

Wednesday, 1st April, 1896.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. F. Betts*.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented a Return showing the fees and emoluments obtained by or accruing to each and every Sheriff for the year ending 31st December, 1895.

Mr. *Hunter* presented the Twelfth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
1st April, 1896.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders beg leave to report as follows:—

The preambles proved of the following Bills, viz.:—

No. 24—An Act respecting the Antler Creek Mining Company (Limited Liability),

No. 25—An Act respecting the Lightning Creek Gold Gravels and Drainage Company (Limited Liability),  
and beg to report the same complete with amendments.

JOSEPH HUNTER,  
*Chairman.*

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and the Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Hunter*, seconded by Mr. *Rogers*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be sent down all correspondence relating to the complaint lodged with the Honourable the Attorney-General in reference to the treatment of Messrs. *Cummings* and *Morrison* at *Nelson* during the month of November last.

Mr. *Helmcken* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:—

Has any space been reserved in the New Parliament Buildings for the Provincial Museum? If yea, what space has been so reserved? If nay, is it the intention of the Government to reserve space in the New Parliament Buildings for the Provincial Museum?

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

“No space has yet been reserved. The Government has the matter under consideration.”

Mr. *Graham* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:—

Is Mr. *T. Barton* still in the employ of the Government? If not, when did he leave the service, and for what reason?

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

“No. Mr. *Barton* resigned his position in the Government service on 17th December last.”

The Report on Bill (No. 42) intituled “An Act to amend an Act to Incorporate the Consolidated Railway and Light Company, and to consolidate certain Acts relating thereto, and to change the name thereof to the Consolidated Railway Company,” was again considered. Clause 6 was struck out.

Mr. *Kennedy* moved—To amend section 7 by striking out the words “the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company,” in the fourth and fifth lines, and the words “the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company Amalgamation Act, 1891,” in the ninth and tenth lines.

Ruled out of order.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved—To amend section 45 by inserting the words “suitable for that purpose” on the fifteenth line, after the word “cable.”

Carried.

Mr. *Kennedy* moved—That the word “railway,” wherever used in this Act, shall mean a “tramway” or “street railway” only.

Ruled out of order.

Mr. *Kennedy* moved—To insert as a new section :—

“63. The powers and privileges conferred by this Act shall not be held to be new powers granted to the Company, but shall be the same powers as were held by the various companies whose rights have been acquired by the Company, and subject to the same limitations and conditions as when originally granted.”

Withdrawn.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 38) intituled “An Act respecting the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited,” was again committed.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Resolutions 1 to 264, both inclusive, for the year ending 30th June, 1897, adopted in Committee of Supply on 30th and 31st March, were reported and received.

Resolutions 1 to 42, both inclusive, were read a first time.

To Resolution 43 Mr. *Sword* moved in amendment to reduce the amount by \$1,714.

Amendment negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton—8.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>
<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Rieth,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>McGregor—17.</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>			

Resolution read a first time.

Resolutions 44 to 264 were read a first time.

Resolutions read a second and third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Bill (No. 55) intituled “An Act to further amend the ‘Sheriffs Act,’” was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Assessment Act’ and amending Acts,” was considered.

Mr. *Semlin* moved—To insert the following as a new section, to come after section 1 in the Bill :—

“Sub-section (4) of section 2 of the ‘Assessment Act’ is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor :—

“(4.) The terms ‘personal estate’ and ‘personal property’ include all income, goods, chattels, shares in incorporated companies, dividends from stocks, money, notes, Government or municipal bonds or securities, accounts and debts at their actual value, and all other property, except land and real estate and real property as above defined, and mortgages thereon.”

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Cotton—9.</i>
<i>Forster,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McGregor—17.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>			

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* moved to amend section 8 by striking out all the words after "say," in line 4, and inserting the following :—

"One per cent. on the assessed value of all ore or mineral-bearing substances raised, gotten, or gained from any lands in the Province, the estimate of assessed value to be the market price of the ore or mineral-bearing substances at the mine, according to smelter, reduction or refinery works returns, as the case may be : Provided that no ore nor mineral-bearing substances shall be taxed which are not sold nor removed from the mining premises."

Carried.

Report as amended adopted.

To be read third time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act respecting the British Columbia Southern Railway," was considered.

Mr. *Kellie* moved—To insert the following as section 3 :—

"Nothing in this Act, and no grant to be made hereunder, shall be construed to interfere with free miners entering upon and searching for minerals and acquiring claims in accordance with the mining laws of the Province."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act respecting the consolidation of the claims and water-rights of the Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited (Foreign)," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 P. M.

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

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act relating to Gold and other Minerals, excepting Coal," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act, 1891,' and amending Acts," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bureau of Mines Act,' " was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was committed.  
 Progress reported.  
 Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to make further provision respecting the Drainage, Dyking and Irrigation of Lands," was committed.  
 Reported complete with amendments.  
 Report to be considered to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising to-morrow, will stand adjourned until two o'clock p. m. on Saturday.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10:55 o'clock, p. m.

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## Thursday, 2nd April, 1896.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. F. Betts*.

Mr. *Hunter* presented the Thirteenth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
 April 2nd, 1896.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders beg leave to report as follows:—

That the Standing Orders have not been complied with in reference to the Petition (No. 25) of the New Westminster and Vancouver Short Line Railway Company.

JOSEPH HUNTER,  
*Chairman.*

On the motion "That the Report be received—

Mr. *Kennedy* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Kitchen*,—

To strike out the word "received," and to add to the Resolution the words "not received, but be sent back to the Committee for reconsideration, and to allow further evidence to be brought before the Committee, and to enable the Committee to make a further Report."

Amendment carried.

Motion as amended carried.

Mr. *Semlin* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

Has the certificate of *Joseph Irwin*, a teacher at *Salmon Arm*, been cancelled by the Council of Public Instruction?

If so cancelled, what is the date of such cancellation?

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* replied as follows:—

"Yes. March 26th, 1896."

The Report on Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act for the extermination of Wild Horses," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Incorporation of Municipalities," was considered.

Mr. *Kellie* moved—To amend section 15 by striking out all the words after "Provincial Secretary," in the fifth line, and inserting the following:—"for a period of at least three months, and the Letters Patent incorporating or extending or reducing the limits of a municipality, as the case may be, shall take effect and be in force from and after a day to be proclaimed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council."

Negatived.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "The Municipal Clauses Act," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Leave to sit again this evening.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* presented copies of regulations made by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, under the Mining Laws of the Province.

