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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

FIRST SESSION, NINTH PARLIAMENT.

Thursday, 19th July, 1900.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Ninth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable ANGUS JOHN MCCOLL, Administrator of the Government of the Province, dated the twenty-fifth day of June, 1900, the Members having been sworn took their seats.

His Honour the Honourable Sir HENRI GUSTAVE JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Honourable Mr. *Prentice*, Provincial Secretary, said—

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to announce that His Honour does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Honour hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, his reasons for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

Mr. *Denis Murphy*, Member for the West Riding of *Yale Electoral District*, addressing himself to the Clerk of the House, moved, seconded by Mr. *Charles H. Dickie*, Member for *Cowichan Electoral District*, that *John Paton Booth*, Esquire, Member representing *North Victoria Electoral District*, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, and it was so Resolved.

Mr. *Fell*, the Clerk of the House, having declared *John Paton Booth*, Esquire, duly elected, he was taken out of his place by the mover and seconder and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair, and the Mace was laid upon the table.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor again entered the House, and taking his seat on the Throne, the Speaker elect then spoke to the following effect:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Honourable Mr. *Prentice* then said—

MR. SPEAKER :

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech :—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :

It affords me pleasure to meet you at the opening of the First Session of the Ninth Parliament of British Columbia, this being the earliest occasion since my accession to office, and I now avail myself of this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the kind welcome I have received in British Columbia.

I regret that the Empire is still involved in the war in South Africa, now happily nearing a successful termination ; and also that the foreign relations have been still further seriously complicated by the recent outbreak in China. It has been a circumstance of the deepest significance that the Colonies have given such loyal support to the Mother Country in the hour of trial. Particularly is it a matter of pride to Her Majesty's subjects in this Dominion that the response to the call for aid has been general and voluntary throughout all the Provinces, and conspicuously so in British Columbia ; and that the several Canadian contingents have earned the warmest praise of military authorities for valour and effective work in action.

I am pleased to know that the industries of the Province are in a fairly prosperous condition, notwithstanding a temporary wave of depression. Metalliferous mining, which was more particularly affected, is resuming a more normal condition of activity, and I anticipate a largely increased output for the present year. Coal mining in East Kootenay and on Vancouver Island is on a prosperous basis, the output in the past year exceeding that of any other year. Lumbering is in a prosperous condition, and the foreign demand continues active. Agriculture, including fruit-growing, dairying, stock-raising, and other branches, is making steady progress, with prospects of an ultimate great development. The fisheries last year were successfully prosecuted, but it is yet too early in the season to indicate the results of the present year's operations.

I observe that since the correspondence between the Government of British Columbia and the Federal and Imperial Governments, relative to Asiatic immigration, has been published, a large influx of Japanese has taken place, and it is the intention of my Government to make strong representations to the authorities at Ottawa and in Great Britain, with a view to protecting the interests of the labouring classes against the consequences of what threatens to be an alarming increase of the Japanese population.

The extensive requirements of the Province in respect to works of development involve the carrying out of a vigorous policy of road building, and my Government will provide for a survey and report on the various sections requiring attention.

I am impressed with the opportunities which exist for the profitable carrying on of the manufacture of pulp in British Columbia, and I note with pleasure that preparations are being made and sites arranged for the extensive prosecution of this important industry.

My Government will ask for an appropriation for defraying the expenses of a Commission to enquire into the working of the Mining Acts, with a view to introducing legislation for the purpose of amending them at the next Session; and into the various conditions affecting the question of water rights.

It is the intention of my Government to impose a tonnage tax on the output of coal and coke in this Province, and other measures will be considered for the purpose of increasing the revenue.

It is the intention of my Government to provide in the Estimates for a sum to place the office of the Agent-General on a more satisfactory basis.

Owing to the fact that the present is an extra Session for the purpose mainly of voting supplies, and that the regular Session will be held at an early date, the measures to be submitted for your consideration, though of an important nature, will be few in number.

The Estimates of receipts and expenditure, which have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the requirements of the Province, will be submitted at an early date.

A vote for the expenditure necessary to carry on the business of the Government until the Estimates are passed will be immediately asked.

I now leave you to your deliberations, which I pray may be attended with the blessing of Providence, and that the results of your labours may redound to your credit and to the prosperity of the Province.

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

Prayers by the Lord Bishop of Columbia.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

Ordered, That the Votes and proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Ordered, That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;
4. On Railways;
5. On Mining;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for papers, persons, and records.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time on Monday next.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Dunsmuir*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*,—

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

The following Papers and Reports were presented :—

By the Hon. Mr. *Prentice*—

Papers relating to the disallowance of certain Statutes passed by the Legislature of British Columbia in the Session of 1899.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

The Annual Report on the Asylum for the Insane.

By the Hon. Mr. *McBride*—

The Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:12 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, 23rd July, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. H. S. Sweet*.

The following certificates of the Deputy Provincial Secretary were laid on the table and *Ordered* to be appended to the Journals of the House :—

The elections of the Members at the General Election.

The election of *David MacEwen Eberts*, Esq., Member for *South Victoria Electoral District*, to fill the vacancy caused by his resignation on taking office.

The election of *John Herbert Turner*, Esq., Member for *Victoria City Electoral District*, to fill the vacancy caused by his resignation on taking office.

The election of *James Dunsmuir*, Esq., Member for *South Nanaimo Electoral District*, to fill the vacancy caused by his resignation on taking office.

