	50
182	Spruce Creek Power Co.	20 "	50
183	Mason, C. D.	20 "	75
184	Burns, G. H.	20 "	25
185	Amal. McKee M. Co.	20 "	50
186	Spruce Creek Power Co.	20 "	75
187	"	20 "	50
188	"	20 "	50
189	"	20 "	50
194	Amal. McKee Gold M. Co.	20 "	
195	"	20 "	
196	"	20 "	
197	B. C. Land Investment Co.	20 "	50
201	"	20 "	50
202	"	20 "	50
203	McClosky, Decker <i>et al.</i>	20 "	
204	Otter Creek Dev. Co.	20 "	40
208	North Col. G. M. Co.	20 "	
209	"	20 "	
210	"	20 "	
211	"	20 "	
212	Sipe, J. B.	20 "	
215	Atlin Cons. M. Co.	20 "	
216	"	20 "	
217	"	20 "	
218	"	20 "	
221	Sageman & Robinson	20 "	
222	Otter Creek Dev. Co.	20 "	25
224	"	20 "	25
226	Spruce Creek Power Co.	20 "	50
227	"	20 "	50
228	"	20 "	50
229	North Col. Gold M. Co.	20 "	
230	"	20 "	
231	"	20 "	
235	Amal. McKee Creek M. Co.	20 "	75
236	Dominion Trust Co., Ltd.	20 "	
237	"	20 "	
238	"	20 "	
239	"	20 "	
240	Sweet, Fleming <i>et al.</i>	20 "	50
241	Shannon, C.	20 "	75
242	Ruffner, Bass <i>et al.</i>	20 "	200
243	"	20 "	200
244	"	20 "	200
245	Blunck, F. T.	20 "	225
247	Otter Creek Development Co.	20 "	25
248	"	20 "	25
250	Societe Miniere de C. B.	20 "	75
251	"	20 "	50
252	McLaren, Wilcox <i>et al.</i>	20 "	
253	North Col. G. M. Co.	20 "	
254	"	20 "	
264	Shannon, C.	20 "	25
265	North Col. G. M. Co.	20 "	
266	"	20 "	
267	Weir, S. D.	20 "	
269	"	20 "	150
270	"	20 "	150
271	"	20 "	150
272	"	20 "	150
273	"	20 "	150
274	"	20 "	150
275	Societe Miniere de C. B.	20 "	50
277	Sutton, A., & Queen, C. D.	20 "	50
278	"	20 "	50
279	"	20 "	50
282	Maluin, H.	20 "	150
283	"	20 "	150
284	"	20 "	150

No.	By Whom now Held.	Term.	Rental due to 31st Dec. 1909.
286	Atlin Cons. M. Co	20 years.	50
287	Grant, W. P. & Black, J. H	10 "	150
288	North Col. G. M. Co	20 "	
289	Lipscombe & Ferguson	20 "	
291	"	20 "	
292	Hirschfeld, A. C., <i>et al</i>	20 "	200
296	Reid, James	20 "	50
306	Campbell, T. N.	20 "	50
316	Shannon, C	20 "	
320	Harris, L. B.	20 "	
321	"	20 "	
322	Pine Creek Power Co	20 "	200
324	B. C. Land Investment Co	20 "	50
325	Abbott, F.	20 "	50
330	Spruce Creek Power Co	20 "	75
331	"	20 "	75
332	"	20 "	75
333	"	20 "	75
334	"	20 "	75
335	"	20 "	50
336	"	20 "	50
337	"	20 "	50
341	Fraser, F. I.	20 "	50
342	Newton, C. D.	20 "	75
349	Koppacher & McLaren	20 "	
352	North Col. G. M. Co	20 "	
353	"	20 "	
361	Williams, J.	20 "	150
362	Williams, E.	20 "	150
363	Lumsden, J. D.	20 "	150
364	Stables, James	20 "	100
367	B. C. Dredging Co	20 "	
368	Atlin Cons. M. Co	20 "	
370	McDonald, D. H.	20 "	50
371	Robinson, E. A.	20 "	75
372	Robinson, A. P.	20 "	50
373	Brown, William	20 "	75
378	Gem Mining Co.	20 "	
379	"	20 "	
380	"	30 "	
381	Fountain, J.	20 "	150
382	Fassio & Gigler	20 "	
387	Grant, R. W., <i>et al</i>	20 "	50
396	Pritchard, R.	20 "	
398	McArtney, H.	20 "	50
400	Pearse, F. K.	20 "	50
401	Pearse, H. P.	20 "	50
402	McPherson, J.	20 "	
403	Taylor, C.	20 "	50
404	Dunham, J.	20 "	75
405	Palmer, J.	20 "	
406	Roxborough, J.	20 "	75
407	Williams, J.	20 "	50
408	Williams, E.	20 "	50
410	Dale, W. J.	20 "	
411	Reid, J.	20 "	50
412	Mannell, S.	20 "	50
414	Dale, W. J.	20 "	50
416	Atlin Cons. M. Co.	20 "	
418	Reid, J.	20 "	50
419	"	20 "	50
422	Boardman, N.	20 "	50
427	Lumsden, J. D.	20 "	
428	Mackay, R.	20 "	
429	McLeod, N.	20 "	
430	Green, J. B.	20 "	
431	Fisher, W. E.	20 "	100
434	B. A. Dredging Co	20 "	50
435	Neville, C. W. A.	20 "	
437	Queen, C. L.	20 "	50
439	Wilkinson, E. S.	20 "	150