Statement of the names and places of residence of Collectors of Revenue paid by commission, rate of same, and date of authority therefor.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 P. M.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of the Sandon Water-Works and Light Company," was considered.

Mr. *Hume* moved—To add after the word "water," in line two of section 40, the words "within one year."

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order, and gave the following decision thereon:—

The amendment to section 40, moved by the Hon. Member for South-West Kootenay (Mr. Hume), is, I think, out of order. Standing Order 41 of the Imperial House of Commons lays it down "that upon the report stage of any Bill no amendment may be proposed which could not have been proposed in Committee without an instruction from the House." This amendment could not have been moved in Committee without an instruction from the House, and is not in order on report. But under Rule 75 of our own Rules and Orders the amendment may be proposed on a motion to read the Bill a third time.

The amendment of the Hon. Third Member for Victoria (Mr. Helmcken) should also be moved at the third reading stage, for the reasons given above.

D. W. HIGGINS,  
*Speaker.*

Bill (No. 69) intituled "The Municipal Clauses Act," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting of the House.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* moved—"That the House do now adjourn."

Mr. *Forster* moved in amendment—To add the words "until Monday next at 2 P. M."

Amendment put and carried.

Resolution as amended put and carried.

And then the House adjourned at 11:20 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, 6th April, 1896.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Forster* presented a Petition from Dr. *G. L. Milne*, opposing the passage of Private Bill of "The New Westminster and Vancouver Short Line Railway Company."  
Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Kitchen* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act for the protection of Bees."

Introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Act, 1895.'"

Introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Sword*, seconded by Mr. *Huff*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a return showing all particulars of the sum of \$3,714 entered in the Public Accounts as mileage paid to members for the year ending 30th June, 1895.

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

That an Order of this House be granted for a return showing the number of leases of placer mining ground in the District of *Omineca*; the names of the holders of such leases, and, if a company, the number of leases they hold, and the names of the individual members of such company. Such return to embrace all leases or concessions in *Omineca* in placer mining leases to 31st December, 1895.

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

1. How many notices of refusal to register absolute fees under the Land Registry Act have been sent out of the office of the Victoria City Land Registry during the period from 1st November, 1894, to date?

2. How many notices of refusal to register mortgages or other incumbrances or judgments have been sent out of the office of the Victoria City Land Registry Office from 1st November, 1894, to date?

3. How many mortgages, charges, or other incumbrances or judgments has the Registrar at any time refused to cancel during the period from 1st November, 1894, to date?

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

"1. 105.

"2. 100.

"3. No mortgages or other incumbrances or judgments, but he has on many occasions, the number of which there are no means of ascertaining, refused to cancel charges."

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of 30th March, returning Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company."

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act respecting the consolidation of the claims and water-rights of the Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited (Foreign)," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act, 1894,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Revenue Tax Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of the Sandon Water Works and Light Company," was adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act respecting the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited," was adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

With the consent of the Crown, Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act respecting the Antler Creek Mining Company (Limited Liability)," was referred to a Committee of the Whole forthwith.

The Committee reported the following Resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report, recommending to the House that the following clauses be added to the Bill:—

As clause 2:—

"2. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to demise to the Company and its assigns, for a term of twenty years, the several properties comprised in the leases set forth and described in the Schedule A to this Act, with power to work, extract, remove, and retain for its own use all mines and minerals, including the precious metals therein contained, at a rental of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, granting to the Company the privilege of a renewal for a further term of twenty years, upon such terms as may be prescribed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council."

As sub-sections (d), (e), and (f) of section 4:—

"(d) The right to all unrecorded mining ground on the line of the flume, for three hundred feet on each side thereof:

"(e) The right, for the purpose of working the flume or tunnel, or bed-rock flume, to the use of the waters of Valley Creek and its tributaries flowing into the flume: Provided, however, that free miners working along the line of the flume shall, without obstructing the flume or the free working thereof, be at liberty to take from the flume such water as they may require for mining purposes, but upon condition that they shall return the water so taken, with the least possible waste, to the bed of the flume:

"(f) The right to construct dams, flumes, ditches and tunnels on the banks, benches or hills contiguous to the properties mentioned in Schedule A, of such size, length, capacity, and at such elevation, as may be suitable for working any of the Company's properties."

Report adopted.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

With the consent of the Crown, Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act respecting the Lightning Creek Gold Gravels and Drainage Company (Limited Liability)," was referred to a Committee of the Whole forthwith.

The Committee reported the following Resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report, recommending the House to add the following clauses to the Bill:—

As clause 1 :—

“1. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to demise to the Company and its assigns, for a term of twenty years, the several properties set forth and described in the Schedule to this Act, with power to work, win, extract, remove, and retain, for its own use, all mines and minerals, including the precious metals therein contained, at a rental of one thousand dollars per annum, granting to the Company the privilege of a renewal for a further term of twenty years, upon such terms as may be prescribed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.”

As sub-sections (d), (e), and (f), of section 2 :—

“(d.) The right to all unrecorded mining ground on the line of the flume for three hundred feet on each side thereof :

“(e.) The right, for the purpose of working the flume, bed-rock flume or tunnel, to the use of the waters of Lightning Creek and its tributaries flowing into the flume, subject to all existing rights: Provided, however, that free miners working along the line of the flume shall, without obstructing the flume or the free working thereof, be at liberty to take from the flume such water as they may require for mining purposes, but upon condition that they shall return the water so taken, with the least possible waste, to the bed of the flume :

“(f.) It shall be lawful for the Company to construct dams, flumes, and ditches and tunnels on the banks, benches or hills contiguous to the properties mentioned in the Schedule, of such size, length, capacity, and at such elevation, as may be suitable for working any of the Company’s property.”

Report adopted.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 69) intituled “The Municipal Clauses Act,” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 44) intituled “An Act to amend ‘An Act to amend the Distress for Rent Act, 1895,’” was committed.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

To be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 65) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Investment and Loan Societies Act,’” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again this evening.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 P. M.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O’CLOCK, P. M.

House again in Committee on Bill (No. 65) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Investment and Loan Societies Act.’”

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

The second reading of Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Game Protection Act, 1895,’” was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Hume,  
Sword,  
Huff,  
Cotton,

Kellie,  
Mutter,  
Helmcken,

Martin,  
Booth,  
Walkem,

Eberts,  
Hunter,  
Irving—13.