The election of *Wilmer Cleveland Wells*, Esq., Member for the *North Riding of East Kootenay Electoral District*, to fill the vacancy caused by his resignation on taking office.

The election of *James Douglas Prentice*, Esq., Member for the *East Riding of Lillooet Electoral District*, to fill the vacancy caused by his resignation on taking office.

The election of *Richard McBride*, Esq., Member for the *Riding of Dewdney of Westminster Electoral District*, to fill the vacancy caused by his resignation on taking office.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table :—

By Mr. *Tatlow*, from *Robert Jaffray* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Company." (No. 1.)

By Mr. *Tatlow*, from the Bishop and Synod of the *Diocese of New Westminster*, for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act. (No. 2.)

By Mr. *Garden*, from "The Vancouver, Northern and Yukon Railway Company," for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act. (No. 3.)

By Mr. *Garden*, from *John Hendry* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Rock Bay and Salmon River Railway Company." (No. 4.)

By Mr. *Garden*, from the *City of Vancouver*, for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act. (No. 5.)

By Mr. *Helmcken*, from *Harry Abbott* and others, for a Private Bill to amend the "Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway Act, 1891." (No. 6.)

By Mr. *Helmcken*, from *Harry Abbott* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company." (No. 7.)

By Mr. *Hall*, from *John Irving* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Chilkat Pass Railway and Navigation Company." (No. 8.)

By Mr. *Helmcken*, from *Henry Purden Bell* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company." (No. 9.)

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

Mr. *Tatlow* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hayward*,—

1. That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, to thank His Honour for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session, and further to assure His Honour that we have much pleasure in meeting His Honour in this the first year of his office as Lieutenant-Governor of this Province.

2. That we regret that the Empire is still involved in the war in South Africa, and that foreign relations have been still further seriously complicated by the recent outbreak in China. It has been a circumstance of the deepest significance that the Colonies have given such loyal support to the Mother Country in the hour of trial. Particularly is it a matter of pride to Her Majesty's subjects in this Dominion that the response to the call for aid has been general and voluntary throughout all the Provinces, and conspicuously so in British Columbia, and that the several Canadian contingents have earned the warmest praise of military authorities for valour and effective work in action.

3. That we are pleased to be informed that the industries of the Province are in a fairly prosperous condition, and that metalliferous mining, the industry more particularly affected by the recent depression, is resuming a more normal condition of activity. The prosperous condition of lumbering, the steady progress made in agriculture, including fruit-growing, dairying, stock-raising, and other branches, and the success of the portion of our population engaged in fishing, afford us great satisfaction.

4. That we regret the large influx into this Province of Japanese which has recently taken place, and consequently we are pleased to be assured that it is the intention of His Honour's Government to make strong representations to the authorities at Ottawa and in Great Britain, with a view to protecting the interests of the labouring classes against the consequences of what threatens to be an alarming increase of the Japanese population.

5. That we are pleased to be advised that His Honour's Government propose to carry out a vigorous policy of road building.

6. That we are impressed with the opportunities which exist for the profitable carrying on of the manufacture of pulp in this Province, and we learn with great satisfaction that preparations are being made for the extensive prosecution of this important industry.

7. That we are convinced that information of great use in the framing of legislation will result from the appointment of a Commission to enquire into the working of the Mining Acts, and into the various conditions affecting the question of water rights.

8. That we are pleased to learn that it is the intention of His Honour's Government to impose a tonnage tax on the output of coal and coke in this Province, and to take other measures to increase the Provincial revenue.

9. That the intimation of the intention of His Honour's Government to provide in the Estimates for a sum to place the office of the Agent-General on a more satisfactory basis affords us much pleasure.

10. That we thank His Honour for informing us that the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the current fiscal year will be submitted to us at an early date. We are confident that they will be found to have been framed with a due regard for economy and the requirements of the Province.

11. That we concur with His Honour in the view that there should be, as soon as possible, a vote for the expenditure necessary to carry on the business of the Government until the Estimates are passed.

12. That His Honour may rest assured that the measures which may be brought before us shall receive our earnest consideration, and we trust that our deliberations, under the Divine guidance, will conduce to the prosperity and welfare of our people of our Province.

Resolution agreed to.

On the motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by the Honourable the Attorney-General, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Resolution to present an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Honour for his gracious Speech, be referred to a Select Committee, composed as follows:—

The Honourable the President of the Council, the Honourable the Attorney-General, the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, and the Honourable the Minister of Finance.

The Honourable the Premier, from the Select Committee, reported an Address which read as follows:—

To the Honourable Sir HENRI GUSTAVE JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for your gracious Speech at the opening of the First Session of the Ninth Parliament, and assure Your Honour that we have much pleasure in meeting you in this the first year of your office as Lieutenant-Governor of this Province.

We regret that the Empire is still involved in the war in South Africa, and that foreign relations have been still further seriously complicated by the recent outbreak in China. It has been a circumstance of the deepest significance that the Colonies have given such loyal support to the Mother Country in the hour of trial. Particularly is it a matter of pride to Her Majesty's subjects in this Dominion that the response to the call for aid has been general and voluntary throughout all the Provinces, and conspicuously so in British Columbia, and that the several Canadian contingents have earned the warmest praise of military authorities for valour and effective work in action.

We are pleased to be informed that the industries of the Province are in a fairly prosperous condition, and that metalliferous mining, the industry more particularly affected by the present depression, is resuming a more normal condition of activity. The prosperous condition of lumbering, the steady progress made in agriculture, including fruit-growing, dairying, stock-raising, and other branches, and the success of the portion of our population engaged in fishing, affords us great satisfaction.

