

Tuesday, 3rd February, 1885.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. D. Fraser.

Mr. Pooley presented a Petition from T. Lubbe, W. P. Sayward, and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*Esquimalt Water-works Company*.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Pooley presented a Petition from numerous property holders, or residents in *Esquimalt Town or District*, relative to the introduction of a Private Bill authorizing the construction of Water-works at *Esquimalt*.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Martin presented a Petition from James Hartney for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*re clearing Seymour River*).

Laid on the table.

Mr. Cunningham presented a Petition from Violet E. Sillitoe, and others (*re sale of liquor on Sunday*).

Laid on the table.

Mr. Drake presented a petition from A. J. McLellan, and others (*re female franchise*).

Laid on the table.

Mr. Cunningham presented a Petition from Clarence H. DeBeck, and others (*re female franchise*).

Laid on the table.

Mr. Orr presented a Petition from B. Douglas, and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*re Railway New Westminster to 49th Parallel*).

Laid on the table.

The Honourable Mr. Robson presented a Return to an order of the House for all correspondence relating to the recent Indian troubles on the North-West Coast. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

The Honourable Mr. Smithe presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the year ending 31st December, 1884. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

Mr. Semlin presented a Petition from S. Tingley, and others (*re the construction of a bridge across the Thompson River at Pennie's Crossing*).

Laid on the table.

The Petitions from R. O'Brien (*Nanaimo Water-works Company*), and J. S. K. de Knevett, and others (*New Westminster Southern Railway*), were read and received.

Mr. John asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to regulate the width of Waggon Tires."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Mr. John asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Line Fences and Water Courses Act, 1876.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Thursday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Orr*, seconded by Mr. *Dingwall*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of at once opening up the lands within the Railway Reserve in this Province to settlement and purchase.

On the motion of Mr. *McTavish*, seconded by Mr. *Cunningham*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas the Members of this House have learned with horror of the infamous attempts lately made to blow up the House of Commons, Westminster Hall, and the Tower of London;

Therefore be it resolved, that an humble Address be sent to Her Majesty the Queen, conveying to her the unfeigned regret with which the news was heard by us, and also expressing our satisfaction that no greater damage has been done, and that a Committee be appointed to draft such Address; said Committee to consist of the Honourable Provincial Secretary, and the mover and seconder of this resolution.

On the motion of Mr. *Drake*, seconded by Mr. *Martin*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Committee be appointed to report on the Legislative Library, and on the best means of enlarging its usefulness, and that Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Duck*, and the mover, be such Committee.

On the motion of Mr. *Semlin*, seconded by Mr. *McLeese*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an order of this House be granted for copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any Member thereof, and *C. C. McKenzie*, Esq., ex-Superintendent of Education, in reference to the dismissal of the aforesaid *C. C. McKenzie*, and any claim he has made for compensation for service as Examiner of Teachers; also any request Mr. *McKenzie* may have made for return of amount of \$60 paid to forward Private Bill.

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

Has the sum of \$25,000 been deposited with the Government in accordance with clause 13 of the Act to Incorporate the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Transportation Company?

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

“Yes.”

Mr. *Duck* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

At what date was Mr. *Halpenny* appointed Local Immigration Guide? Were any other like appointments made, and, if so, at what date? How many settlers have been located under their auspices, and where, and what has been the cost attending the same?

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

“Mr. *Halpenny* was appointed Immigration Guide for the Island the 1st May, 1884. On the 27th March, 1884, the rural Municipalities were invited by the Government to select local Immigration Agents, the expense in each case to be borne equally by the Municipality and the Province. Under this arrangement, *W. H. Vanetta* was appointed for *Langley*, 21st April; *Bion B. Smith* for *Surrey*, 5th May; and *H. Kipp* for *Chilliwack*, 22nd May. The Immigration Report, which is now in press and will shortly be presented to the House, contains detailed information with regard to the number of settlers located, and where.

“The expense to the Province has been—

“ <i>W. M. Halpenny</i> .....	\$539 87
“ <i>W. H. Vanetta</i> .....	125 00
“ <i>B. B. Smith</i> .....	50 00
“ <i>H. Kipp</i> .....	28 50

“Total .....

\$743 37”
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Mr. *Duck* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:—

How many applications have been made under the Settlement Bill, 1884, for lands in the Railway Belt on Vancouver Island; how many actual settlers have been located under the said Act; and how many acres have been recorded to each such settler?

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

“Pre-emption records have been issued to 399 settlers on Island Railway Lands, averaging 160 acres each.”

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

How many, and who, of the applicants for lands under former Acts have complied with Section 76 of the “Land Act, 1884,” and how many acres have been recorded to each such applicant?

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

“A separate and distinct record, apart from other land transactions, has not been kept of the number and names of those persons who, having made application to purchase under former Acts, have completed their purchase under the provisions of the ‘Land Act, 1884.’”

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Married Women’s Property Act, 1873,’” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report received and *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act respecting the jurisdiction and procedure of County Courts,” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Helgesen*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the Honourable A. E. B. *Davie*, and Messrs. *Drake*, *T. Davie*, *Pooley*, and *Wilson*.

Report adopted.

According to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to consolidate the Public School Acts.”

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.30, p. m.

Wednesday, 4th February, 1885.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Fraser*.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Petition from *L. F. Bonson*, and others (*re* closing saloons on Sunday).  
Laid on the table.

Mr. *Cunningham* presented a Petition from *James Miller*, and others (*re* sale of liquor on Sunday).  
Laid on the table.

Mr. *McLeese* presented a Petition from *John McCully*, and others (*re* the construction of a bridge across the *Thompson River*).  
Laid on the table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *T. Lubbe, W. P. Sayward*, and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*Esquimalt Water-works Company*);

From numerous property holders, or residents in *Esquimalt Town or District*, relative to the introduction of a Private Bill authorizing the construction of Water-works at *Esquimalt*;

From *James Hartney* for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*re clearing Seymour River*);

From *Violet E. Sillitoe*, and others (*re sale of liquor on Sunday*);

From *A. J. McLellan*, and others (*re female franchise*);

From *Clarence H. DeBeck*, and others (*re female franchise*);

And from *B. Douglas*, and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*re Railway New Westminster to 49th Parallel*).