No	By Whom now Held.	Term.	Rental due to 31st Dec. 1909.
440	Templin, J. S	20 years.	150
441	Berry, A. E	20 "	150
442	Calvert, H	20 "	150
443	Eggert, J	20 "	135
444	Taylor, A. B	20 "	135
445	Gem Mining Co.	20 "	
446	Shannon, C	20 "	
447	"	20 "	
448	Solt, O. C.	20 "	75

" 7. 253.

" 8. Nine for lapsed Free Miners' Certificates; 244 for non-fulfillment of conditions.

" 9. One year in arrear, 1; two years in arrear, 175; three years in arrear, 31; four years in arrear, 30; five years in arrear, 7.

" 10. Until 21st May, 1905.

" 11. J. M. Ruffner.

" 12. \$750.

" 13. Nobody.

" 14. Answered by 13.

" 15. Answered by 13."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Labour Regulation Act, 1907,'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act respecting the Payment of Wages in certain cases," a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act respecting Assignment of Wages or Salaries to be earned in the Future," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act authorising the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant to the City of Victoria Lot 921 in said City, used as the site of the Kingston Street Fire Hall," was adoptd.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act with respect to the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act,'" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act,'" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to provide for the Inspection of Hospitals, Orphanages, Sanitariums, Maternity Homes, and places where Persons are undergoing Medical or Health Treatment," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Fernie," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act respecting the Official Map of Alberni Townsite," was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Timber Manufacture Act, 1905,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend an Act relating to the City of Victoria, being Chapter 46 of the Statutes of 1907,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to Provide for the establishment of Depôts and Facilities for the Preparation for Market and Shipment of Provincial-grown Fruit," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

The Report on Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Portland Canal Short Line Railway Company," was adopted.

Third reading at next sitting.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act respecting the Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway," was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12:20 A.M., Friday, 5th March.

Friday, 5th March, 1909.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *Joseph McCoy*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Oliver* on February 24th, as follows:—

"Whereas it would appear that the cost of coal to the consumer in the Province of British Columbia is out of all proportion to the cost of production; and

"Whereas, owing to the abundance of the coal deposits in this Province and the proximity of the sources of supply to the market, the cost of coal to the consumer in British Columbia should be much less than at present is the case; and

"Whereas the excessive price of coal in British Columbia has the effect of retarding and preventing the establishment in this Province of industries depending upon a fuel supply; and

"Whereas much of the product of the coal mines of the Province is being exported to foreign markets and sold at a price that enables it to compete with coal from other countries in such foreign markets; and

"Whereas a belief exists that an understanding exists between the persons or corporations controlling or owning such coal mines to maintain the high prices now being charged to consumers in this Province;

"Therefore, be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by this House praying him to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the following questions:—

"1. Whether or not a combine or understanding exists amongst the coal producers, or any of them, of this Province to establish and maintain prices charged for coal.

"2. Whether or not coal is being sold by producers, or any of them, for consumption outside British Columbia for a less price than that sold for consumption in the Province.

