

Monday, 19th March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Report from the Select Committee appointed to visit the Royal Hospital and the Lunatic Asylum was read, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix to Journals.*)

Mr. *Tolmie*, from the Select Committee appointed to examine Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to afford to owners and occupiers of Land a summary remedy in certain cases of Trespass," submitted the said Bill amended.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be re-committed on Friday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Smiths* presented a Report from the Committee to which the Sheep Run Protection Bill was referred.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be re-committed on Friday next.

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

That the Public Accounts from 31st December, 1876, up to date, be submitted to the Committee of Accounts for examination.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Motion was out of order.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting a Return of the amount of Licences collected under sections *p*, *q*, and *r* of the "Licences Amendment Act, 1876," respectively.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Alexandra Company."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House a statement showing the balances to the debit, or credit, of the Province in any Bank or in the hands of the Treasurer on 12th March, 1877, and on this date.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Licences Amendment Act, 1876,' and 'An Act to further amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act for giving Appeals from Convictions or Orders of Justices of the Peace, in certain cases, to the County Court."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876.'"

*Ordered*. That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

When will the Insane Asylum at *New Westminster* be completed and ready to receive the patients at *Hospital Point*?

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

“The Lunatic Asylum at *New Westminster* is expected to be ready for the reception of patients in about three months.”

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

Have Trustees been appointed for the public park called *Beacon Hill*, in accordance with the “Public Parks Act, 1876”?

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

“No Trustees have been appointed.”

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 23) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act, 1875.’”

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.20 p. m.

Tuesday, 20th March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting a Return of Expenditure, from 30th September to 31st December, 1876; also a Return of all Liabilities up to 31st December, 1876, remaining unpaid; also a Return of all Contracts and Works let and not completed to 31st December, 1876,” for each district respectively; also a Return of all Taxes remaining unpaid in each district on 31st December, 1876; also the cost of road from landing opposite *New Westminster* to foot-hills, on the property of *E. Brown*; also the amount paid to Mr. *Brown* for use of dump-cart, horse hire, feed, &c., either in his own name, or in the name of Mr. *Tod* or any other person employed by him.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act for providing in certain cases for the distribution of the estates of persons dying intestate and leaving property in the Province” was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

The Order, for the House to go into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act respecting the Legislative Assembly,” was discharged, and the Bill was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of certain Municipal Elections” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act, 1871.'"

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

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

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* stated, in reply to Mr. *Walkem's* Question respecting correspondence relative to *J. L. Crimp*,—

"The only correspondence between the Government and Mr. *Crimp*, is a letter from the Provincial Secretary, informing that gentleman that his services were no longer required."

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of all papers and correspondence referring to or connected with the payment of \$16,590 34 to Messrs. *Finlayson & Tolmie*, and \$419 40 paid to Messrs. *Drake & Jackson*, and \$428 50 paid to Mr. *A. R. Robertson*. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p. m.

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Wednesday, 21st March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Tolmie* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to prepare a Bill to provide for the destruction of Thistles in rural districts.

Report adopted.

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

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to recommend to the Dominion Government the expediency of having a line of telegraph constructed between *Victoria* and *Nanaimo*.

The Standing Orders were suspended, and

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

That the order of this House, of the 12th March, 1877, limiting the investigation of the Public Accounts Committee to the 31st December, 1876, be rescinded.

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

That the Public Accounts from 1st January, 1876, to the 19th March, 1877, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of certain Municipal Elections" was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

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The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* and Messrs. *Walkem* and *Davie* were nominated a Select Committee respecting payments made to the Honourable *Ebenezer Brown*.

The second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to provide for the better administration of Justice" was postponed until to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act respecting the qualification for the offices of Mayor and Councillors in certain Municipalities" was read a second time.  
*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of mechanics, machinists, and others," was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

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

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867,' the 'Licences Amendment Act, 1874,' and the 'Licences Amendment Act, 1875,'" was discharged, and the Bill was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to prevent the destruction of pasturage on the Islands in the *Gulf of Georgia*."

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock p. m.

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HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to prevent the destruction of pasturage on the Islands in the *Gulf of Georgia*."

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

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Thursday, 22nd March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

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

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to enable Municipal Corporations to pass by-laws for the sale of lands for taxes."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Order for the House to go into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1875,'" was discharged, and

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

That the Land Act Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee; said Committee to consist of Messrs. *Vernon*, *Mara*, *Gordon*, *E. Brown*, and *Davie*.

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

Has Mr. *William Fernie* been discharged from the Provincial service at *Kootenay*? If so, by whom, and what time?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied, and stated that he would give a further answer.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act respecting the qualification for the offices of Mayor and Councillors in certain Municipalities" was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to provide for the better administration of Justice" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876.'"

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p. m.

Friday, 23rd March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report to this House upon the manner in which the contract for the Cofferdam and all other business connected with the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock has been dealt with and carried on since the first day of January, 1876, which was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix to Journals.*)

The Committee was discharged.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to encourage the mining of gold-bearing quartz."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Tolmie* to ask leave to introduce a Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to prevent the spread of Thistles."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* to ask leave to introduce a Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to make Regulations with respect to Coal Mines."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to afford the owners and occupiers of Land a summary remedy in certain cases of Trespass."