The Petition from *S. Tingley*, and others (*re the construction of a bridge across the Thompson River at Pennie's Crossing*), was ruled out of order.

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to provide for the Registration of Voters."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

*This is the same bill*

Mr. *Duck* moved the following Resolution:—

That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that all that portion of land between high and low water mark in what is known as *James' Bay*, in the City of *Victoria*, together with such other Crown lands as may be immediately adjacent thereto, should be immediately transferred to the City of *Victoria* for municipal purposes; and the Government is hereby requested to take immediate action, with a view to carry out the opinion of this House as expressed by this resolution.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

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

Under what section of the "Land Act, 1884," did the Government acquire authority to dispose of certain town lots situated in *James' Bay*, in the City of *Victoria*, during the past year?

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

"The 31st Section."

According to order the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Commissioners on the *Metlakatlah* Enquiry.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

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

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Robson*, seconded by Mr. *Drake*, the order for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to consolidate the Public School Acts," was discharged, and the Bill recommitted.

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

Report Ordered to be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Mr. *Drake* presented a Petition from *James Miller*, and others (*re female franchise*).  
Laid on the table.

And then the House adjourned at 5.10, p. m.

Monday, 9th February, 1885.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Malachi*.

Mr. *Raybould* presented a Petition from *Thomas Haddon*, and others, residents of *Wellington* (re sale of liquor on Sunday).

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Cunningham* presented Petitions from *W. B. Secombe*, and others, residents of *Langley* and *Maple Ridge*; and *C. M. Tate*, *John F. Ryder*, and others, residents of *Chilliwack* and *Sumass* (re sale of liquor on Sunday).

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Raybould* presented a Petition from *John Nelson*, and others, residents of *Cowichan* (re sale of liquor on Sunday).

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Raybould* presented a Petition from *Thomas Haddon*, and others, residents of *Wellington* (re female franchise).

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Drake* presented Petitions from *T. H. Piercy*, and others, residents of *Comox*; *W. B. Secombe*, *William Isaac*, and others, residents of *Maple Ridge*; and *C. M. Tate*, *C. F. Ryder*, and others, residents of *Sumass* (re female franchise).

Laid on the table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *L. F. Bonson*, and others (re sale of liquor on Sunday);

And from *James Miller*, and others (re sale of liquor on Sunday).

The Petition from *John McCully*, and others (re construction of a bridge across the *Thompson River*) was ruled out of order.

Mr. *Martin* presented the Second Report from the Standing Orders and Private Bills Committee.

Read and received.

On the motion of Mr. *Orr*, seconded by Mr. *T. Davie*, it was Resolved,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of increased postal facilities in the District of *New Westminster*, from *Brown's Landing*, on the *Fraser River*, along the Trunk Road to *Chilliwack*.

Mr. *Cunningham* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster City Lands Act, 1884.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. *Cunningham* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the New Westminster Southern Railway Company."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be referred to the Private Bills Committee.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a return to an Address for copies of all telegrams, correspondence, and other papers relative to directions given or attempts made for the arrest of *Emia*, a *Chilcotin* Indian. (See *Sessional Papers*.)

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a return to an order of the House for copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any Member thereof, and *C. C. McKenzie*, Esq., ex-Superintendent of Education, in reference to the dismissal of the aforesaid *C. C. McKenzie*, and any claim he has made for compensation for service as Examiner of Teachers; also any request Mr. *McKenzie* may have made for return of amount of \$60 paid to forward Private Bill.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Second Annual Report of Immigration Agents of British Columbia for the year ending 31st December, 1884. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *Duck* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the profession of Medicine and Surgery."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Friday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to provide for the disposal of penalties in certain cases."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Act, 1881.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

Whereas the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia, with the Legislative Assembly, did, on the 18th day of February, 1884, pass an Act (No. 3) intituled "An Act to prevent the Immigration of Chinese;"

And whereas the said Act was, on the 8th day of April, 1884, disallowed by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council;

And whereas it is highly expedient that such measures should be adopted as to effectually prevent any future Immigration of Chinese;

Be it therefore resolved, that the following Petition be at once forwarded to the Dominion Government and to each of our Representatives in the Commons and Senate at *Ottawa*.—

*To the Honorable the House of Commons, in Parliament assembled:*

The Petition of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth—

That we view with great alarm the thousands of Chinese Coolies *continually arriving* in the Province of British Columbia, and while we regard this country as free to every man seeking an opportunity to better his condition in life, we deem it but just and right that those who come to our shores shall not be such as to work injury to the moral and material welfare of the Dominion.

That the unlimited admission of the race of people known as Chinese Coolies does work such injury to our country, for the following reasons:—

That they do not come to make a home or settle in the country, or to add to the country's wealth; but to prey upon our natural resources, and take what they earn out of the country.

That they are leprous in blood and unclean in habits.

That they are destructive of the *means* by which the white mechanical and laboring classes earn a living wage.

That there are immoral practices, debasing habits and contagious diseases, peculiar to this people, which they have already introduced to an alarming extent upon this Continent, and against which we have a right to defend ourselves and our children.

We therefore humbly pray for the enactment of such laws as will prohibit any further introduction of this undesirable class of people into any part of the Dominion of Canada.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.



The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Raybould*,—

That all the words after the words "Be it therefore resolved, that" be struck out and the following inserted:—

"a Select Committee be appointed to draft a resolution on the Chinese question, to be forwarded to the Dominion Parliament and the British Columbia representatives; such Committee to consist of Messrs. *Duck*, *T. Davie*, *Drake*, *Cunningham*, *A. E. B. Davie*, and *Raybould*."