## NAVS :

## Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Braden—14.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>		

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustees and Executors Act,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Order to resume the adjourned debate on Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of Telephone and Telegraph Companies," was discharged.

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Electors and Elections in Municipalities," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

To be considered to-morrow.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act, 1891,'"—

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order, as being substantially the same as Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act for the benefit of Mechanics and Labourers," upon which the House had already expressed its opinion in the negative.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10:40 o'clock, p. m.

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Tuesday, 7th April, 1896.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. D. Barber.*

Mr. *Hunter* presented the Fourteenth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
April 7th, 1896.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders beg leave to report as follows:—

That they have reconsidered Petition (No. 25) of the "New Westminster and Vancouver Short Line Railway Company," and find that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, but your Committee recommend the suspension of the Rules to allow the Bill to be admitted.

JOSEPH HUNTER,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received and adopted.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster and Vancouver Short Line Railway Act,'" was, on the motion of Mr. *Kennedy*, introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* presented a Return of all correspondence between the Government and the C. P. R. and the *Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway*, re the latter road's entrance into the town limits of *Nelson*.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of 30th March, returning Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company."

The Committee reported the following Resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House the Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company," with amendments thereto.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act' and amending Acts," was discharged and the Bill recommitted, with instructions to the Committee to consider the amendment of section 8 by striking out the words "estimate of assessed value to be," in the third line of the section, and substituting therefor the words "assessed value to be based on;" and by striking out the words "according to," in the fourth line, and substituting therefor the words "as determined in case of dispute by."

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to make further provision respecting the Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation of Lands," was considered.

Mr. *Sword* moved—To strike out section 14 and substitute the following:—

"14. The Commissioners may fix by Resolution the remuneration to be received by themselves, but such remuneration shall not exceed five dollars per day for each Commissioner when actually employed in official business, nor shall such remuneration in any calendar year exceed one hundred dollars to any Commissioner, nor three hundred dollars to the whole number, unless the payment of same is sanctioned by a majority of proprietors present at a meeting called to sanction such payment."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved—To insert the following new sections as sections 18 and 19:—

"18. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may from time to time appoint a Civil Engineer, or other properly qualified person or persons, whose duty it shall be to inspect and examine at such season of the year as may be specified by Order in Council, or at such other times as the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works may direct, any dykes for the erection of which bonds have been issued by any Commissioners, and interest thereon guaranteed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council; and any repairs or precautionary measures which such engineer or other person may consider urgent, shall be carried out forthwith by the Commissioners, and at their expense; and in case of default by the Commissioners or extreme urgency, such engineer or other person shall have power, on behalf of the Commissioners, to carry out the said repairs or measures, and shall forthwith notify the Commissioners and the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works of any expenditure in the premises. The remuneration and expenses of such engineer or other person shall be borne by the Commissioners of the dyking district in respect of which they were incurred, or shall be divided between two or more Boards of Commissioners in such shares as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may determine.

"19. All dyking assessments due or to become due, shall bear interest from the time when the same are due and payable, at the rate of six per centum per annum, and the interest thereon shall be collectable as the original assessment."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act respecting the consolidation of the claims and water-rights of The Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited (Foreign)," was considered and adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order to again consider Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to provide a Fund for Educational Purposes by sale of Public Lands," in Committee of the Whole, was discharged.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

To be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act relating to Gold and other Minerals, excepting Coal," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented the following papers:—

Return showing the fees and emoluments obtained by or accruing to each and every Sheriff for the year ending 31st December, 1895.

Statement of Commons established, showing revenue collected for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1895.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 P. M.

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

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act, 1894,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Act, 1895,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act respecting the Antler Creek Mining Company (Limited Liability), was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

To be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act respecting the Lightning Creek Gold Gravels and Drainage Company (Limited Liability)," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of the Sandon Water-Works and Light Company," was considered.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved—To add after the word "water," in line two of section 40, the words "within two years."

Carried.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved—To strike out the word "two," in the third line, and insert the word "three."

Negatived.

Mr. *Hume* moved—To add after the word "water," in line two of section 40, the words "within one year."

Negatived.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Investment and Loan Societies Act,'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Electors and Elections in Municipalities," was considered.

Mr. *McGregor* moved—To amend section 1 by inserting after the word "tenement," on the second line of the "Householder" clause, the words "or any part or portion of a messuage, dwelling or tenement."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to amend the Distress for Rent Act, 1895,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order to again consider Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act respecting Wages," in Committee of the Whole, was discharged.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustees and Executors Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 8th April, 1896.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. D. Barber*.

*Ordered*, That Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1894,'" be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Booth* presented the Third Report from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
8th April, 1896.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

They have considered Bill No. 84, "The New Westminster and Vancouver Short Line Railway Company Act Amendment Act, 1896," and find the preamble proved, and report the Bill complete with amendments.

Your Committee also report the following as an additional section not covered by the preamble, and recommend that the same be inserted in Committee of the Whole:—

"Section 1 of chapter 37 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1889, is hereby repealed, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—

"1. Daniel J. Munn, Bartley W. Shiles, and Charles George Major, all of the City of New Westminster, in the Province of British Columbia, and Thomas Dunn and Robert G. Tatlow, both of the City of Vancouver, in the Province aforesaid, together with such other persons and corporations as shall, in pursuance of this Act, become shareholders in the Company hereby incorporated, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of 'The New Westminster and Vancouver Short Line Railway Company,' hereinafter called the Company."

J. P. BOOTH,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

What has been done by the Government towards carrying out the wishes of this House relative to resident Supreme Court Judge at *Vancouver*, as expressed in the Resolution of this House on 12th March, 1896?

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

"The Minute of Council transmitting the Resolution to the Hon. the Secretary of State for Canada was forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor on March 24th last. No acknowledgment has yet been received from Ottawa."

Mr. *Forster* moved—That the Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act respecting the Lillooet, Fraser River, and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited," be discharged, and the Bill be recommitted, for the purpose of considering the following as a new section:—

"The lease or leases hereby authorized shall contain a covenant on the part of the Company, that the said Company or its agents will not employ a Chinese or Japanese person in, about, or on the property demised, or on any part thereof, or on any work in connection therewith, under sufficient penalty to enforce the covenant."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Kitchen,*  
*Kennedy,*  
*Hume,*  
*Forster,*

*Macpherson,*  
*Kidd,*  
*Sword,*

*Semlin,*  
*Cotton,*  
*Kellie,*

*Stoddart,*  
*Walkem,*  
*Braden—13,*

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Irving—14.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>		

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 73) intituled “An Act respecting the Lightning Creek Gold Gravels and Drainage Company (Limited Liability).”

Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Assessment Act’ and amending Acts.”

Bill (No. 67) intituled “An Act to make further provision respecting the Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation of Lands.”

Bill (No. 74) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Succession Duty Act, 1894.’”

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 59) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Placer Mining Act, 1891,’ and amending Acts.”

Bill (No. 66) intituled “An Act to further amend the ‘Supreme Court Act.’”

Bill (No. 72) intituled “An Act respecting the Antler Creek Mining Company (Limited Liability).”

Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act relating to Gold and other Minerals, excepting Coal,” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

To be considered to-morrow.

Mr. *Kennedy* presented a Petition from Perseverance Lodge, No. 1, of the Independent Order of Good Templars of *Victoria*, opposing Sunday liquor traffic.

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Bill (No. 82) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Small Debts Act, 1895,’” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

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

E. DEWDNEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to authorize the granting of a certain Land Subsidy for and in aid of the Columbia and Western Railway,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*8th April, 1896.*

*Ordered* to be considered in Committee of the Whole forthwith.

The Committee reported the following Resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 83) intituled “An Act to authorize the granting of a certain Land Subsidy for and in aid of the Columbia and Western Railway,” and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted, and the Bill introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Kitchen* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics Lien Act, 1891.'"

Introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Forster* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:—

Has any application been made, verbally or in writing, to the Government by the E. & N. R. R. Co., or by any person acting in their behalf, for any grant or concession of land in lieu of lands alleged to be taken up by settlers within the E. & N. R. R. Reserve, or for any other reason or purpose whatsoever? If yes, when and by whom? For what purpose? On what ground is the application grounded? In what locality are the lands asked for situated?

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

"Yes.

"By the Dominion Government on 13th August, 1895, and by the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company on 19th February, 1896.

"To make up the extent of lands alienated up to 19th December, 1883, within the Island Railway Belt.

"The application is based on the provisions of the Settlement Bill, 47 Vic., chap. 14.

"The lands asked for are situated between Seymour Narrows and a line drawn east and west half-way between that place and the mouth of Courtenay River."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 P. M.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* moved—That Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act' and amending Acts," be read a second time now.

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

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

E. DEWDNEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Schedule A, unprovided items of expenditure for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1895; and Supplementary Estimates for the year ending 30th June, 1896, together with Schedule B; also Supplementary Estimates for the financial year ending 30th June, 1897, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*8th April, 1896.*

Ordered, That the said Message and the Supplementary Estimates accompanying the same be referred to the Committee of Supply to-morrow.

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

E. DEWDNEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to encourage Dairying," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*8th April, 1896.*

The said Message and the Bill transmitted thereby were referred to and considered in Committee of the Whole forthwith.

The Committee reported the following Resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 85) intituled “An Act to encourage Dairying,” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Read a second time and committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 75) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Election Regulation Act’ and amending Acts,” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The second reading of Bill (No. 81) intituled “An Act for the protection of Bees,” was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

*Kitchen,*  
*Kennedy,*  
*Forster,*

*Macpherson,*  
*Kidd,*  
*Sword,*

*Williams,*  
*Semlin,*

*Cotton,*  
*Helmecken—10.*

NAYS :

Messieurs

*Hume,*  
*Huff,*  
*Smith,*

*Turner,*  
*Martin,*  
*Rüthet,*

*Adams,*  
*Stoddart,*  
*Walkem,*

*Rogers,*  
*Hunter,*  
*Irving—12.*

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

And then the House adjourned at 11 o'clock, p. m.

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Thursday, 9th April, 1896.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. D. Barber*.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to preserve the Forests from destruction by Fire.”

Introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Sword*, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for any correspondence as to the conveyance for the land on which a school-house is now being built at *Mission City*; also a statement of any arrangement that may have been made as to the ground on which the old school-house stands, which, to the extent of one acre, was conveyed to the Government in 1885.

Bill (No. 69) intituled “The Municipal Clauses Act,” was again committed.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.



The Report on Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act' and amending Acts," was committed.

Reported progress.

Committee to sit again this evening.

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

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

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented three Petitions—from *W. W. Columbia*, *J. Nicolay*, and *W. Leslie Clay*; *S. Cleaver*, *J. Campbell*, *J. F. Betts*, *E. Manuel*, and *R. W. Trotter*; and "The Victoria Woman's Christian Temperance Union"—opposing Sunday liquor traffic.

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Williams* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Act to regulate the Law with regard to Conditional Sales of Goods and Chattels.'"

Introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act' and amending Acts," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* presented a Return of all information collected, compiled and tabulated by the Bureau of Statistics, relative to the municipalities of B. C.

Also, a Return showing all particulars of the sum of \$3,714 entered in the Public Accounts as mileage paid to Members for the year ending 30th June, 1895.

The Adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Irving*, as follows:—

That whereas the geographical position of the *Yukon* country lying to the north of the 60th parallel of latitude, and to the west of the 120th degree of longitude from *Greenwich*, makes that country a natural dependency of British Columbia:

And whereas it is desirable, in the interest of the Dominion and of this Province, that, in consequence of a large influx of population, a settled form of government should be immediately extended over the above-described area:

Therefore, be it Resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that the Dominion Government be at once apprised of the necessity of placing the *Yukon* country under more effective governmental control—  
was resumed, and the question resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved—That Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Liquor License Regulation Act, 1891,'" be read a second time now.

Mr. *Kennedy* moved in amendment—To leave out the word "now" and insert "this day six months."

Amendment, and question as amended, carried on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Kitchen,*  
*Kennedy,*  
*Hume,*  
*Forster,*  
*Macpherson,*  
*Kidd,*

*Sword,*  
*Huff,*  
*Williams,*  
*Semlin,*  
*Cotton,*

*Graham,*  
*Smith,*  
*Kellie,*  
*Baker,*  
*Turner,*

*Stoddart,*  
*Pooley,*  
*Bryden,*  
*Rogers,*  
*Hunter—21.*

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McGregor—11.</i>
<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>	

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics Lien Act, 1891,'" was discharged.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10:55 o'clock, p. m.

Friday, 10th April, 1896.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. D. Barber.*

House again in Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

16. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$1,140 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Provincial Timber Inspectors, to 30th June, 1897.

25. *Resolved,* that a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Stipendiary Magistrates, to 30th June, 1897.