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to provide for the better administration of Justice."

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p. m. until 7.30 p. m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876.'"

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

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



The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* stated, in reply to Mr. *Gallagher's* Question respecting Mr. *William Fernie*,—

"1. Yes.

"2. Mr. *Fernie* discharged himself by accepting the office of Collector of Customs at *Kootenay*.

"3. In May last."

And then the House adjourned at 9.20 p. m.

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Monday, 26th March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to recommend to the Dominion Government the expediency of subsidizing a line of steamers for carrying the mails between *New Westminster*, *Nanaimo*, and *East Coast of Vancouver Island*

Mr. *Davie* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the circumstances connected with the disappearance from the Treasury of Voucher No. 1461, which was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix to Journals*.)  
The Committee was discharged.

Messrs. *Beaven* and *Evans* were withdrawn from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, and Messrs. *Pimbury* and *Gallagher* were appointed in their places.

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

Is it the intention of the Government to appoint Trustees for the public park called *Beacon Hill*, in accordance with the "Public Parks Act, 1876," and appropriate a small sum to be expended by the Trustees in embellishing the said park?

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

"The Government have the matter under consideration."

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

What are the dates upon which copies of the following Despatches were received by Government in this Province:—

Despatch dated Downing Street, 23rd May, 1876;

Despatch No. 362, dated Downing Street, 18th December, 1876;

viz., Lord Carnarvon's reply to the Address of this Legislature of February, 1876?

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

"Despatch, dated Downing Street, 23rd May, 1876, received 27th June, 1876.

"Despatch No. 362, dated Downing Street, 18th December, 1876, received 25th January, 1877."

The consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to provide for the better Administration of Justice" was postponed to Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act, 1876," was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to enable Municipal Corporations to pass by-laws for the sale of land for taxes" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to prevent the spread of Thistles" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to encourage the mining of gold-bearing quartz" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Wednesday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.50 o'clock p.m., until 7.30 p.m.

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

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

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, an Approximate Statement of Land sold in British Columbia from 31st July, 1871, to 31st December, 1876, being an Appendix to Return published 25th April, 1876. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to afford owners and occupiers of land a summary remedy in certain cases of trespass."

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to prevent the destruction of pasturage on the Islands in the Gulf of Georgia."

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Tuesday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.40 p.m.



Tuesday, 27th March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to recommend to the Dominion Government to place at the disposal of the Local Government certain Houses situated near Dominion Offices, *New Westminster*, for Immigration purposes.

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

That the Rules and Orders of this House be amended by adding thereto as Rule 71A the following:—

“71A. Every Act introduced for the purpose of affecting the interests of any particular Section or District of the Province and not applicable to the whole Province shall be deemed to be a Private Bill, and shall be subject to all the rules and orders respecting Private Bills.”

The Motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Mr. *Morrison* was withdrawn from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, and the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* was appointed in his place.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause the Dominion Government to be informed, through the proper channel,—

That this House, after careful consideration of the incidence of the increase of taxation sanctioned by the Parliament of Canada since British Columbia joined the Confederation, is of opinion that the interests of the Eastern Provinces are altogether alien to those of most important industries of this Province.

That British Columbia entered Confederation, reserving the right to have fixed, unchangeable Customs and Excise Duties until connected by Railway with the system of Railways in Canada; and that by an Act of the Legislature of this Province, intituled the “Canada Customs Laws Adoption Act, 1872,” duly assented to, the Customs and Excise Laws then *in force* in Canada were made to be in force in and extend and apply to the Province of British Columbia.

That this House is of opinion that there can be no lawful authority to change the Customs and Excise Laws of British Columbia, except with the inclusion of the Provincial Legislature.

That (without prejudice) this House expresses the belief that the people of British Columbia are willing to share the burden of additional taxation necessitated by the condition of the Eastern Provinces, provided that the equitable course is taken of adjusting such taxation to the special condition of the Province.

That this House is strongly of opinion that the operation of the Customs Tariff ought to afford greater protection to the agricultural interests of the Province.

That this House is willing to assist in the legislation necessary to provide for the collection of an amount of Customs duties equivalent to the sum of the difference between the Customs duties of Canada at the time when the Canada Customs Adoption Act came into force and the present time, provided that such duties are levied upon foreign agricultural produce in a manner satisfactory to the Legislature of the Province.

That this House regrets that its previous resolutions on the important subject of protection to the agricultural interest have been disregarded by the Dominion Government, and trust that during the recess Your Honour will receive assurances from the Dominion Government of their readiness to adjust the taxation of the Province on a satisfactory basis, failing which, this House pledges itself to take such action as may be found advisable to enforce the rights of the Province.

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

That the fourth to the sixteenth lines, both inclusive, the words "without prejudice" in the seventeenth line, all the words after the word "Provinces" in the nineteenth line, all the words in the twentieth line, and all the words after the twenty-second line of the Motion be struck out, and the word "and" be inserted at the beginning of the twenty-first line of the Motion.

The Amendment was put and negatived.