Amendment put and carried.

Resolution, as amended, put and carried.

Mr. *Duck* asked leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to regulate day labour."

Mr. Speaker stated that the Bill could not be introduced, inasmuch as it fell within Sub-section 2, of Section 91, of the British North America Act.

On the motion of Mr. *Allen*, seconded by Mr. *Orr*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an order of the House be granted for copies of all telegrams, correspondence, and other papers, in connection with the construction of a sleigh road through the *Marble Canyon*.

On the motion of Mr. *Allen*, seconded by Mr. *Grant*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an order of the House be granted for a copy of the depositions in the hearing of the charge against the Indians for riotously taking possession of a school house at *Metlakatlah*.

Mr. *Wilson* presented a Report from the Committee appointed to enquire into the claims of settlers on the lands at *Coal Harbour* proposed to be transferred to the Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate. (*See Appendix.*)

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

Have the Government made any arrangements with the Dominion authorities, or with the *Esquimalt* and *Nanaimo* Railway Company, or taken any steps tending to secure a proper survey of the lands so as to facilitate settlement in the Railway Belt on Vancouver Island?

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

"Yes; as Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works I have got authority from the *Esquimalt* and *Nanaimo* Railway Company to have certain surveys made within the Railway Belt on Vancouver Island, with a view of facilitating settlement."

Mr. *Allen* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government the following questions:—

1. Over what period or periods was Mr. *Newton H. Chittenden* employed by the Government during the year 1884?
2. What salary did he receive and what was the total amount paid him by the Government?
3. Was it absolutely necessary to employ a stranger to explore Queen Charlotte Island, to the exclusion of residents of the Province and pioneers. And if so, why?
4. Is Mr. *Chittenden* a British subject?
5. Is he still connected with the Government in any capacity. If so, what arrangements have been made with him as to his duties and remuneration?
6. By whom was Mr. *Chittenden's* Report printed?
7. What was the total cost of the publication?

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

"1. From the beginning of April to the end of November in last year.

"2. Mr. *Chittenden* was not paid a salary. By agreement he received the sum of \$1,500 for making the exploration and furnishing the Government with 1,000 copies of his pamphlet.

"3. It was not absolutely necessary to employ Mr. *Chittenden*. He was engaged because the Government had every reason to believe he was eminently adapted for the task, and would perform it for less cost than others who were also competent. He was not engaged that residents or pioneers might be excluded. He was not a stranger to the Province. He had previously visited the interior and published an interesting and useful report, which was circulated at the expense of the Province by the late Government.

"4. Of my own knowledge I cannot say whether Mr. *Chittenden* is a British subject or not.

"5. On the 8th December last, Mr. *Chittenden* was appointed to represent this Province at the *New Orleans* World Exposition, so far as relates to the exhibition of Indian curiosities and views of British Columbia. The appointment is solely honorary, and involves no expenditure, of any sort, by this Government.

"6. The printing of Mr. *Chittenden's* Report rested with himself, and the Government have no official information with regard to it.

"7. The Government are unable to state the total cost of the publication."

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

Have the Government during the past year made any regulations for the receipt, conveyance, storage and delivery of gunpowder and other explosive substances, as required by Section 2 of the "Explosive Substances Act, 1884"?

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* replied as follows:

"Yes, and the same were published in the *British Columbia Gazette* of the 27th November, 1884. The public were notified that they could obtain copies of the Gazette in question, on application at the Provincial Secretary's Office, through the columns of the following newspapers:—'Daily Colonist' and 'Evening Post,' *Victoria*; 'British Columbian,' *New Westminster*; and 'Free Press,' *Nanaimo*."

Mr. *Semlin* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government the following question:—

Has the Government, or any Member thereof, received a Petition from the people of *Hope*, asking for the appointment of a Government Agent at that place?

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

"Yes."

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

That the Public Accounts be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Commissioners, *re Metlakatlah* disturbances.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

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

Tuesday, 10th February, 1885.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Malachi*.

The following Petitions (*re* female franchise) were read and received:—

From *Thomas Haddon*, and others, residents of *Wellington*;

From *T. H. Piercy*, and others, residents of *Comox*;

From *W. B. Seccombe*, *William Isaac*, and others, residents of *Maple Ridge*;

And from *C. M. Tate*, *C. F. Ryder*, and others, residents of *Sumass*.

The following Petitions (*re* sale of liquor on Sunday) were read and received:—

From *Thomas Haddon*, and others, residents of *Wellington*;

From *W. B. Seccombe*, and others, residents of *Langley* and *Maple Ridge*;

From *C. M. Tate*, *John F. Ryder*, and others, residents of *Chilliwack* and *Sumass*;

And from *John Nelson*, and others, residents of *Cowichan*.



Mr. *Drake* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to report on the state of the Legislative Library.

Read and received.

Mr. *Drake* presented a Report from the Select Committee to whom the County Court Bill was referred, reporting the Bill with amendments.

Read and received.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the jurisdiction and procedure of County Courts."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented a Return to an order of the House for a copy of the depositions in the hearing of the charge against the Indians for riotously taking possession of a school-house at *Metlakatlah*. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Moved by the Honourable Mr. *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Davie*,—

That this House approves of the agreement which the Government have entered into with the Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate relative to the extension of the Railway to, and establishment of the Terminus at, *Coal Harbour* and *English Bay*.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to provide for the disposal of penalties in certain cases," was read a second time.

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

Report *Ordered* to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Commissioners, *re Metlakatlah* disturbances.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this House, there are valid reasons for believing that the Indians of *Metlakatlah* and the *North-West Coast*, *Queen Charlotte Islands*, have been taught that the Dominion laws relating to Indians have no application to these tribes, and that the lands outside the Reserves are still the property of the Indians;

That these teachings have led to widespread dissatisfaction amongst the Indians, and the white settlers who are carrying on mining and other important industries in the *West-Coast* District are liable to be seriously interfered with;

That, under the Terms of Union and the British North America Act, the control of the Indians and management of their lands is vested in the Dominion Government;

*Resolved*, That it is the duty of the Dominion Government, at once, to take active and energetic steps to enforce the Indian Act in its integrity amongst these tribes, and to compel obedience to the law.