We regret the large influx into this Province of Japanese which has recently taken place, and, consequently, we are pleased to be assured that it is the intention of Your Honour's Government to make strong representations to the authorities at Ottawa and in Great Britain, with a view to protecting the interests of the labouring classes against the consequences of what threatens to be an alarming increase of the Japanese population.

We are pleased to be advised that Your Honour's Government propose to carry out a vigorous policy of road building.

We are impressed with the opportunities which exist for the profitable carrying on of the manufacture of pulp in this Province, and we learn with great satisfaction that preparations are being made for the extensive prosecution of this important industry.

We are convinced that information of great use in the framing of legislation will result from the appointment of a Commission to enquire into the working of the Mining Acts, and into the various conditions affecting the question of water rights.

We are pleased to learn that it is the intention of Your Honour's Government to impose a tonnage tax on the output of coal and coke in this Province, and to take other measures to increase the Provincial revenue.

The intimation of the intention of Your Honour's Government to provide in the Estimates for a sum to place the office of the Agent-General on a more satisfactory basis affords us much pleasure.

We thank Your Honour for informing us that the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the current fiscal year will be submitted to us at an early date. We are confident that they will be found to have been framed with a due regard for economy and the requirements of the Province.

We concur with Your Honour in the view that there should be, as soon as possible, a vote for the expenditure necessary to carry on the business of the Government until the Estimates are passed.

Your Honour may rest assured that the measures which may be brought before us shall receive our earnest consideration, and we trust that our deliberations, under the Divine guidance, will conduce to the prosperity and welfare of our people of our Province.

The Report was adopted.

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

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

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act respecting Liquor Licences,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
23rd July, 1900.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act respecting Liquor Licences.”

Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
To be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, the following Bills were introduced and read a first time :—

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Evidence Act.’”
Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Notaries Appointment Act.’”
Second 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 4:30 o’clock, P. M.

Tuesday, 24th July, 1900.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. H. S. Sweet*.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table :—

By Mr. *Clifford*, from *W. G. Conrad* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate “The Kitimaat-Caledonia Company.” (No. 10.)

By Mr. *Clifford*, from *M. King*, for a Private Bill to incorporate “The Lake Bennett Railway Company.” (No. 11.)

By Mr. *Ellison*, from *W. B. Davey* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Western Telephone and Telegraph Company." (No. 12.)

By Mr. *Garden*, from "The Vancouver, Northern and Yukon Railway Company," for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act. (No. 3.)

The following Petitions were received :—

From *Robert Jaffray* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Company." (No. 1.)

From the Bishop and Synod of the *Diocese of New Westminster*, for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act. (No. 2.)

From *John Hendry* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Rock Bay and Salmon River Railway Company." (No. 4.)

From the *City of Vancouver*, for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act. (No. 5.)

From *Harry Abbott* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company." (No. 7.)

From *John Irving* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Chilkat Pass Railway and Navigation Company." (No. 8.)

From *Henry Purden Bell* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company." (No. 9.)

The following Petitions were withdrawn :—

From *Harry Abbott* and others, for a Private Bill to amend the "Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway Act, 1891." (No. 6.)

From "The Vancouver, Northern and Yukon Railway Company," for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act. (No. 3.)

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the Law respecting the Liability of Trustees," was introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *McInnes* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions :—

Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a policeman in the northern portion of *North Nanaimo District*? If so, when, and at what salary?

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

"The matter has not been considered."

Mr. *McInnes* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question :—

Is the *Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company* subject to the provisions of the "British Columbia Railway Act"?

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

"No."

Mr. *McInnes* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question :—

Will the road bosses for *North Nanaimo District* be appointed by the Government this year, or will they be elected by the electors of that District, as was done last year?

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

"The matter will receive consideration."

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act'" was read a second time.
To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Appointment Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly a Schedule of Emergency Supply for \$150,000, to provide for the payment of Salaries, urgent Public Works, and other necessary Services for the financial year ending 30th June, 1901; all payments from which sum will form a part of the Estimates to be apportioned to the various Services and Votes for the said financial year, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
24th July, 1900.

SCHEDULE.

The estimated sum of One hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) is required as an Emergency Supply to provide for the payment of Salaries, urgent Public Works, and other necessary Services, chargeable to the expenditure of the financial year ending 30th June, 1901. All payments made therefrom to form a part of the Estimate for the financial year ending 30th June, 1901, to be submitted to the Legislative Assembly, and apportioned to the various Services and Votes in Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the said Message be referred to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

The Certificates of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the election of *Charles William Digby Clifford* and *James Stables*, Members to represent *Cassiar Electoral District*, were laid on the table and *Ordered* to be appended to the Journals of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:05 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 25th July, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. H. S. Sweet.*

The following Petitions were received:—

From *W. G. Conrad* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Kitimaat-Caledonia Company." (No. 10.)

From *M. King*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Lake Bennett Railway Company." (No. 11.)

From *W. B. Davey* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Western Telephone and Telegraph Company." (No. 12.)

From "The Vancouver, Northern and Yukon Railway Company," for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act. (No. 3.)

Mr. *R. Smith* moved the adjournment of the House.
After debate, the motion was withdrawn.