The debate on the original Motion was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned, at 5.40 p. m.

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Wednesday, 28th March, 1877.

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TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Davie* presented a Report (being the third) from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was read and received.

*Ordered*, That Bills (Nos. 25, 27, 28) intituled—

"An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Insurance Company,"

"An Act for the relief of *Andrew Astrico* of *Victoria*,"

"An Act to incorporate the Alexandra Company,"

be read a second time on Thursday next.

Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act relating to Minerals other than Coal and Gold."

*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 the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, for copies of all correspondence between the Manager of the Bank of British Columbia and the Honourable the Finance Minister, or the Finance Department, respecting the deposit of Government Debentures in the Bank of British Columbia since 30th June, 1876, to the present time. Also, a Return of the Account Current between the Government and the Bank of British Columbia at the present time.

Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to consolidate the laws relating to the Legal Profession in this Province."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

Is it the intention of the Government to alter or change the present line of the main waggon road in the vicinity of the 150 mile-post and *Williams Lake*?

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

"The matter has been brought before the notice of the Government by the Members for the District, and is under consideration."

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

How did the difference in the date of Dr. *Tolmie's* \$100,000 claim and *A. R. Robertson's* agreement originate? Mr. *Robertson* agreed to the 1st September, 1875, and Dr. *Tolmie's* claim is dated 20th September, 1875.

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

“I am unable to state how the difference originated, but am informed by Mr. *Robertson* that it must have been merely a clerical error.”

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to encourage the Mining of Gold-bearing Quartz” was considered.

Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 36) intituled “An Act to make Regulations with respect to Coal Mines” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 p. m., until 7.30 p. m.

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HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 36) intituled “An Act to make Regulations with respect to Coal Mines.”

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

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

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Report adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

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

Report adopted.

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

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*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 17.) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act, 1871.'"

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned, at 10.10 o'clock p. m.

Thursday, 29th March, 1877.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Fisher* presented the first Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Report was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Minority Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Report was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

Mr. *Tolmie*, by leave of the House, withdrew from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, and Mr. *Mara* was appointed in his place.

Mr. *Morrison* asked leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the *Ogden Point Lands.*"

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill appeared by its title to be a Private Bill, and therefore not in order.

An appeal being made against Mr. Speaker's decision, the same was supported on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.</i>	<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Milby,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith, R.</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Armstrong.—14.</i>
<i>Brown, E.</i>	<i>Mara,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Humphreys.—10.</i>
<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Pimbury,</i>		

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

That the evidence taken by the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the manner in which the contract for the Cofferdam has been carried out since January 1st, 1876, be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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

That the reply of the Provincial Government to the despatches of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State in answer to the Petition of this House on the subject of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway be taken into consideration, and that this House do approve of the said reply.

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

That Clause 3 be struck out, and the following inserted:—

"That they respectfully submit that the delays that have already taken place in the commencement of the Railway within the Province should not have occurred; and they, therefore, strongly but respectfully urge that the construction of that portion of

the Railway between *Esquimalt* and *Nanaimo*, which was agreed in 1874 to be immediately constructed, should no longer be deferred. They also submit that, if the surveys of the line on the mainland portion of the Province are incomplete, they should be at once pushed vigorously forward, so that railroad construction upon the mainland shall be commenced, without fail, at a period not later than that indicated in Lord Carnarvon's Despatch of 18th December, 1876."

The debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

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

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Saturday, 31st March, 1877.

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TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from the Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Company (Limited), and others, which was read and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on Mr. *Walkem's* proposed Amendment to the Honourable Mr. *Elliott's* Motion,—“That the reply of the Provincial Government to the despatches of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, in answer to the Petition of this House on the subject of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, be taken into consideration, and that this House do approve of the said reply,” was resumed.

By leave of the House, the proposed Amendment of Mr. *Walkem* was withdrawn, and the following substituted therefor:—

That the words “do approve of the said reply”, be struck out, and the following words be substituted:—

“Do not approve of that portion of the reply which is contained in paragraph three thereof, and which reads as follows:—

“That they, however, feel that they are bound to accept the recommendations of Lord Carnarvon to concede to the Dominion Government the short delay of another summer, which His Lordship informs them is still necessary to enable fuller and more conclusive reports to be procured from Marine Engineers and Naval Officers than have yet been obtained, and which His Lordship states are necessary for the determination of the question of the Railway terminus on the Pacific.”

“And this House is of opinion that it would have been more advisable if the following words had been substituted in lieu of those contained in the said paragraph:—

“That they respectfully submit that the delays that have already taken place in the commencement of the Railway within the Province should not have occurred; and they, therefore, strongly but respectfully urge that the construction of that portion of the Railway between *Esquimalt* and *Nanaimo*, which was agreed in 1874 to be immediately constructed, should no longer be deferred. They also submit that, if the surveys of the line on the mainland portion of the Province are incomplete, they should be at once pushed vigorously forward, so that railroad construction upon the mainland shall be commenced, without fail, at a period not later than that indicated in Lord Carnarvon's Despatch of 18th December, 1876.”

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

The debate on the proposed Amendment, moved by Mr. *Walkem*, was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5:38 o'clock, p.m.