That the Provincial Government proceed to carry out the survey of the lands at *Mission Point* as Government land.

*Resolved*, further, That in the meantime the Provincial Government take measures to protect the white settlers from the encroachments of the Indians.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered forthwith.

Report adopted,

Resolution put and carried.

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended to enable the time for receiving Private Bills to be extended.

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

That the time for receiving Private Bills be extended until Friday, the 13th February.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55, p. m.

Wednesday, 11th February, 1885.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Malachi*.

Mr. *Raybould* presented a Petition from *James Abrams*, and 111 others (*re* evidence of Chinese).

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Duck* presented a Petition from *A. Dods*, and others (*re* employment of Chinese on the extension of the Canadian Pacific Railway to *English Bay*).

Laid on the table.

Moved by Mr. *Wilson*, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*,—

That the Report of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claims of settlers on lands proposed to be transferred to the Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate be adopted.

Mr. *McTavish* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Cunningham*,—

That the word "adopted" be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—"referred back to the Committee for reconsideration and amendment."

Amendment put and carried.

Resolution as amended put and carried on the following division:

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Drake,</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Cunningham,</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>McTavish,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir—13.</i>
<i>Raybould</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Helgesen,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Dingwall,</i>	<i>McLeese,</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Semlin—10.</i>
<i>Galbraith,</i>	<i>John,</i>		

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Return to an order of the House for copies of all telegrams, correspondence, and other papers in connection with the construction of a sleigh road through the *Marble Canyon*.

On the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, seconded by Mr. *John*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended to enable a Bill intituled the "Esquimalt Water Works Act, 1885," to be introduced.

Mr. *Pooley* then asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Esquimalt Water-works Company, 1885."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to prevent the immigration of Chinese."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Friday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Duck*, seconded by Mr. *Grant*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of preparing a Bill to provide for the regulation of day labour in this Province.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Friday next.

Mr. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to secure the payment of Builders and Workmen."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Friday next.

According to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to provide for the disposal of penalties in certain cases," was considered.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act, 1879," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50, p. m.

Thursday, 12th February, 1885.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Beanlands*.

Mr. *Cunningham* presented a Petition from *C. N. Trew*, and others, members of the Medical profession.

Laid on the table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *James Abrams*, and 111 others, (*re* evidence of Chinese).

From *A. Dods*, and others (*re* employment of Chinese on the extension of the Canadian Pacific Railway to *English Bay*).

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of establishing a weekly mail between *Victoria* and *Lower Kootenay Lake*, via *Sand Point*, *Idaho Territory*.

Moved by Mr. *Galbraith*, seconded by Mr. *Duck*,—

That an order of the House be granted for a copy of the agreement entered into by the Government with *William Baillie-Grohman*, in connection with the *Kootenay* Colonization and Reclamation Scheme.

Withdrawn with leave of the House.

On the motion of Mr. *Raybould*, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an order of the House be granted for the following returns of the examination of Teachers held July, 1884:—

(a.) The number of candidates for First-class, Grade A, Certificates—1st. By renewals; 2nd. By examinations in whole; 3rd. By examinations in part only; 4th. The number successful in each kind of application; and 5th. The number who failed in each kind, and the certificates awarded in lieu.

(b.) A similar return to (a) in the case of Candidates for First-class, Grade B, Certificates.

(c.) 1st. The total number of Candidates examined for second and third class Certificates; 2nd. The number of those who failed to obtain the lowest grade of those Certificates, viz.:—Third-class, Grade B.

(d.) The number of those who failing to obtain Certificates as in (c), were recommended for Temporary Certificates.—1st. Who were not examined at all; 2nd. Who were examined in part only.

(f.) The total number of Candidates for Certificates obtainable by renewal and examination, and not including those who did not present themselves for examination.

(g.) The total number of those who presenting themselves for examination failed to obtain a Certificate of any kind.

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

Is it the intention of the Government to have the land in the *Comox* constituency surveyed, so as to enable settlers to take it up?

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

“The lands do not belong to the Provincial Government. The authority which has been granted to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to make surveys for the purpose of facilitating settlement is limited to what may be accomplished by the expenditure of the purchase money received for lands within the Island Railway belt.”

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

1. What is the date and term of years of the Timber Lease granted to the Hastings Saw-Mill Company?

2. Under authority of what section and Statute have the Government agreed to extend the term of the lease?

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

“1st. Date, 25th November, 1865; term, 21 years.

“2nd. Any extension (so called) of the lease would necessarily be a new lease, dating from the termination of existing lease. The authority would be Section 35, ‘Land Act, 1884.’”

According to Order, Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act respecting the jurisdiction and procedure of County Courts,” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to regulate the width of Waggon Tires," was discharged.

Pursuant to Order Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Line Fences and Water Courses Act, 1876,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30, p. m.

Friday, 13th February, 1885.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Malachi*.

The Petition from *C. N. Trew*, and others, of *New Westminster*, members of the Medical profession, was read and received.

Mr. *Raybould* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Nanaimo Water-works Company, Limited."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Private Bills Committee.

On the motion of Mr. *John*, seconded by Mr. *Raybould*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the introduction of a Bill to regulate the width of Waggon Tires.

The House then went into Committee.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee recommend to the House the annexed Bill.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Wilson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill.

The Report was received on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Helgesen,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Dingwall,</i>	<i>Drake,</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>McLeese,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>
<i>Orr,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Raybould—15.</i>
<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Martin—5.</i>
<i>Grant,</i>			

Mr. *John* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to regulate the width of Waggon Tires."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Similkameen and Thompson River Railway Company."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Fraser River Railway Company,"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Private Bills Committee.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Robson*, seconded by Mr. *Drake*, the order for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to consolidate the Public School Acts," was discharged, and the Bill recommitted.