77A. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, In aid of Resident Physician at Englishman's River, to 30th June, 1897.

101. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$1,040 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Westminster District, to 30th June, 1897.

103. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$640 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, West Kootenay District, to 30th June, 1897.

111A. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Parliament Buildings (Scagliola columns, tiles, drainage, and furniture), to 30th June, 1897.

156A. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Colwood (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1897.

214A. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Lillooet-Lytton Road, including survey of location, to 30th June, 1897.

214B. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Trail, Hazelton to Omineco (repairs), to 30th June, 1897.

214C. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Wharf, Read Island, construction (conditional), to 30th June, 1897.

214D. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Wharf, Bute Inlet, construction (conditional), to 30th June, 1897.

214E. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Chilcotin River Bridge, to 30th June, 1897.

261A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Reduction Works, Cariboo (additional plant), to 30th June, 1897.

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$61,110 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Interest, to 30th June, 1896.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,703.33 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Sinking Fund, to 30th June, 1896.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Premium and Exchange, to 30th June, 1896.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$225 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Discount and Commission, to 30th June, 1896.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Provincial Secretary's Department, Printing Branch, to 30th June, 1896.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,016 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Asylum for the Insane, to 30th June, 1896.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Provincial Timber Inspectors, to 30th June, 1896.

26A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,570 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Sheriffs, to 30th June, 1896.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,320 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Police and Gaols, West Kootenay District, to 30th June, 1896.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Contingent Fund (additional to \$1,500 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Printing Office, Victoria, to 30th June, 1896.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,820 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Asylum for the Insane, New Westminster, to 30th June, 1896.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Transport of Prisoners and Constables, to 30th June, 1896.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$390 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Esquimalt District, to 30th June, 1896.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$360 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, South Nanaimo District, to 30th June, 1896.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$340 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Comox District, to 30th June, 1896.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,770 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Westminster District, to 30th June, 1896.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Yale District, to 30th June, 1896.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,320 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, West Kootenay District, to 30th June, 1896.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Cassiar District, to 30th June, 1896.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$350 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Repairs to Government Buildings, Cariboo District (additional to \$200 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$55 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Repairs to Government Buildings), North Riding, West Kootenay District (additional to \$200 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Asylum for the Insane (additional to \$1,000 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Court House, Nanaimo, construction and furniture (additional to \$25,000 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Provincial Home, Kamloops, sundry requirements (additional to \$1,000 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, construction, aid to Corporation of Nanaimo City (additional to \$5,000 voted in 1894-5, and \$10,000 voted in 1895-6), to 30th June, 1896.

150B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Rossland (construction and furniture), to 30th June, 1896.

150C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Public School, Ladner (addition), to 30th June, 1896.

154A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Recorder's Office and Lock-up, Rossland, to 30th June, 1896.

154B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Lock-up, Forks of Quesnelle, to 30th June, 1896.

154C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Government Office and Court House, Union, Comox, to 30th June, 1896.

154D. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$466 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Cowichan River Protection Works, to 30th June, 1896.

154E. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Works and Buildings), Clearing Log-jam, Englishman's River, to 30th June, 1896.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Government House), Repairs to Buildings (additional to \$300 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Government House), Furniture (additional to \$300 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Government House), Fencing (additional to \$100 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Government House), Miscellaneous (additional to \$50 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Esquimalt District (additional to \$6,000 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Cowichan-Alberni District (Cowichan Division, \$1,200; Alberni Division, \$2,000; additional to \$12,000 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), North Nanaimo District, bridge repairs (additional to \$8,000 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Comox District (additional to \$10,000 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Westminster District, not in municipalities (additional to \$10,000 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Yale District, East Riding, including \$300, road, Salmon Arm to Enderby (additional to \$12,000 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Lillooet District, West Riding (additional to \$4,500 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), East Kootenay District (additional to \$11,000 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), West Kootenay District, North Riding (additional to \$12,000 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), West Kootenay District, South Riding (additional to \$8,000 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

182. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Main Trunk Road (additional to \$20,000 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

185. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Nanaimo-Alberni Trunk Road, repairs (additional to \$3,000 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

194. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Trail to Horsefly Mines (additional to \$1,000 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

205A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Pender Island Wharf (repairs), to 30th June, 1896.

205B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Bridge, Maria Island, to 30th June, 1896.

205C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Colonization Road, Bella Coola Valley, to 30th June, 1896.

205D. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Leech River Trail (repairs), to 30th June, 1896.

205E. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Breed's Cross Road, to 30th June, 1896.

205F. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works (Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves), Goose Spit Road to Hornby Island Wharf, to 30th June, 1896.

206. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works, Surveys throughout the Province (additional to \$25,000 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

251. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, In aid of construction of Woman's Ward, Kamloops Hospital (additional to \$1,000 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

252. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, not detailed (additional to \$5,000 voted), to 30th June, 1896.

252A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,888 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Refund to Municipality of Kaslo for proportion of unexpired licences, to 30th June, 1896.

252B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$270 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Gratuity to widow of the late John Finlayson (3 months' salary), to 30th June, 1896.

252C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Contesting legal questions with Dominion Government (Counsel fee *re* Foreshores and Fisheries), to 30th June, 1896.

252D. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$420 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Superannuation monthly allowance to George Cowan, late Registrar County Court, Cariboo, viz.: 6 months to 31st December, 1895, @ \$50, \$300; 6 months to 30th June, 1896, \$120.

252E. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,555 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Gratuities on retirement from office, viz.: J. S. Corrigan, late District Registrar, New Westminster, \$450; G. A. Miller, late Clerk, Registry Office, New Westminster, \$180; H. J. Sharpe, late Clerk, Registry Office, Vancouver, \$225; F. W. Alexander, late Clerk, Registry Office, Vancouver, \$210; M. G. Phipps, late Clerk, Registry Office, Victoria, \$190; Thomas Harvey, late Constable, Cassiar District, \$300; to 30th June, 1896.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$320,510.32 be granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the Public Service for the year ended 30th June, 1895, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures.

Schedule B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,272.34 be granted to Her Majesty to dispose of certain sums which appear as a liability against the undermentioned officers of the Service for moneys improperly diverted which are irrecoverable, and authorizing the same to be written off as a loss directly to the Province, to 30th June, 1896.

The Chairman reported the Resolutions passed, and asked leave to sit again.

Report received and adopted.

Resolutions read a first, second and third time (taken as read) and agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners' Act.'"

Introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Walkem* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the working of the Log-Scaling Act, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
10th April, 1896.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee appointed to enquire into the working of the Act of 1894, in respect to the scaling of logs in the Province, beg leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee have held six meetings, and have received evidence from the Timber Inspector, Government Scalers, mill-men, and loggers.

In our opinion, no proper effort has yet been made on the Mainland to carry out the provisions of the Log-Scaling Act, and we are of opinion that it could easily be done with the number of men originally appointed. We also think that in the interior it would not pay expenses to keep a Government Scaler; but the Government could require a sworn statement from each mill-owner or company that the logs cut in their mill have been scaled and computed according to the rules laid down in the B. C. scale. The nearest Government official could attend to this compliance on the part of the mill-owner or company.

We also find that a prejudice exists in the minds of a great many loggers against the B. C. scale; but this, in our opinion, is founded principally on theory (not on practice), and from a misconception of the rule.

We find that on Vancouver Island the new system has been in force for the last eight months, and has given, or appears to have given, general satisfaction.

We think, also, that some more efficient check should be put on the distinction between dutiable and non-dutiable logs. One very sensible suggestion was received that the Government should supply the masters of all tugs engaged in towing logs with blank forms, to be filled in in duplicate on every tow, with the following information:—

The amount, or approximate amount, in the boom; the licence, lease, or other description of property on which the logs were cut; the name of the logger; the destination of the boom; the name of the tug and the master thereof; the day and date.

A copy of this information, in the form specified, to be given to the Timber Inspector, and another copy to the mill authorities.

We have also had the suggestion made that the scale which would give the solid contents of the log would be the fairest to all concerned, and prices would arrange themselves accordingly. This would encourage the using of sawdust-saving machinery wherever possible, and your Committee would recommend this suggestion to the Government's most serious consideration.

In conclusion, we would strongly recommend that the Act be enforced, and that in every case, where the scaling has been done by the Government Scaler, he be required to give a copy of the scale to both buyer and seller.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

W. WYMOND WALKEM,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

Mr. Booth asked leave to introduce Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to impose certain restrictions upon the granting of Liquor Licences in Rural Districts."

Introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-night.

Mr. Rithet asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the Creditors' Trust Deeds Amending Act, 1894."

Introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

E. DEWDNEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor returns herewith to the Legislative Assembly Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act,'" which has passed its third reading, and suggests its amendment by the addition thereto of the sections appended hereto.

*Government House,*  
*10th April, 1896.*

[ENCLOSURE.]

3. Nothing contained in the "Execution Act" shall be deemed to affect or impair the force and effect of sections 160 to 172, both inclusive, of the "County Courts Act," as the same may be or have been amended, or the powers and jurisdiction of the County Courts of the Province thereunder, or in relation to the proceedings thereby provided for.

4. The existing law, practice, and procedure relating to appeals from any County Court, or a Judge thereof, is hereby abolished, and for greater certainty, but not so as to restrict the generality of the foregoing, the following acts are hereby repealed:—

"County Courts Amendment Act, 1892," sections 3 and 4;

"County Courts Amendment Act, 1893," sections 16 and 17;

"County Courts Amendment Act, 1894," section 6:

Provided that such repeal shall not affect any proceedings had or taken prior to the passage hereof, and the same may be carried on and concluded as if this Act had not been passed.

5. In any action of contract or tort where the plaintiff shall claim a sum of one hundred dollars or over, or a counter claim shall be set up of the said amount or any suit under section 44 of the principal Act, where the subject-matter or question in dispute shall equal or exceed in value one hundred dollars, or in cases of interpleader, replevin, or garnishment proceedings, where the subject-matter shall equal or exceed one hundred dollars, an appeal shall lie to the Supreme Court sitting as a Full Court from all judgments, orders, or decrees, whether final or interlocutory, of the County Court, or a County Court Judge, made in such action, suit, or proceeding; and in the event of the appeal being from a Judge of the Supreme Court sitting as a County Court Judge, such Judge shall not sit on the hearing of such appeal: Provided, always, that in all cases where the amount involved is under one hundred dollars, an appeal shall lie to the Full Court from final judgments, without leave on questions of law only, and from interlocutory judgments by leave of the County Courts Judge.

6. The Rules, Orders, and Statutes from time to time regulating appeals in the Supreme Court to the Full Court shall govern the practice and procedure upon similar appeals from a County Court.

7. The costs of and consequent upon such appeals as aforesaid shall be charged and taxed according to the scale in force from time to time in the Supreme Court, and in all cases in which no provision is made in the said scale for work done, the same shall be charged for in accordance with similar work in the said scale.

8. The Full Court shall have the like powers with reference to any such appeal as possessed by it with reference to appeals in the Supreme Court.

*Ordered*, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole this evening.

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* presented a Return showing all correspondence between the Government, citizens of *Nelson*, and the C. P. R. Co., *re* town lots granted to the C. P. R. Co. in the Town of *Nelson*, the number of lots as they appear upon townsite map, and upon what conditions such lots were granted to said Company.

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

\$ 320,510.32 for the financial year ending 30th June, 1895.  
 219,410.67 for the financial year ending 30th June, 1896.  
 1,432,798.30 for the financial year ending 30th June, 1897.

\$1,972,719.29

The Chairman reported the Resolution.  
 Adopted.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

Referred to and considered in Committee of the Whole forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

The Chairman reported the Resolution and the Bill.  
 Report adopted.  
 Bill read a first and second time and committed.  
 Reported complete without amendment.  
 Report adopted.  
 Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Act, 1895,'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act relating to Gold and other Minerals, excepting Coal," was considered.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* moved—To strike out the word "pay" in the 29th line of section 9, and substitute therefor the words "or if knowledge already acquired within one month after this Act becomes law pay to the Recorder of the Mining Division in which the claim affected is situate," and add to the end of the said section the words "but this last proviso shall not affect litigation pending at the passage of this Act."

Carried.



The Hon. Colonel *Baker* moved—To add the following as sub-section to section 24 :—

“Provided, always, upon the failure of any one of several co-owners to contribute his proportion of the expenditures required by sections 24 and 25, the co-owners who have performed the labour or made the improvements, or paid the sum of one hundred dollars, may at the expiration of the year, reckoning from the day on which the claim was recorded, or its anniversary, give such delinquent co-owner notice by publication in the newspaper published nearest the claim for at least once a week for ninety days, and if at the expiration of ninety days after such notice in writing, or by publication, such delinquent should fail or refuse to contribute his proportion of the expenditure required by this section, his interest in the claim shall become the property of his co-owners who have made the required expenditures.”