The following Members were nominated on Standing Committees as follows :—

Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders—Messrs. *Helmcken, Clifford, Tallow, A. W. Smith, Gilmour, Brown and Curtis.*

Committee on Public Accounts—Messrs. *Hunter, Hall, Hayward, Brown and Martin.*

Committee on Railways—Messrs. *Pooley, Mounce, Hunter, Kidd, McPhillips, Murphy, Fulton, Garden, Rogers, Curtis, Brown, Oliver, McInnes, Gilmour, E. C. Smith, Munro and Martin.*

Committee on Mining—Messrs. *A. W. Smith, Green, R. Smith, Taylor, Dickie, Neill, Rogers, Ellison, Curtis, McInnes, Stables, Gilmour, Munro, E. C. Smith, and Martin.*

Committee on Printing—Messrs. *Hall, Murphy, Kidd, Brown and McInnes.*

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor presented on the 24th inst.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Schedule of Emergency Supply for \$150,000, to provide for the payment of Salaries, urgent Public Works, and other necessary Services for the financial year ending 30th June, 1901; all payments from which sum will form a part of the Estimates to be apportioned to the various Services and Votes for the said financial year.

Resolution reported and adopted.

Ordered, That the said Schedule be referred to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Relief Act, 1899,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
24th July, 1900.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Relief Act, 1899.'"

Resolution reported and adopted.

Bill read a first time.

To be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *McPhillips*, Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the closing of Shops, and the employment of Children and Young Persons therein," was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Green*, Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to make special provision with regard to the qualifications of the Members of the Council of the City of Sandon," was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *McInnes*, Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act relating to Labour" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that steps be taken to obtain the removal of the Indians from the *Songhees Reserve*.

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

1. What was the cost of the survey made of the *Serpentine River, Delta Riding*?
2. What was the object of said survey?
3. At whose request was said survey made?
4. What instructions were given to the engineer?

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

“1. \$1,187.40.

“2. To obtain information regarding the flooding of the lands in the valley of the *Serpentine River*, above the *Coast Meridian Road*, together with the amount of work required to afford relief.

“3. Hon. Thos. Forster.

“4. To make a survey, including levels, of the *Serpentine River Valley* affected by floods from the *Coast Meridian Road* up to its headwaters.”

Mr. *Brown* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to allow the usual fees to be exacted in respect of Private Bills on which fees were paid at last Session, and which, owing to the prorogation of the House before the business of the Session was concluded, may be re-introduced during the present Session?

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

“It is the intention of the Government, on application, to refund any fees that were paid for Private Bills last Session.”

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Small Debts Act’” was again committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:10 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 26th July, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. H. S. Sweet*.

Mr. *Green* presented a Petition from *John Irving* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate “The Pacific and Omineca Railway Company.” (No. 13.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Helmcken* presented the First Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
July 26th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the under-mentioned Petitions have been complied with:

- No. 1—The Petition of the Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Company.
 No. 4—The Petition of Rock Bay and Salmon River Railway Company.
 No. 7—The Petition of the Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company.
 No. 12—The Petition of the Western Telephone and Telegraph Company.
 All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The following Private Bills were introduced and read a first time :—

By Mr. *Helmcken*—Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Tatlow*—Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Company, Limited."

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Pursuant to Order the House went into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Schedule of Emergency Supply :—

The estimated sum of One hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) is required as an Emergency Supply to provide for the payment of Salaries, urgent Public Works, and other necessary Services, chargeable to the expenditure of the financial year ending 30th June, 1901. All payments made therefrom to form a part of the Estimate for the financial year ending 30th June, 1901, to be submitted to the Legislative Assembly, and apportioned to the various Services and Votes in Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier,—

Resolved, That an Emergency Supply of One hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) be granted to provide for the payment of Salaries, urgent Public Works, and other Services, the same to form part of the Estimates for the financial year ending 30th June, 1901, and to be apportioned to the various Services and Votes, when the Estimates are being considered in Committee of Supply.

Resolution reported.

Report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Ellison*, Private Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Western Telephone and Telegraph Company" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading on Monday next.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Turner*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Dunsmuir*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present Session be taken into consideration on Friday next.

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

That a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Neill*, *Oliver*, *Helmcken*, *McInnes*, and the mover, be appointed to look into the grievances of certain settlers within the *E. & N. Railway Belt*, as outlined in a report from Dominion Commissioner *Rothwell*, now on file in the Attorney-General's Office.

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

1. Who was the person or persons making application for police protection in connection with the present labour trouble on the *Fraser*?
2. What was the reason given for asking for protection?
3. How many specials are employed there at present?
4. Is there at present, or has there ever been, any good reason for keeping specials there?

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

- "1. Fraser River canners.
- "2. Reports of intimidations and possibility of serious breaches of the peace.
- "3. 25.
- "4. Yes, in order to prevent breaches of the peace."

Mr. *McInnes* asked the Government the following question :—

Is it the intention of the Government to send a Judge to the *Atlin District* this season?

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

"Yes."

Mr. *McInnes* asked the Government the following questions :—

1. Who are the "certain owners" referred to in the Report of *Thomas Morgan*, Inspector of Vancouver Island Collieries, as follows :—"According to the Act (sec. 53), publication of the detailed returns of a colliery can only be made with the consent of the owners thereof, and, as 'certain owners' have refused such consent, I am unable to give a detailed account of the output, &c., of each mine," &c., &c. (Minister of Mines' Report, 1899, page 829)?

2. Is it the intention of the Government to amend the "Coal Mines Regulation Act" so that the said "certain owners" will not be permitted to prevent the publication of such details?

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

- "1. Wellington Colliery, operated by R. Dunsmuir & Sons, and Union Colliery, operated by Union Colliery Company of B. C., Ltd.
- "2. The matter is receiving the attention of the Government."