"3. Whether or not the prices charged by the producers, or any of them, for coal consumed in British Columbia is excessive.

"4. Whether or not the prices charged by the producers, or any of them, of coal in British Columbia bears a reasonable proportion to the cost of production."

And the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *McGuire* on the 4th March, as follows:—

"That all the words in the Resolution after 'Province,' at the end of the recital, be struck out, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof:—

"And whereas the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, by a Resolution passed on the 10th day of February, 1908, prayed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to request the Dominion Government, through the proper channel, to cause an inquiry to be instituted by the Dominion Department of Trade and Commerce to decide whether there exists a combine or understanding between the owners or controllers of the coal mines of this Province, whereby an excessive price is charged to consumers in the Province for coal produced from the said mines:

"And whereas said request was duly forwarded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State at Ottawa:

"Therefore, be it Resolved, That this House re-affirms the said Resolution passed on the 10th day of February, 1908; and that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be prayed to again bring said Resolution to the attention of the Dominion Government, with an urgent request that such inquiry be instituted; also that a copy of this Resolution accompany such request."

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," and *Resolved* in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

King,
Naden,
Hall,
Jones,

Yorston,
Kergin,
Oliver,
Macdonald,

Henderson,
Munro,
Jardine,

Williams,
Hawthornthwaite,
McInnis—14.

NAYS:

Tatlow,
McBride,
Bowser,
Cotton,
Ellison,
Ross,

Hunter,
Fulton,
Young,
Taylor,

Gifford,
Grant,
Behnsen,
Manson,

Hayward,
McGuire,
Parson,
Davey,
Schofield—23.

PAIRS:

Messieurs:

McPhillips,
Mackay,

Brewster,
Eagleson.

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be inserted stand part of the question," and *Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>
<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Young,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Parson,</i>
<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Behnsen,</i>	<i>Davey,</i>
<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Schofield—21.</i>
<i>Shatford,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>King,</i>	<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Naden,</i>	<i>Kergin,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Jardine,</i>	<i>McInnis—13.</i>
<i>Jones,</i>			

PAIRS.

Messieurs

<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>
<i>Mackay,</i>	<i>Eagleson.</i>

Resolution, as amended, carried on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>	<i>Mackay,</i>
<i>McInnis,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Parson,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Davey,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Young,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Schofield—22.</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>King,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>
<i>Naden,</i>	<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Jardine—9.</i>
<i>Hall,</i>			

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Oliver* on 4th March, as follows:—

That a Select Committee of five Members of this House, namely, Messrs *Garden, Grant, Ross, Henderson* and the mover, be appointed to inquire into the truth, or otherwise, of the allegations set out in the petition of *John McLarty*, presented to this House on the 17th day of February last, with power to call for persons, papers, letters, telegrams and documents, and to examine witnesses on oath, and such Committee to report their findings and recommendations and evidence to this House.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Naden* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands the following questions:—

1. Has the British Columbia Electric Railway Company had any negotiations with the Government respecting the grant of land of fifty acres, more or less, as a contribution, or otherwise, from the Government, for the construction of the tram-line in the Municipality of Point Grey?

2. If so, what stage have the negotiations reached, and what are the conditions of the contract, if any?

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. Negotiations have been in abeyance since May last, and no contract has been entered into.”

Bill (No. 45) intituled “An Act authorising the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant to the City of Victoria Lot 921 in said City, used as the site of the Kingston Street Fire Hall,” was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Elections Act,’” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Clauses Act,’” was considered.

The Hon. the Attorney-General moved to insert the following words after the word “by-laws,” in the 23rd line of section 19:—

“Provided that in the case of the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay it shall not be necessary to obtain the assent of the electors of the Municipality to any such by-law passed before the 31st day of January, 1910.”

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 43) intituled “An Act respecting the Official Map of Alberni Townsite,” was considered.

The Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands moved to strike out the word “District” and insert the word “Townsite” instead, in lines 17 and 21 of the Preamble.

Carried.

Mr. *Garden* moved to amend section 2 by inserting after the word “signature,” in the second line, the words “of a British Columbia Land Surveyor and.”

Carried.

The Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands moved to add the following as a new section:—

“5. This Act shall not come into force until a day to be fixed by proclamation by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.”

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading at next sitting.