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

Report *Ordered* to be taken into consideration on Monday next.

According to Order, Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to prevent the Immigration of Chinese," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a statement of Appropriation and Expenditure from 1st July, 1884, to 31st December, 1884, as brought to account at the Treasury, showing also the sums unexpended and over-expended to that date.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

The House again went into Committee of the Whole to consider the question of introducing a Bill to regulate day labour.

The Committee rose without report.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to secure the payment of Builders and Workmen," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

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

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

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Monday, 16th February, 1885.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Walter Barss*.

On the motion of Mr. *Drake*, seconded by Mr. *Dingwall*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that steps be taken to prevent the navigation of the inland waters of British Columbia by Foreign vessels, without their entering and clearing at some port of British Columbia, and to restrict the navigation by Foreign vessels of the rivers of British Columbia.



On the motion of Mr. *Orr*, seconded by Mr. *Cunningham*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to urge on the Dominion Government the expediency of establishing a Mint in British Columbia.

On the motion of Mr. *Raybould*, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the Petition from *Nanaimo* and *Wellington* in reference to Chinese evidence.

*Ordered*, That the House resolve itself into the said Committee now.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Mr. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to declare and regulate the powers of the Judges of the Supreme Court of British Columbia relative to appeals.”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Return to an order of the House showing the total number of votes cast by males, and the total number of votes cast by females, at the last election for School Trustees in the City of *Victoria*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Return to an order of the House with reference to the Examination of Teachers held July, 1884.

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

Has any arrangement been arrived at with the Dominion Government as to the northern limit of the land to be conveyed to them to aid in the construction of a Railway between *Esquimalt* and *Nanaimo*, and, if so, at what particular point?

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

“No, it is not necessary. The Provincial Government would appear to have authority under the Settlement Act to determine the limit. At the present time the 50th parallel of latitude has been adopted as the boundary of the Island Railway belt to the north, the Surveyor-General having calculated that that line will admit of the area of land being taken which is required to make good that which, at the date of the passage of the Act, had been alienated within the belt.”

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act respecting the jurisdiction and procedure of County Courts.”

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

According to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Married Women’s Property Act, 1873.’” was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order for the House to again resolve itself into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of appropriate times and places for holding Courts of Assize, was discharged.

According to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to consolidate the Public School Acts,” was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

According to Order, Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to secure the payment of Builders and Workmen," was committed.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the profession of Medicine and Surgery," was discharged.

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

Tuesday, 17th February, 1885.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Walter Barss*.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented a copy of the Hastings Saw-Mill Lease.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the jurisdiction and procedure of County Courts."

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Moved by Mr. *Drake*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Robson*,—

That Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876,'" be read a second time.

The resolution was lost on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Drake,</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Cunningham,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Raybould—9.</i>
<i>Galbraith,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Helgesen,</i>	<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>McLeese,</i>
<i>McTavish,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Dingwall,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir—14.</i>
<i>Orr,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>		

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30, p. m.

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Wednesday, 18th February, 1885.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Walter Barss*.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that additional polling places may be established at the following places in the *Kootenay District*, viz.:—At *Farwell*, *Windermere*, and *Kootenay Lake*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Annual Report on the Asylum for the Insane, *New Westminster*, for the year 1884. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to regulate the width of Waggon Tires,” was read a second time and committed.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

According to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mechanics’ Lien Act, 1879.’”

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Line Fences and Water Courses Act, 1876.’”

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to declare and regulate the powers of the Judges of the Supreme Court of British Columbia relative to appeals,” was read a second time and committed.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

According to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole (*re* Chinese evidence in the Courts of the Province).

The Committee rose without report.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.50, p. m.

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Thursday, 19th February, 1885.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Walter Barss*.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Petition from the *New Westminster* and *Port Moody* Telephone Company, Limited, for leave to present a Petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill to enable the Company to extend their line to *Coal Harbour* and *English Bay*.

Laid on the table.

On the motion of Mr. *Semlin*, seconded by Mr. *McLeese*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an order of this House be granted for a return of all copies of correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and any Manager of the Hastings Saw-Mill Company, at any time, in reference to that Mill not being kept in steady and constant work; also a copy of the prospectus annexed to the original lease.

On the motion of Mr. *Semlin*, seconded by Mr. *McLeese*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an order of this House be granted for copies of all correspondence between the Land Department and the claimants, or others, to a disputed land claim situated in the *Nicola* country; said claim having been in dispute between Messrs. *Scott* and *Whitford*.

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

What reply has been received to an order of this House passed on the 14th of January, 1884, in reference to having the limits of the Railway Lands in this Province properly defined?

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* replied by producing the following letter:—

“OTTAWA, 13th February, 1884.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 31st ultimo, transmitting a copy of a Report of your Executive Council, approved by yourself, upon the subject of the early definition of the Railway Land on the Mainland of British Columbia, and to state that the matter will receive due consideration.

“His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of  
“British Columbia.”

“I have, &c.,  
(Signed) “G. POWELL,  
“Under Secretary of State.”

According to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to secure the payment of Builders and Workmen.”

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.50, p. m.

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Friday, 20th February, 1885.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Walter Barss*.

The Petition from the *New Westminster* and *Port Moody* Telephone Company, Limited, was read and received.

Mr. *Martin* presented the Third Report from the Private Bills Committee, reporting the preambles proved of the following Bills:—

“An Act to Incorporate the New Westminster Southern Railway Company.”

“An Act to amend the ‘New Westminster City Lands Act, 1884.’”

“An Act to Incorporate the Esquimalt Water-works Company.”

Read and received.

Mr. *Wilson* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claims of settlers on lands at *Coal Harbour* proposed to be transferred to the Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate. (*See Appendix.*)

Read and received.