Mr. *McInnes* asked the Government the following question :—

What title has the Government to the land upon which the *Nanaimo Court House* is built?

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

"A perpetual lease from the Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Company, Limited, at an annual rental of \$80.00, with the right to purchase at any time upon payment of the sum of \$2,000.00."

Mr. *Tallow* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question :—

Is it the intention of the Government to cancel the present very unsatisfactory List of Voters in the Electoral District of the *City of Vancouver*?

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

"Before an answer can be given it will be necessary for the Government to make enquiries into the state of the Voters' List in the City of Vancouver."

Mr. *Tallow* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question :—

Is it the intention of the Government to amend the "Public School Act" so as to exempt from examination in other than professional subjects, for Second Class Certificates, High School students who have passed the matriculation examination of any affiliated University?

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

"The question of amending the 'Public School Act' is under consideration."

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

Whether it is the intention of the Government to investigate the alleged fraudulent practices in the naturalization of Japanese recently arrived in this Province?

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

“It is only within the last few days that any information has been received that the ‘Naturalization Act’ has been abused. This information is only hearsay. The Government, however, will have the matter investigated.”

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

1. Is it the intention of the Government to give notice to all Gold Commissioners, Recorders, Clerks in Government Offices in Mining Districts, and Constables, that they will be liable to immediate dismissal if they, directly or indirectly, hold any interests in placer or mineral claims in the districts in which they are employed?

2. Is it the intention of the Government, this Session, to amend the “Placer Mining Act” —

(a.) As regards the size of placer claims;

(b.) So as to prevent “jumping”?

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

“1. It is the intention of the Government to rigidly enforce instructions given by circular dated 7th September, 1898.

“2. The matters referred to have not, as yet, been decided on.”

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

1. When does the Government intend sending a Judge to the *Atlin District* to settle the mining disputes there regarding the ownership of mineral and placer claims?

2. Is it the intention of the Government to at once appoint a Recorder and Constable for the new *Porcupine Mining District*?

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

“1. It is proposed to hold a sitting of the Supreme Court for the trial of civil and criminal cases in *Atlin District* towards the end of August.

“2. Yes.”

Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act respecting the closing of Shops, and the employment of Children and Young Persons therein,” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to make special provision with regard to the qualifications of the Members of the Council of the City of Sandon” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:50 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, 27th July, 1900.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. H. S. Sweet*.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The following Petitions were presented and received :—

By Mr. *Garden*, from *J. R. Stratton* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate “The Grand Forks and Kettle River Railway Company. (No. 14.)

By Mr. *Helmcken*, from “The Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway Company,” for a Private Bill to confirm the power of the Company under their Corporate Act. (No. 6.)

The Petition (No. 13) from *John Irving* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Pacific and Omineca Railway Company," was received.

Mr. *Helmcken* presented the Second Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
July 27th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the under-mentioned Petitions have been complied with :

No. 2—Petition of the Synod of New Westminster.

No. 3—Petition of the Vancouver, Northern and Yukon Railway Company.

No. 5—Petition of the City of Vancouver.

No. 8—Petition of Chilcat Pass Railway Company.

No. 10—Petition of Kitimaat-Caledonia Company.

No. 11—Petition of Lake Bennett Railway.

With respect to Petition (No. 9) of the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company, your Committee beg leave to report that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, inasmuch as no notice appeared in a newspaper published in one of the districts affected ; but, as the proposed Bill is presumably in the public interests, your Committee recommend that the Standing Orders be suspended and the Bill be allowed to be introduced.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Turner*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *McBride*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading on Tuesday next.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all correspondence and tenders in connection with the contract for keeping open for travel that portion of the *Cariboo Trunk Road* between *Cottonwood* and *Barkerville* during the winter season of 1899 and 1900.

Mr. *Garden* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question :—

Whether the Government will, at an early date, take into consideration the desirability of conveying to the *City of Vancouver* all of the rights vested in the Government to the tidal flats and foreshores of *False Creek* and that part of *Coal Harbour* lying west of the Park bridge ?

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

"The Government has already had this matter under consideration, and has decided to convey to the *City of Vancouver* all rights to the foreshore and tidal lands at *False Creek* and that part of *Coal Harbour* referred to.

"Legislation will be introduced this Session vesting these properties in the Corporation of the *City of Vancouver* for City purposes."

Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. For the financial year ending 30th June, 1900, what were the receipts for ordinary revenue purposes—

- (a.) From cash in banks and in hands of Government Agents at end of prior financial year?
- (b.) From loans negotiated, specifying such loans?
- (c.) Borrowed from banks?
- (d.) From all other sources?

2. Also, what were the expenditures for ordinary purposes during said year, and what, if any, indebtedness incurred during such period remained unpaid at the end of such financial year?

3. Also, the amount of cash at the end of such financial year to the credit of the Province, available for payment of ordinary liabilities?

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

“1. (a.) No cash in banks on 30th June, 1899; there was an overdraft of \$1,159,165; cash in hands of agents, \$44,000.

“(b.) Net proceeds from loan, ‘Loan Act, 1899,’ \$1,540,357.

“(c.) \$100,000 (temporary overdraft).

“(d.) Cannot be determined; returns from agents not all in.

“2. The returns for the financial year not having been complete, the total expenditure cannot be given. The unpaid indebtedness approximates \$45,000.

“The Accounts for the financial year not having been closed, the amount cannot be accurately stated; it may approximate \$25,000.”