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to declare the Rights of the Crown in respect to Water and Water Power, and to amend and Consolidate the Laws of the Province relating to the Diversion, Acquisition and Use of Water,” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Bill (No. 40) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Farmers’ Institutes and Co-operation Act,’” was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 41) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Timber Manufacture Act, 1905,” was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend an Act relating to the City of Victoria, being Chapter 46 of the Statutes of 1907," was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to Provide for the establishment of Depôts and Facilities for the Preparation for Market and Shipment of Provincial-grown Fruit," was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Police and Prisons Regulation Act,'" was read a second time.

To be committed at next sitting.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Portland Canal Short Line Railway Company," was read a third time and passed.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the 36th Annual Report of the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages of the Province for 1908.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 P.M.

Monday, 8th March, 1909.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *Baugh Allan*.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

By Mr. *Williams*—Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Workmen engaged in Industrial Operations."

By the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*—Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Explosives Storage Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*—Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Armstrong Power and Light Company, Limited."

On the motion of Mr. *Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. *Oliver*, it was *Resolved*,—

That all correspondence, documents and copies thereof relating to the recently constructed Rossland-Trail Road be brought down to this House by the Hon. the Minister of Public Works.

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

What are the names of holders of Liquor Licences in the Town of Camborne, B. C., with the names of the Hotels for which licences are held?

The Hon. Mr. *Bowser* replied as follows:—

"Hotel Criterion, *F. P. Abey*; Eva Hotel, *J. A. Chew*; Reception Hotel, *C. Menhenick*; Camborne Hotel, *D. Orr*. Latter licence under consideration."

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions :—

1. Is it the intention to change the present travelled road—the only road now open from Alberni to New Alberni, running to Waterhouse's wharf?
2. If so, can a road of equal or less grade be obtained?
3. If so, where?
4. If not, will the old road be allowed to remain?

The Hon. Mr. *Taylor* replied as follows :—

- "1. The Department has no information on the matter.
"2, 3 and 4. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions :—

1. Is there any hotel licensed at Kitimaat?
2. Is there any Provincial Constable stationed at or near Kitimaat?
3. Is liquor being sold at any unlicensed hotel at Kitimaat?

The Hon. Mr. *Bowser* replied as follows :—

- "1. Yes : Kitimaat Hotel.
"2. No.
"3. Not so far as the Department knows."

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands the following questions :—

1. Have the Government entered into any agreement or arrangement with the Grand Trunk Pacific Townsite Co. respecting the sale of town lots at Prince Rupert?
2. If so, what are the terms of such agreement?

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* replied as follows :—

- "1. No.
"2. Answered by reply to question No. 1."

Order called for the third reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act further to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act.'" The House resumed the adjourned debate on Mr. *Hawthornthwaite's* motion "that the order for the third reading be discharged and the Bill be referred back to Committee of the Whole, with instructions to consider the following amendment :—

"3. Section 14 of Chapter 138 of the Revised Statutes, 1897, aforesaid, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sub-section :—

"(a.) Every person employed underground in any mine shall be paid at intervals not to exceed once in every two weeks, and no contract shall be entered into that provides for payment of wages or remuneration at intervals longer than once in every two weeks."

Mr. Speaker *Eberts* held the motion to be in order, and stated that he would give a written ruling later.

The motion was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Naden,</i>	<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Jardine,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>McInnis,</i>
<i>Eagleson,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ross—13.</i>
<i>Jones,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>King,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>
<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>
<i>Munro,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Mackay,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Parson,</i>
<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Behnsen,</i>	<i>Davey—25.</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>			

PAIRS :
Messieurs

Schofield,

Kergin.

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* moved that the Order for the third reading of the Bill be discharged and the Bill referred back to Committee of the Whole, with instructions to consider the following amendment :—

“ 4. Section 81 of chapter 138 of the Revised Statutes aforesaid is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sub-section :—

“ Notwithstanding anything contained in any Act to the contrary, an inquest shall be held by the Coroner on the bodies of all persons whose death may have been caused by explosion or by accident in any mine.”

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :
Messieurs

King,
Naden,
Hall,
Eagleson,

Jones,
Yorston,
Oliver,
Macdonald,

Henderson,
Munro,
Jardine,
Brewster,

Williams,
Hawthornthwaite,
McInnis—15.