Negatived.

Mr. *Hunter* moved—To strike out sub-section (d) of section 16.

Carried on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>McGregor—16.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Rieth,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Braden—15.</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	

Mr. *Hunter* moved—To strike out sub-section (e) of section 16.

Negatived.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* moved—To insert after “district” in line 13 of section 37 the words “or mining division.”

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved—To amend section 36, line 5, by striking out the words “unless an adverse claim shall have been filed in the office of the Mining Recorder,” and insert in lieu thereof the words “unless proceedings by the person claiming an adverse right under section 37 of this Act have been taken.”

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved—To strike out all the words after “mentioned” in the 6th line of section 44 to the end of the section.

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved—To strike out all the words after the word “occupant” in the 10th line of section 45, up to and including the word “command” in the 47th line.

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved—To strike out all the words after the word “occupant” in the 8th line of section 46.

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved—To strike out in lines 2 and 3 of section 47 the following words: “the boundaries of such portion shall be shown by a plat of the entire adverse claim and.”

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved—To strike out the words “not being real estate,” in the 1st line of section 50.

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved—To strike out all the words in section 50 after the word “transfer” in the 6th line.

Negatived.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved—To add to sub-section 11 of section 144 the following words:—

“The Supreme Court, or a Judge thereof, shall have discretion to order that any case so transferred shall be heard, tried or disposed of without pleadings.”

Carried.

Mr. *Hume* moved—To amend section 143 by inserting after the word “any,” in the fourth line, the words “and may cause any mineral claims held or owned to be duly represented or dispense therewith at his option.”

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned until next sitting of the House.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented a Return showing the amount charged under Vote 112, Transport, as travelling expenses of officers on duty, from 1st July, 1895, to 31st December, 1895.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:05 o'clock, P. M.

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## Monday, 13th April, 1896.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Wilson*.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Report on Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act relating to Gold and other Minerals, excepting Coal,” was further considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved—To insert the following as section 167:—

“167. The jurisdiction conferred upon a Gold Commissioner by section 6 of the ‘Mineral Act’ shall not be exercised until after the end of the next Session of the Legislative Assembly.”

Carried.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* moved—To insert the following as section 165:—

“165. Whenever, through the acts or defaults of any person other than the recorded owner of a mineral claim, or his agent by him duly authorized, the evidence of the location or record on the ground or the situation of a mineral claim has been destroyed, lost, or effaced, or is difficult of ascertainment, nevertheless, effect shall be given to same as far as possible, and the Court shall have power to make all necessary enquiries, directions and references in the premises, for the purpose of carrying out the object hereof and vesting title in the first bona fide acquirer of the claim.”

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned.

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

E. DEWDNEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that Bill (No. 85) intituled “An Act to encourage Dairying,” be amended by substituting the words “two thousand” for the words “fifteen hundred,” in section 2 of the said Bill.

*Government House,*  
*9th April, 1896.*

The said Message was referred to a Committee of the Whole and committed forthwith.

The Committee reported the following Resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending that Bill (No. 85) intituled “An Act to encourage Dairying,” be amended by substituting the words “two thousand” for the words “fifteen hundred,” in section 2 of the said Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill (No. 85) intituled “An Act to encourage Dairying,” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

To be considered to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 77) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act’ and amending Acts,” was resumed.

Bill read a second time on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Braden—17.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Graham—11.</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 83) intituled “An Act to authorize the granting of a certain Land Subsidy for and in aid of the Columbia and Western Railway,” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to preserve the Forests from destruction by Fire,” was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 88) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coroners’ Act,’” was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 84) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘New Westminster and Vancouver Short Line Railway Act,’” was read a second time.

Mr. *Kennedy* moved—That it be an instruction to the Committee of the Whole to consider the following new section :—

“Section 1 of chapter 37 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1889, is hereby repealed, and the following inserted in lieu thereof :—

“1. Daniel J. Munn, Bartley W. Shiles, and Charles George Major, all of the City of New Westminster, in the Province of British Columbia, together with such other persons and corporations as shall, in pursuance of this Act, become shareholders in the Company hereby incorporated, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of ‘The New Westminster and Vancouver Short Line Railway Company,’ hereinafter called the Company.”

And in section 1, third line, to strike out the word "passing," and insert "coming into operation."

Carried.

Bill to be committed to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 P. M.

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

The Order to again consider Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act' and amending Acts," in Committee of the Whole, was discharged.

The Report on Bill (No. 69) intituled "The Municipal Clauses Act," was further considered.

Mr. *Macpherson* moved—To amend section 17 by striking out the words "incumbrance or charge," on lines 5 and 6, and inserting the word "judgment" in lieu thereof; and to amend section 18 by striking out the words "incumbrance or charge," on lines 7 and 11, and inserting the word "judgment" in lieu thereof.

Negatived.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved—To amend section 161 (*b*) by striking out the word "less," on 5th line, and inserting the words "not more"; and by striking out the word "less," on 6th line, and inserting the words "not more."

Carried.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved—To strike out all the words after "assessed," on line 15 of sub-section (*b*) of section 161, and insert—

"Provided that where farm lots have been subdivided into town lots, and the owners are not residents, the statute labour shall be commuted by the Municipal Clerk or other officer of the municipality, under section 140 of this Act, where such lots are under the value of \$300, to a rate not exceeding one-half per centum on the valuation, but the Council may direct a less rate to be imposed by a general by-law affecting such town lots."

Carried.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved—To strike out all the words after "Act," on line 5 of section 161 (*f*).

Carried.

Mr. *Sword* moved—To amend section 169, sub-section (1), by striking out the word "two," on the last line, and inserting the word "five" in lieu thereof.

Carried on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Hunter—13.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Braden—12.</i>

Mr. *Sword* moved—To amend section 169, sub-section (2), by striking out the word "one," on the last line, and inserting the word "two" in lieu thereof.

Carried.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved the following amendments :—

To amend section 169, sub-section (3), line 10, by striking out the words "less than fifty" and inserting the words "exceeding seventy-five."

To amend sub-section (4), line 4, by striking out the word "seventy-five" and inserting the word "fifty."

To amend sub-section (5), line 3, by striking out the words "less than twenty-five" and inserting the words "exceeding fifty."