The following Private Bills were introduced and read a first time:—

Mr. *Clifford*—Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Lake Bennett Railway Company.”

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Clifford*—Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Kitimaat-Caledonia Company.”

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Hall*—Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Chilkat Pass Railway and Navigation Company.”

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Garden*—Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to revise and consolidate the Vancouver Incorporation Act.”

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Garden*—Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver, Northern and Yukon Railway Company Act, 1899.’”

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Tatlow*—Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to amend ‘An Act to Incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster.’”

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Evidence Act’” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Notaries Appointment Act’” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading on Monday next.

Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act respecting Liquor Licences” was read a second time.
To be committed on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Garden*, Private Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Rock Bay and Salmon River Railway Company" was introduced and read a first time.
Referred to the Railway Committee.

The following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed on Monday next:—

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the Law respecting the Liability of Trustees."

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Relief Act, 1899.'"

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, it was *Ordered* that the name of Mr. *Munro* be struck off the Mining Committee, and that the name of Mr. *John Houston* be added in place thereof.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, it was *Ordered* that the name of the Hon. *R. McBride* be added to the Select Committee appointed to look into the grievances of certain settlers within the *E. & N. Railway Belt*, as outlined in a report from Dominion Commissioner *Rothwell*, now on file in the Attorney General's Office.

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

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented copies of the correspondence *re* the strike among the fishermen on the *Fraser River*.

And then the House adjourned at 5:40 o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, 31st July, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *John Campbell*, D.D.

Mr. *Green* presented a Petition from the B. C. Hotel Company and others, *re* proposed amendments to the Liquor Licence Acts.

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Helmcken* presented the Third Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
July 31st, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the under-mentioned Petitions have been complied with:

No. 6—Petition of Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway Company.

No. 13—Petition of Pacific and Omineca Railway Company.

No. 14—Petition of Grand Forks and Kettle River Railway Company.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Dunsmuir*, seconded by Mr. *Martin*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the Rules and Orders be suspended, in order to introduce an Address of Condolence to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family, on account of the death of HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AND DUKE OF SAXE-COBURG AND GOTHA.

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

That the following Address of Condolence to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family, on the death of HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALFRED ERNEST ALBERT, DUKE OF EDINBURGH AND DUKE OF SAXE-COBURG AND GOTHA, be presented to Her Majesty:—

We, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, desire humbly to tender to Your Majesty and the members of the Royal Family assurances of our profound sorrow and heartfelt sympathy for the great loss Your Majesty and the nation have sustained by the death of HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AND DUKE OF SAXE-COBURG AND GOTHA.

Your subjects in this part of Your Majesty's Empire have ever been most loyal, and are devotedly attached to Your Majesty's Royal Person and Family, and feel keenly your bereavement. More especially at the present time, when the ties of colonial relationship have been drawn so closely by events of great common concern, do they express the deep sorrow which the death of your son, the lamented Duke, has caused them.

We, therefore, venture to hope that Your Majesty and the Royal Family will be graciously pleased to accept this humble, but loyal and sincere, assurance of our sorrow and sympathy in the affliction which the Supreme Ruler, in His inscrutable providence, has permitted to befall Your Majesty.

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

That the Address of Condolence to Her Majesty be engrossed, signed by the Speaker, and forwarded through the proper channel.

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

And then the House adjourned at 2:25 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 1st August, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *John Campbell*, D.D.

Mr. *Garden* presented a Petition from *J. A. Pelkey* and others, *re* anti-compulsory vaccination.

Laid on the table.

The following Petitions were presented, read and received:—

By Mr. *Helmcken*, from "The British Columbia Yukon Railway Company," opposing "The Lake Bennett Railway" Bill. (No. 11A.)

By Mr. *Helmcken* from "The British Columbia-Yukon Railway Company," opposing "The Chilkat Pass Railway and Navigation" Bill. (No. 8A.)

By Mr. *Garden*, from "The New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Company" (No. 12A), "The Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company" (No. 12B), and *J. M. Lefevre* and *R. K. Houlgate* (No. 12c), opposing "The Western Telephone and Telegraph Company's" Bill (No. 12).

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier,—
Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

The Resolution was reported to the House and adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier,—
Resolved, That this House will on Tuesday next resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

On the motion of Mr. *Green*, Private Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Pacific, Northern and Omineca Railway Company" was introduced and read a first time.
Referred to the Railway Committee.

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, Private Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway Act (1891) Amendment Act, 1897,'" was introduced and read a first time.
Referred to the Railway Committee.

On the motion of Mr. *Tatlow*, Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Investment and Loan Societies Act'" was introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *McPhillips*, Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Costs allowed to Mortgagees" was introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Helmcken*, moved, seconded by Mr. *R. Smith* (the Government consenting),—

That, in the opinion of this House, all Government contracts should contain such conditions as will prevent abuses which may arise from the sub-letting of such contracts, and that every effort should be made to secure the payment of such wages as are generally accepted as current in each trade for competent workmen in the district where the work is carried out; and it is hereby resolved that the work to which the foregoing policy shall apply includes not only work undertaken by the Government itself, but also all works aided by a grant of Provincial public funds and all works carried on under franchises granted by the Government, and that the aforesaid policy shall be forthwith applied to every department of the public service and to all parties now performing services for the Government.