NAYS :
Messieurs

Tatlow,
McBride,
Bowser,
Cotton,
Ellison,
Ross,

Shatford,
McPhillips,
Thomson,
Hunter,
Fulton,
Young,

Taylor,
Garden,
Macgowan,
Gifford,
Grant,
Behnsen,

Manson,
Hayward,
McGuire,
Mackay,
Parson,
Davey—24.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 8) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Municipal Clauses Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 43) intituled “ An Act respecting the Official Map of Alberni Townsite.”

The Report on Bill (No. 42) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Bush Fire Act,’ ” was considered.

Mr. *Williams* moved in amendment to add the following as section 4 :—

“ 4. Any farmer or settler clearing land adjoining or contiguous to lands held as wild land under the Assessment Act shall, upon satisfying the Government Agent for the district in which such lands are situated that his operations will be facilitated thereby, obtain an order from such Government Agent requiring the owner of such wild lands to clear a satisfactory fire-guard around, or partly around, such wild lands ; and in case any owner refuses to comply with such order within a reasonable time, the Government Agent shall cause such guard to be made, and shall assess the costs of the said work against such wild lands.”

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* objected to the motion, and raised the point of order that the motion involved the expenditure of public money.

Mr. Speaker sustained the objection, and stated that the motion was also out of order on the ground that it proposed to assess wild lands.

Mr. *Williams* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) intituled “ An Act to declare the Rights of the Crown in respect to Water and Water Power, and to amend and Consolidate the Laws of the Province relating to the Diversion, Acquisition and Use of Water,” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act with respect to the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Permanent Loan Company," was considered.

Mr. *Henderson* moved to amend sub-section (b) of sub-section (1) of section 12 by striking out all the words after the word "Bank," in the third line, down to the word "Provided" in the eleventh line.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until eight o'clock this evening.

And then the House adjourned at 6 o'clock, P.M.

Monday, 8th March, 1909.

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Report on Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Farmers' Institutes and Co-operation Act,'" was considered.

Mr. *McPhillips* moved to strike out all the words in section 2, sub-section (16), after the word "shall," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "be entitled to one vote only."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

King,
Jones,
Yorston,
Macdonald,

Jardine,
Brewster,
Williams,

Hawthornthwaite,
McInnis,
McPhillips,

Garden,
Macgowan,
Davey—13.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Eagleson,
Talbot,
McBride,
Bowser,

Cotton,
Shatford,
Hunter,
Fullton,

Young,
Taylor,
Grant,
Behnsen,

Manson,
Hayward,
McGuire—15.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Timber Manufacture Act, 1906,'" was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* moved in amendment that the following be inserted after section 2 of the Bill as section 3 thereof, and that the numbering of the present section 3 be changed to 4, viz. :—

"3. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorise the export by lessees or licensees of the Crown of the following kinds of timber cut on ungranted lands of the Crown, or on

lands of the Crown which shall hereafter be granted, namely, piles, telegraph and telephone poles, ties and crib timber, although not manufactured nor to be used in the Province."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was again committed.

The Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker that a point of order had arisen in Committee, viz.: A motion for the Committee to rise and report progress had been moved and negatived, and after some further debate on the same clause on the Bill, the same motion had been repeated, and, an objection taken, he had ruled the motion to be in order. From the Chairman's ruling an appeal had been taken to the Chair

Mr. Speaker *Eberts* decided the motion to be out of order. *See* May, 11th Ed., page 380.

Mr. *Williams* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained.

House again in Committee on the Bill.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

TUESDAY, 9th March, 1909.

On point of order reported from the Committee, Mr. Speaker *Eberts* gave the following rulings :—

During prolonged sittings of a Committee it has been customary for the Chairman to withdraw, and to be replaced by another member without any question. *May*, 11th Ed., 381.

If the Chairman of the Committee is of opinion that any motion is an abuse of the Rules of the House, he may put forthwith the question thereon from the Chair. *May*, 11th Ed., 316 ; 157, C. J., 326 ; 160, C. J., 269.

The "Previous Question" cannot be moved in Committee of the Whole. *May*, 11th Ed., 284.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 1:55 P.M.

Tuesday, 9th March, 1909.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *Baugh Allen*.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until eight o'clock this evening.

And then the House adjourned at 5:50 P.M.