Mr. *Wilson* also presented a Supplemental Report from the same Committee. (*See Appendix*)  
Read and received.

On the motion of Mr. *Duck*, seconded by Mr. *T. Davie*, the Reports were adopted.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

According to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*,—  
“That this House approves of the agreement which the Government have entered into with the Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate relative to the extension of the Railway to, and establishment of the Terminus at, *Coal Harbour* and *English Bay*,” was resumed.

Moved, in amendment, by Mr. *McLeese*, seconded by Mr. *Semin*,—

To strike out all the words after “That” and insert: “this House is of opinion that the Government should first obtain from the Dominion authorities a proper relinquishment of their claim to the land to the west of *Port Moody* conveyed to them in trust to aid in the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

“That this House cannot properly consider the proposal to transfer 6,000 acres of land in *Granville* and in the vicinity of *English Bay* to trustees on behalf of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, unless the agreement to be entered into is placed before them, in the usual manner, in the form of a Statute.”

The debate was further adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50, p. m.

Saturday, 21st February, 1885.

TWELVE O'CLOCK, M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

According to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*,—

“That this House approves of the agreement which the Government have entered into with the Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate relative to the extension of the Railway to, and establishment of the Terminus at, *Coal Harbour* and *English Bay*,”

And the amendment thereto of Mr. *McLeese*,—

“To strike out all the words after ‘That’ and insert:—‘this House is of opinion that the Government should first obtain from the Dominion authorities a proper relinquishment of their claim to the land to the west of *Port Moody* conveyed to them in trust to aid in the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

‘That this House cannot properly consider the proposal to transfer 6,000 acres of land in *Granville* and in the vicinity of *English Bay* to trustees on behalf of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, unless the agreement to be entered into is placed before them, in the usual manner, in the form of a Statute,’ was resumed.

Mr. *Orr* moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Mr. *Allen*,—

“To add the words—‘in transferring the 6,000 acres of land to the Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate, the 640 acres claimed by settlers and covering pre-emptions originally taken up by Messrs. *Bone*, *Lockhart*, *Preston*, and *R. Preston*, be reserved from transfer, pending the adjustment as to the title of settlers to said lands.’”

Question proposed—“Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question.”

The House divided, and the Resolution was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Drake,</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Cunningham,</i>	<i>Dingwall,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>McTavish,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Raybould,</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir—16.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Helgesen,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Senlin—7.</i>
<i>Galbraith,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>	<i>McLeese,</i>	

Original Resolution put, and *Resolved* in the affirmative on the same division.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.55 o'clock, p. m.

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Monday, 23rd February, 1885.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Stephen*.

Mr. *Raybould* presented a Petition from *S. Robins*, and others, residents of *Nanaimo*, in support of the *Nanaimo* Water-works Bill.

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Duck* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to draft resolutions for transmission to the Dominion Government in regard to Chinese restriction (*See Appendix.*)  
Read and received.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *Orr*, seconded by Mr. *Cunningham*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Standing Orders be suspended and leave granted to present a Petition from the *New Westminster* and *Port Moody* Telephone Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill.

Mr. *Orr* then presented a Petition from the *New Westminster* and *Port Moody* Telephone Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill.

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Raybould* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 27) intituled "The Game Protection Amendment Act, 1885."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Wednesday next.



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

Have the Government complied with a Resolution passed by this House on the 7th December, 1883, as follows:—"That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House a Statement containing the name and place of residence of each person dying within the Province since the 20th July, 1871, and who, at the time of their death, were possessed of any personal property from which the Government have derived any revenue in the form of Probate Duty, the nature and value of such property, and the amount received in each case." If not, is it their intention to do so, and, if not, why?

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

"The Government are unable to furnish any further information than that contained in the return of estates of deceased persons laid before the House at the commencement of the Session."

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the jurisdiction and procedure of County Courts."

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Wednesday next.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Act, 1881,'" was discharged.

Mr. *T. Davie* (with leave of the House) asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Act, 1881.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order for the House to again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to regulate the width of Waggon Tires," was discharged.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act, 1879,'" was considered.

Report adopted,

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Line Fences and Water Courses Act, 1876,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the New Westminster Southern Railway Company," was read a second time and committed.

The Committee rose without report.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.15, p. m.

Tuesday, 24th February, 1885.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Stephen*.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *S. Robins*, and others, residents of *Nanaimo*, in support of the *Nanaimo* Waterworks Bill.

From the *New Westminster* and *Port Moody* Telephone Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill.

Mr. *Martin* presented the Fourth Report from the Private Bills Committee, reporting the preambles proved of the following Bills:—

“An Act to Incorporate the Nanaimo Water-works Company, Limited.”

“An Act to Incorporate the Similkameen and Thompson River Railway Company.

Read and received.

Mr. *Helgesen* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

Has any part of the sum of \$4,500 set apart under Vote 170 of last year's Estimates, in aid of Prospecting and Explorations, been devoted to that purpose; if so, how much, and who were the recipients of the same? 2nd. And in what part of the Province were such expeditions carried on.

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

“Yes, \$1443.16

“ <i>W. A. Robertson</i> .....	\$100 00
“ <i>J. Healy</i> .....	150 00
“ <i>J. Lanyon</i> and <i>O. D'Orpentigny</i> .....	40 00
“A party of three (names not given) fitted out by the Government	
“Agent, <i>Clinton</i> .....	153 16
“ <i>N. H. Chittenden</i> .....	1,000 00

“Total .....

\$1,443 16

“2nd. *Vancouver* and *Queen Charlotte Islands*, and Districts of *Cariboo* and *Lillooet*.”

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Robson*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, 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 Friday next.

According to Order, Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipality Act, 1881,’” was read a second time and committed.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Mr. *T. Davie* presented a Petition from *G. Williams*, *F. G. Richards*, and others (*re* Sunday closing).