Mr. *McInnes* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Smith Curtis*,—

That the Resolution be amended by inserting between the words "forthwith" and "applied," in the eighth line, the following words: "embodied into an Act and"; also by adding thereto the following words: "also that in all contracts, leases, and concessions of whatsoever kind entered into or made by the Government, provision be made that no Chinese or Japanese shall be employed in connection therewith."

Question proposed on the first part of the amendment—"Shall the words proposed to be added stand part of the question?" and resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

McInnes,
Gilmour,
Stables,
Smith, E. C.,

Oliver
Kidd,
Neill,

Brown,
Martin,
Curtis,

Munro,
Smith, R.,
Houston—13.

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Green,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Mounce—24.</i>

The debate was then resumed on the second part of the amendment.

The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. *Tatlow* moved, seconded by Mr. *Garden*,—

Resolved, That after repeated Resolutions and Addresses of this Assembly, the Government of Canada in 1885 introduced and carried an Act to restrict and regulate Chinese immigration into Canada, the principal provisions of said Act being :—

A poll tax, on landing, of fifty dollars :

No vessel to carry more than one Chinese to every fifty tons of its tonnage :

Every Chinese person who wished to leave Canada, with the intention of returning thereto, on giving notice of such intention to the Controller at the port or place whence he proposed to sail or depart, and surrendering to the said officer his certificate of entry or of residence, to receive in lieu thereof, on payment of a fee of one dollar, a certificate of leave to depart and return :

That in 1887 this Act was amended and improved by the Parliament of Canada :

That in 1892 the Act was further amended :

That after experience the Act of 1885 was found to be ineffective for the purposes intended :

That in 1896, during the general elections for the Dominion Parliament, the present Prime Minister of Canada, the then Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons of Canada, gave an assurance in the following telegram, which was immediately published at public meetings and in the press of this Province :—

“ MONTREAL, May 25th, 1896.

“ Chinese immigration restriction not a question in the East; views of the Liberals in the West will prevail with me.
(Signed) WILFRID LAURIER.”

That, until the year 1900, no action was taken by the Right Honourable Sir *Wilfrid Laurier* to meet the views of the Liberals of the West, who, in common with the majority of the people, were alarmed by the growing and ever increasing injury due to the steady influx of the Chinese into British Columbia :

That legislation of this Province, intended to ameliorate to some extent the condition of labour other than that of the Mongolian race, has been disallowed by His Excellency the Governor-General, on the advice of the present Dominion Government :

This House in 1897 Resolved—

“ That an humble Address be presented by this House to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to move the Dominion Government to take into consideration the desirability of increasing the per capita tax on Chinese coming into the Dominion, and urging that, in the opinion of this House, three-fourths of all moneys received in British Columbia ports from the present tax, or (if such tax be increased) three-fourths of such revenue so increased, should be paid to this Province, as the chief injury from the presence of the Chinese is sustained by the Province and not by the Dominion ” :

That this House has learned with deep regret that, instead of adopting an effective measure of protection against Chinese immigration, the Canadian Parliament has this year adopted what is, under the circumstances, a purely Revenue Bill, known as “ The Chinese Immigration Act, 1900,” the chief provisions of which are to increase the per capita tax on Chinese coming into the Dominion from \$50 to \$100, and that one-fourth part of the net proceeds of all taxes paid by Chinese immigrants shall be paid to that Province wherein they are collected :

That an humble Address be presented by this House to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to advise His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada that this House is of opinion that the “ Chinese Immigration Act, 1900,” is unsatisfactory, disappointing, and wholly fails to meet the exigencies of the situation.

Mr *Brown* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Curtis*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "Resolved," on the first line, and in lieu of the words so struck out to insert:

"That it is the duty of this House, in dealing with the question of Oriental immigration, to cast aside all considerations of party and political partizanship, and to take such action as will demonstrate to the world how vital and far-reaching the question really is:

"That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to advise His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada that, in the opinion of this House, the 'Chinese Immigration Act, 1900,' will prove wholly inadequate even to appreciably check the tide of Chinese immigration, while it leaves the even more threatening influx of Japanese absolutely unrestrained; and further to advise His Excellency that it is the settled conviction of this House that unless Chinese and Japanese immigration be promptly and effectually checked, not only will labourers and artizans of European race be driven from the Province, but all trades and industries other than those exclusively, or almost exclusively, engaged in manufacturing for export the raw material of the Province will pass into the hands of Chinese and Japanese."

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

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

That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that a Standing Committee on Agriculture should be appointed.

On the motion of Mr. *Stables*, seconded by Mr. *Curtis*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a return of all hydraulic leases granted since 1st January, 1898, in the *Atlin District*, with names of lessees, dates of application, name of creek or river, with location of ground on it covered by each such lease; also name of applicant and leases still in abeyance or withheld; also, return of applications for water leases, number of inches applied for in each case, those granted and those in abeyance.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing, in detail, all fees, allowances or disbursements received, paid or made by the Returning Officers, or their subordinates, in respect of the General Elections in the *Cariboo District* in the years 1898 and 1900.

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

Is a suit now pending between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government as to ownership of *Stanley Park*, or any part thereof, and would the Provincial Government entertain favourably a proposition to convey its rights to the *City of Vancouver* in trust for park purposes?

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

"Yes. It is not advisable while the action is pending to make any change in the ownership."

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

1. Is it a fact that the Provincial Police have been patrolling the *Fraser River and Gulf of Georgia* for the purpose of protecting licensed fishermen from intimidation?