To amend sub-section (6), line 6, by inserting the words "and not more than two hundred dollars for every six months" between the words "dollars" and "for."

Negatived.

Hon. Mr. *Pooley* moved—To amend section 173 by inserting in line 1, between the words "persons" and "known," the words "in a Township or District Municipality."

Carried.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved—To strike out the words "Township or District," in line 2 of section 173.

Carried.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved to amend sections 295 and 296 so as to read as follows :—

"295. Sections 112, 136, 137 and 138 of this Act shall not come into force and take effect until after the 1st day of September, 1896.

"296. The 'Municipal Act, 1892,' and amending Acts are hereby repealed, with the exception of sections 148, 149, 170 and 170A, which shall stand repealed after September 1st, 1896; but such repeal shall not be held to affect any rights acquired, or penalties or forfeitures incurred, under such Act and amending Acts."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* moved—That Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1894,'" be read a second time now.

Mr. *Rogers* moved in amendment—To leave out the word "now" and insert "this day six months."

The amendment was negatived.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Act to regulate the Law with regard to Conditional Sales of Goods and Chattels,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to impose certain restrictions upon the granting of Liquor Licences in Rural Districts," being called—

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill was the same in principle as Bill No. 80, which the House had ordered to be read a second time this day six months, and therefore out of order.

Mr. *Booth* appealed from the ruling. The Chair was sustained.

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Creditors' Trust Deeds Amending Act, 1894,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

What sums, and to whom, have been paid by Government since 30th June, 1895, (*i. e.*, as shewn by the Public Accounts) to private practitioners for conducting Assizes and Crown cases throughout the Province?

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

“ J. L. G. Abbott, Rossland, Speedy Trial . . . . .	\$ 15 00
J. H. Bowes, Nelson, Liquor Appeal and Speedy Trial . . . . .	95 00
Cochrane & Billings, Vernon, Speedy Trials . . . . .	24 00
Lindley Crease, Victoria, Clinton and Richfield Assizes . . . . .	200 00
G. M. Dockerill, New Westminster, Speedy Trial . . . . .	20 00
L. P. Eckstein, Vancouver, Speedy Trials . . . . .	60 00
P. Æ. Irving, Victoria, Victoria Assizes . . . . .	200 00
A. Leamy, New Westminster, Speedy Trials . . . . .	106 30
C. B. Macneill, Vancouver, Speedy Trials . . . . .	25 00
A. J. McColl, New Westminster, Vernon and New West'r Assizes . . . . .	365 00
A. McDonald, Vernon, Speedy Trial . . . . .	24 00
Hon. A. N. Richards, Victoria, Assize and Speedy Trials . . . . .	300 00
H. E. A. Robertson, Victoria, Speedy Trials . . . . .	56 20
H. A. Simpson, Nanaimo, Speedy Trials . . . . .	25 00
Wilson & Campbell, Vancouver, Liquor Appeal and preliminary exam'n.	80 00
E. M. Yarwood, Nanaimo, Speedy Trials . . . . .	15 00
F. McB. Young, Nanaimo, Speedy Trials . . . . .	40 00
	\$1,650 50”

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

1. Did the Government receive a copy of a resolution passed by *Vernon City Council* on 18th April, 1895, requesting the Government to cancel the appointment of the Police Magistrate for the City of *Vernon*?
2. If so, was the receipt of copy of said resolution acknowledged?
3. If not, why not?
4. Does the Government intend to cancel the appointment of said Magistrate?

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

- “1. Yes; on April 20th, 1895.
- “2. Yes; on April 25th, 1895.
- “4. If at any time cause warrants it; yes.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 10:20 o'clock, p. m.

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Tuesday, 14th April, 1896.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Wilson*.

Mr. *Kennedy* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kitchen*,—

That, in the opinion of this House, any modification of the terms of the “Fraser River Bridge Aid Act, 1894,” proposed by the *City of New Westminster*, or by any person on behalf of said city, should be laid before this House for consideration.

Mr. *Irving* moved in amendment—To add at the end of the motion the words “this day i x months.”

Amendment carried on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>McGregor—18.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Hunter—12.</i>

Resolution, as amended, put and carried.

The Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of 10th April, transmitting amendments to Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act,'" was considered in Committee of the Whole.

The Chairman reported the following Resolution :—

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and recommend to the House that Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act,'" be recommitted, for the purpose of considering the amendments referred to in the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Report adopted.

Bill recommitted.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act relating to Gold and other Minerals, excepting Coal," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 69) intituled "The Municipal Clauses Act," called.

Mr. *Walkem* moved—That the Order be discharged and the Bill recommitted, for the purpose of striking out the words "in Township or District Municipalities," on the first line of section 173.

Also to strike out the words "Township or District" on line one of section 175 (1).

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Walkem—9.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McGregor—18.</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>		

Mr. *Helmcken* moved—That the Order be discharged and the Bill re-committed, for the purpose of considering the following amendments:—

To amend section 169, sub-section (3), line 10, by striking out the words “less than fifty” and inserting the words “exceeding seventy-five.”

To amend sub-section (4), line 4, by striking out the word “seventy-five” and inserting the word “fifty.”

To amend sub-section (5), line 3, by striking out the words “less than twenty-five” and inserting the words “exceeding fifty.”

To amend sub-section (6), line 6, by inserting the words “and not more than two hundred dollars for every six months” between the words “dollars” and “for.”

Negatived.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 85) intituled “An Act to encourage Dairying,” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order to again consider Bill (No. 64) intituled “An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Lunatic Asylums,” in Committee of the Whole, was discharged.

Mr. *Forster* moved the adjournment of the House, to permit the House to discuss the appointment of *J. H. Simpson* as Police Magistrate of the *City of Nanaimo*.

After some debate, the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 P. M.

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O’CLOCK, P. M.

Bill (No. 83) intituled “An Act to authorize the granting of a certain Land Subsidy for and in aid of the Columbia and Western Railway,” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

Mr. Speaker stated that he had received a reply from the Hon. the Chief Justice to the Resolution of Condolence, reading as follows:—

“The Chief Justice desires to convey to Mr. Speaker his high appreciation of the warm expression of sympathy tendered by the Hon. the Legislative Assembly on the occasion of the bereavement which has recently befallen him.

“*Victoria, B. C., 14th April, 1896.*”

Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Game Protection Act, 1895,’” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 87) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Act to regulate the Law with regard to Conditional Sales of Goods and Chattels,’” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11:10 o’clock, p. m.