Laid on the table.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘New Westminster City Lands Act, 1884,’” was read a second time and committed.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Esquimalt Water-works Company, 1885,” was read a second time and committed.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.15, p. m.

Wednesday, 25th February, 1885.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Stephen*.

The Petition from *G. Williams, F. G. Richards*, and others (*re Sunday closing*), was read and received.

Moved by Mr. *Duck*, seconded by Mr. *Galbraith*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, representing that the unsanitary condition of the piece of Crown land, from time to time covered by tide-water, situated to the east of *James' Bay Bridge*, within the limits of the City of *Victoria*, is a nuisance dangerous to the health of the citizens of *Victoria*, and requesting His Honour to cause measures to be taken to abate promptly the said nuisance.

Motion withdrawn with leave of the House.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, representing that it is desirable that the question of jurisdiction between Dominion and Provincial Governments in regard to foreshore rights, lands between high and low water marks, and the various reserves of land, made prior to Confederation, within the Province, should be permanently settled, and requesting His Honour to take such action as may be necessary to secure this object.

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

That the Report of the Committee appointed to draft a Resolution, for transmission to the Dominion Government, in regard to the restriction of Chinese immigration, be adopted.

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

That the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia extremely regrets the disallowance of the Act for the prevention of the immigration of Chinese, passed at its last Session.

The disallowance of the Act, according to the correspondence, did not proceed from a view of its being unconstitutional, but because the Act was regarded as inexpedient.

The Legislature sees nothing to change the carefully considered representations and opinions which have heretofore been expressed by this House on the Chinese question, and which from time to time have been communicated to and urged upon the Dominion Government.

Briefly, they may be summed up as follows:—

1. The Chinese are alien in sentiment and habits.
2. They do not become settlers in any sense of that word. They have no intention of permanently settling in the country, but come for the purpose of trading and labouring, in order to return to their native country with the means to pass the remainder of their days in ease. The Chinese population chiefly consists of male adults, and thus—without the responsibility of providing for a family—they come in unfair competition with white labour.

They are the slaves or coolies of the Chinese race, accustomed to live on the poorest fare, and in the meanest manner, and hence their presence tends to the degradation of the white labouring classes.

Their presence exerts a baneful influence in restricting the immigration of white labour, and especially in the class of house-servants, who will not be brought into contact with this race.

They have a system of secret societies which encourages crime amongst themselves, and which prevents the administration of justice. The use of opium has extended throughout the Province to the demoralization of the native races, and the Chinese encourage the use of this drug amongst others of our own rising population.

And this House urgently requests that some restrictive legislation be passed to prevent our Province from being completely overrun by Chinese.

And that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1884.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Nanaimo Water-works Company, Limited," was read a second time and committed.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of all correspondence between the Land Department and the claimants, or others, to a disputed land claim situated in the *Nicola* country; said claim having been in dispute between Messrs. *Scott* and *Whitford*.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of all correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and any Manager of the *Hastings Saw-Mill Company*, at any time, in reference to that Mill not being kept in steady and constant work; also a copy of the prospectus annexed to the original lease.

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 o'clock, p. m.

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Thursday, 26th February, 1885.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Stephen*.

Moved by Mr. *Duck*, seconded by Mr. *Gallbraith*,

Whereas the Government have signified their intention to erect a new Gaol in or near the City of *Victoria*;

And whereas the present site is not suitably located, and the area of land too small to admit of the construction of a building thereon of sufficient capacity to afford the necessary accommodation, and that it is desirable to obtain another site somewhere beyond the thickly populated portions of the City;

And whereas the requirements of the City, in the matter of reserves and open spaces, have been entirely overlooked;

Therefore be it resolved, that a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Honour to take into his favourable consideration the above facts, and, so soon as the new gaol shall have been completed, to further consider the advisability of transferring the plot of land upon which the present Gaol is situated to the City of *Victoria*, for such municipal purposes as to the said City may seem expedient.

Motion withdrawn by leave of the House.

On the motion of Mr. *Cunningham*, seconded by Mr. *Orr*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill No. 19

*Ordered*, That the House resolve itself into the said Committee on Monday next.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a return showing the amount collected under the several heads of Revenue in the *Kootenay District*, from the 1st January, 1884, to 31st December, 1884.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Sumas Dyking Act, 1878.’”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return showing the number and names of all persons assessed on income, and the amount assessed to each such person, in the Electoral District of *Victoria City*.

According to Order, Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act, 1884,’” was read a second time and committed.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 27) intituled “The Game Protection Amendment Act, 1885,” was read a second time and committed.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

According to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to prevent the Immigration of Chinese.”

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.15, p. m.

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Friday, 27th February, 1885.

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TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Stephen*.

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

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return showing the number and names of all persons who, having applied for permission to purchase lands under the Land Acts of the Province, prior to the passing of the “Land Act, 1884,” have completed their purchase under Section 76 of the last-named Act, and the number of acres obtained by each person.

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

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Robson*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*,—  
*Resolved*, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.  
*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

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

Report adopted.

*Resolved*, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

According to Order, Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Dyking Act 1878,'" was read a second time and committed.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1884,'".

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 27) intituled "The Game Protection Amendment Act, 1885," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Esquimalt Water-works Company, 1885," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to prevent the Immigration of Chinese," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

According to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Act, 1881,'".

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50, p. m.

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Monday, 2nd March, 1885.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

Mr. *Martin* presented the Fifth Report from the Private Bills Committee, reporting the preamble of a Bill intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Fraser River Valley Railway Company."

Received.



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

Whereas the piece of Crown land, from time to time covered by tide-water, situated to the east of *James' Bay Bridge*, within the limits of the City of *Victoria*, and commonly known as the "Mud Flat," is a nuisance dangerous to the health of the citizens of *Victoria*;

And whereas it is desirable that authority should be given to the City of *Victoria* to abate promptly the said nuisance, and that the said land should be conveyed to the said City to be dealt with in such manner as to the Municipal Council may seem expedient;

Be it therefore resolved, that a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to take such action as to him may seem expedient, to cause to be transferred to the City of *Victoria*, British Columbia, all that part of land situated to the east of the westerly side of *James' Bay Bridge*, in the said City.