2. Was there any communication with the Dominion Government as to their affording protection to licensed fishermen on the *Fraser River and Gulf of Georgia*? If so, what was the reply?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. The following telegram was received from an official of the Dominion Government:—'Representations made that intimidation exists on *Fraser River* and licensed fishermen unable to fish. Matter outside jurisdiction this Department, and pertaining to Provincial Government. Can protection be given fishermen?'"

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

Does the Government intend taking any steps to validate Tax Sales, especially Government Tax Sales, held in *New Westminster District* in 1896 ?

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

“No.”

Mr. *Tallow* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question :—

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce special legislation to encourage the manufacture of wood pulp, and to revise the schedule of charges for water used to create power for said manufacture.

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

“The Government is now considering the most advantageous means of encouraging this very important industry.”

Mr. *Tallow* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question :—

Is it the intention of the Government to cancel the present very unsatisfactory List of Voters in the City of *Vancouver Electoral District* ?

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

“Yes.”

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Notaries Appointment Act,’” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act respecting Liquor Licences” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered, That the name of Mr. *Stables* be substituted for the name of Mr. *Munro* as a member of the Railway Committee.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:59 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 2nd August, 1900.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *John Campbell*, D.D.

The following Petitions were received :—

From *J. A. Pelkey* and others, *re* anti-compulsory vaccination.

From the B. C. Hotel Company and others, *re* proposed amendments to the Liquor Licence Acts.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Rossland Water and Light Company Incorporation Act, 1896,’” was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wells*, Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896,'" was introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by Mr. *Munro*,—

That a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Kidd*, *R. Smith*, *Tatlow*, *Oliver*, and the mover, be appointed to enquire into all matters connected with the sending of the militia to *Steveston*, with power to send for persons and papers and report the facts to this House.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *McBride*,—
That the Attorney-General be added to the Committee.

Amendment carried.

Motion, as amended, carried.

Mr. *McInnes* asked the Government the following questions:—

1. What sentence was imposed in the case of *Regina vs. Union Colliery Company*, tried at *Victoria* in October, 1899?
2. Has the sentence been complied with? If not, why not?
3. Is it the intention of the Government to insist on the sentence being complied with?
4. Is it the intention of the Government to provide for the appointment of a Bridge Inspector?

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

"1. The Company was fined \$5,000.

"2. By an arrangement made between counsel for the Crown and the Company at the time judgment was delivered, the payment of the fine was deferred until the final determination of the validity of the conviction.

"3. Yes. The question of the validity of the conviction will come up for argument at the session of the Supreme Court of Canada which begins on the 2nd of October next.

The Hon. Mr. *Wells* replied to question No. 4 as follows:—

"4. The Government has not yet taken into consideration the appointment of a Bridge Inspector."

Mr. *McInnes* asked the Government the following questions:—

1. Who will have to pay the expense of calling out and maintaining the militia at *Steveston*?
2. Is it true that two of the Justices of the Peace who called out the militia are cannery-men, and that the third Justice of the Peace is a cannery store-keeper?

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

"1. In answer to this question, I would refer the Hon. mover to the provisions of section 34 of the Militia and Defence Act.

"2. It is reported to my department that one of the Justices who signed the requisition is interested in a cannery on the *Fraser*; that another is a foreman; and that another is Postmaster and a prominent merchant at *Steveston*."

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

Is it the intention of the Government to take steps to find out (1) the truth or falsity of the statement that the *Japanese* fishermen on the *Fraser River* carry fire-arms; and (2) the truth or falsity of the statement that some *Japanese* have obtained licences to fish fraudulently?

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

"(1.) Yes.

"(2.) Yes."

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the closing of Shops, and the employment of Children and Young Persons therein," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Turner*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *McBride*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Messrs. *Hayward*, *Ellison*, *Kidd*, *Neill*, *Oliver*, *Munro* and *E. C. Smith* be placed on the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to make special provision with regard to the qualifications of the Members of the Council of the City of Sandon" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

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 5:45 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, 3rd August, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *John Campbell*, D.D.

Mr. *Helmcken* presented the Fourth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
August 3rd, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

The preamble proved of the following Bills, viz. :

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to revise and consolidate the Vancouver Incorporation Act"; and

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to Incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster,'" and submit the same herewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Mr. *Pooley* presented the First Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
August 3rd, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

The preamble proved of the following Bill, viz. :

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company," and submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Judgments Act, 1899,'" was introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

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

By Mr. *Curtis*—Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act.'"

By Mr. *Hall*—Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act relating to Extra-Provincial Investment and Loan Societies."

Mr. *R. Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Green*—

That considering the unsatisfactory nature of the present Act intituled "An Act to provide for the formation, from time to time as disputes may arise, of Councils of Labour Conciliation and Arbitration," chapter 109, Revised Statutes, 1897, to accomplish such purposes as expressed in title, and in consideration of the labour disputes occurring repeatedly, which ought to be immediately settled for the public good, and inasmuch as such an Act would involve the expenditure of public moneys and cannot therefore be presented to this House by any private Member, that this House urges the necessity of such provision as above as soon as practicable.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Wednesday next.

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* presented a Return of certain Regulations and Orders made by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, under section 143 of the "Mineral Act."

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act'" was again committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors Act'" was committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act respecting Liquor Licences'" was again committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered, That the name of Mr. *Clifford* be added as a member of the Railway Committee.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, seconded by Mr. *Hall*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Rules of the House be suspended, and that the Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company" be admitted to be introduced without the payment of double fees.

Bill read a first time.
Referred to the Railway Committee.

And then the House adjourned at 5:55 o'clock, P. M