Mr. Speaker read the following telegram from *Ottawa*, relating to the Address on the Chinese Question forwarded by him:—

"OTTAWA, ONTARIO,  
"27th February, 1885.

"To the Speaker,  
"Legislative Assembly, Victoria.

"Your telegram received and sent to Premier. Would suggest your House pass an Address to Governor-General embodying resolution, and it will be laid before Commons.

(Signed) "GEORGE A. KIRKPATRICK,  
"Speaker."

Mr. *Cunningham* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the Act relating to Ferries in Municipalities."

*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. *Cunningham*, seconded by Mr. *Raybould*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the advisability of introducing a Bill to regulate the issuing of Liquor Licenses.

*Ordered*, That the House resolve itself into the said Committee now.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Martin*, Chairman of the Committee reported the following Resolution:—

"The power to deal with this subject being already delegated to the Municipal Corporations, it is unnecessary for this House to legislate further in the matter."

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Orders in Council, correspondence, final agreement, and Crown grants, in connection with the transfer of the lands at *Coal Harbour* and *English Bay* to the Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate, or Trustees on their behalf.

On the motion of Mr. *McLeese*, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the claim of *Samuel Archer* when employed as Special Constable from 2nd January to 7th February, 1883; said Committee to be composed of Hon. Mr. *Davie*, and Messrs. *Semlin*, *Cunningham*, *Martin*, and the mover, and to have power to call for persons and papers, and to report to this House.

On the motion of Mr. *Semlin*, seconded by Mr. *McLeese*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee, composed of Hon. Mr. *Robson*, and Messrs. *Pooley*, *Martin*, *Galbraith*, and the mover, be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report to this House, as to the claims of *C. C. McKenzie*, Esq., late Superintendent of Education.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented 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:—

CLEMENT F. CORNWALL.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province of British Columbia for the year ending 30th June, 1886; and, in accordance with the provisions of "The British North America Act, 1867," he recommends these Estimates to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
2nd March, 1885.*

*Ordered,* That the said Message, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Return to an Order of the House showing the amount collected under the several heads of Revenue in the *Kootenay District*, from the 1st January, 1884, to 31st December, 1884.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Return to an Order of the House showing the number and names of all persons assessed on income, and the amount assessed to each such person, in the Electoral District of *Victoria City*.

On the motion of Mr. *Orr*, seconded by Mr. *Cunningham*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the claim of *McDougall Bros.* for extra work performed on the *New Westminster* and *Granville* Waggon Road; said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Cunningham*, *Semlin*, *Cowan*, the Hon. Mr. *Smithe*, and the mover.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licenses Ordinance, 1867.'"

*Ordered,* That leave be granted.  
Bill introduced and read a first time.  
*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act relating to the law of Coroners."

*Ordered,* That leave be granted.  
Bill introduced and read a first time.  
*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Duck* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1st.—Is it the intention of the Government to do away with dual taxation by abolishing the Income Tax on incomes derived from personal and real property, otherwise heavily taxed in the various Municipalities of the Province?

2nd.—Is it the intention of the Government to abolish the Provincial Tax on personal property situated within the different Municipalities of the Province, so that a similar tax may be imposed by the Corporation of the Municipality in which such personal property is situated?

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

"It is not the present intention to abolish or surrender the taxes referred to, the sources of revenue not yet being adequate to the requirements of the country."

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

What compensation, if any, does the Government propose to make the settlers on the lands transferred by the Provincial Government to the Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate?

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

"The Supplementary Estimates will show. They will probably be brought down to-morrow or next day."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Dyking Act, 1878,'" was considered and adopted.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* moved—That Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Dyking Act, 1878,'" be now read a third time.

Mr. *T. Davie* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Orr*,—

That all the words after "Act, 1878," be left out, and the following inserted:—"be not now read a third time, but be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. *Galbraith*, *Pooley*, *John*, *Orr*, and the mover, to enquire and report to this House, at its present Session, as to the condition and working of the Dyke so far as the *Matsqui Prairie* is concerned."

Amendment withdrawn with leave.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1884,'" was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Nanaimo Water-works Company, Limited," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster City Lands Act, 1884,'" was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

That the following Address be forwarded by the Speaker to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council:—

We, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, extremely regret the disallowance of the Act for the prevention of the immigration of Chinese, passed at its last Session.

The disallowance of the Act, according to the correspondence, did not proceed from a view of its being unconstitutional, but because the Act was regarded as inexpedient.

We see nothing to change the carefully considered representations and opinions which we have heretofore expressed on the Chinese question, and which from time to time have been communicated to and urged upon the Dominion Government.

Briefly, they may be summed up as follows:—

1. The Chinese are alien in sentiment and habits.
2. They do not become settlers in any sense of that word. They have no intention of permanently settling in the country, but come for the purpose of trading and labouring, in order to return to their native country with the means to pass the remainder of their days in ease. The Chinese population chiefly consists of male adults, and thus—without the responsibility of providing for a family—they come in unfair competition with white labour.

They are the slaves or coolies of the Chinese race, accustomed to live on the poorest fare, and in the meanest manner, and hence their presence tends to the degradation of the white labouring classes.

Their presence exerts a baneful influence in restricting the immigration of white labour, and especially in the class of house-servants, who will not be brought into contact with this race.

They have a system of secret societies which encourages crime amongst themselves, and which prevents the administration of justice. The use of opium has extended throughout the Province, to the demoralization of the native races, and the Chinese encourage the use of this drug amongst others of our own rising population.

And we urgently request that some restrictive legislation be passed to prevent our Province from being completely overrun by Chinese.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45, p.m.