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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF THE PROVINCE OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SESSION 1905.

Thursday, 9th February, 1905.

THREE O'CLOCK, P.M.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Tenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable Sir HENRI GUSTAVE JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 28th day of December, 1904.

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, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech :—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :

In meeting you at the commencement of the Second Session of the Tenth Parliament of British Columbia, it is a source of much satisfaction to know that general prosperity prevails throughout the Province.

I am glad to be able to inform you that the measures taken by you last Session have done much towards placing the finances of the Province on a sound basis, and that for the first time in many years the Public Accounts show a balance of Revenue over Expenditure.

In order to ascertain whether the present system of taxation bears equitably and evenly on all classes of taxpayers, I appointed a Commission to inquire into the matter, and the report of the inquiry will be laid before you.

The subject of the financial relations of the Province and the Dominion has had the serious consideration of my Government, and a memorial has been presented to the Dominion Government showing the strong grounds that exist for a recognition of the claims of British Columbia for better terms.

The extensive works undertaken some years ago for the protection of the lands in the valley of the Fraser River having been completed, although in some instances at a greater cost than originally estimated, the necessity of arriving at a final settlement with the owners of the lands affected suggests that the matter should receive consideration during the present Session.

There is no doubt that the development of important sections of the Province, rich in natural resources, cannot be effected without an extension of our railway system, and my Government has under advisement methods by which transportation facilities can be secured for these districts without placing undue burdens on the Provincial exchequer.

It is satisfactory to know that the mining industry is entering on a period of greater activity, the effect of which cannot fail to be of benefit to the whole Province.

The past year has, on the whole, been a favourable one for the agricultural interests. There has been a considerable influx of settlers, and there is a prospect that the area of cultivated land will be largely increased within the next few years, particularly in the districts suitable for fruit-raising.

Measures will be submitted to you amending the "Supreme Court Act," the "County Courts Act," the "Public Schools Act," and the "Game Protection Act, 1898."

The Estimates for the ensuing year, which will be submitted to you, have been prepared with due consideration to economy, compatible with efficiency in the administration of Provincial affairs.

I trust your deliberations will result in promoting the welfare of the people 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.

The certificates of the election of Hon. *F. J. Fulton* for Kamloops Electoral District, and *Archibald McDonald* for Lillooet Electoral District, were read and *Ordered* placed on the Journals of the House.

"PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

"VICTORIA, 1st June, 1904.

"Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the acceptance of office by the Honourable *Frederick John Fulton*, a Member thereof for the Kamloops Electoral District; and

"Whereas, on the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and four, a writ for the election of a Member to represent such Electoral District was duly issued to E. T. W. Pearse, the Returning Officer of the said Electoral District:

"Now I do hereby certify that on the first day of June, 1904, the said writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate attached, whereby it appears that the electors of the said district have chosen the Honourable *Frederick John Fulton* to represent the said district in the Legislative Assembly.

"A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,

"Deputy Provincial Secretary.

"To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia."

"PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

"VICTORIA, 6th September, 1904.

"Whereas it is provided by section 3 of 'An Act to qualify Archibald McDonald to represent the Lillooet Electoral District in the present Session of the Legislative Assembly,' chapter 32 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1903-1904, that—

"On the prorogation of the present Session of the Legislative Assembly the election of the said *Archibald McDonald* shall be null and void, and his seat in said Legislative Assembly shall become and be vacant, and the Speaker shall issue his warrant for a new election of a member to fill the vacancy; and

"Whereas in accordance with the provisions of the said section, on the twenty-fifth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and four, a writ for the election of a Member to represent the said Electoral District was issued to Frederick Soues, the Returning Officer of such district;

"Now I do hereby certify that on the sixth day of September, 1904, the said writ was returned to me by the Returning Officer, with his certificate attached, whereby it appears that the electors of the said district have chosen *Archibald McDonald* to represent the said district in the Legislative Assembly.

"A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,

"Deputy Provincial Secretary.

"To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia."

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton*, Member elect for Kamloops Electoral District, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. Mr. *McBride* and the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*, and took his seat.

Archibald McDonald, Esquire, Member elect for Lillooet Electoral District, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* and the Hon. Mr. *Green*, and took his seat.

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 ;
6. On Agriculture ;
7. On Municipal Matters ;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire 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.

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.

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. *Tatlow*, Bill (No 1) intituled "An Act to amend an Act for the Protection of Breeders of Live Stock," was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time on Monday next.

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

The following Reports were presented :—

By the Hon. Mr. *McBride*—"The Case of British Columbia for Better Terms."

By the Hon. Mr. *Tatlow*—Public Accounts of the Province for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1904.

By the Hon. Mr. *Fulton*—Thirty-third Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province.

By the Hon. Mr. *Green*—Report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1904.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

Friday, 10th February, 1905.

Two o'clock, P.M.

Prayers by Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

The following petition was laid on the table:—

From *F. S. Barnard* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the "B. C. Securities Company." (No. 8.)

The following Members were appointed to form the Standing Committees:—

Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders—Messrs. *Ross, Garden, Young, Clifford, Drury, Brown* and *McInnes*.

Committee on Public Accounts.—Messrs. *Bowser, Macgowan, Wright, Shatford, Hall, Cameron* and *Henderson*.

Committee on Printing—Messrs. *Houston, Ross, Clifford, McNiven* and *Cameron*.

Committee on Railways—Messrs. *Clifford, Ellison, Garden, Taylor, Gifford, Macgowan, Wright, Bowser, Fraser, Shatford, Grant, Williams, Paterson, Henderson, J. A. Macdonald, Munro, McInnes, Drury, King, Wells, Hall* and *Brown*.

Committee on Mining—Messrs. *Ellison, Young, Taylor, Wright, Grant, Shatford, A. McDonald, Fraser, Ross, Houston, Hawthornthwaite, Davidson, Jones, Murphy, Brown, King, Henderson, McNiven, Wells, Tanner, Oliver* and *J. A. Macdonald*.

Committee on Agriculture—Messrs. *Ellison, Gifford, A. McDonald, Shatford, Tanner, Munro* and *Evans*.

Committee on Municipal Matters—Messrs. *Macgowan, Garden, Houston, Bowser, Hawthornthwaite, Ross, Fraser, Oliver, Evans, Cameron* and *McInnes*.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. *Tatlow*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *McBride*,—

Whereas under the provisions of the Colonial Stock Act, 1879 and 1892, as amended in 1900 (Imperial), the powers of trustees in the United Kingdom have been extended, and provision has been made for the investment of trust funds in Colonial securities, under regulations to be made by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury;

And whereas the regulations in question were in due course promulgated by the Treasury in the London Gazette, stipulating that Colonies desirous of obtaining the benefits of said Act must observe the following conditions:—

(1) Provide by legislation for the payment of any sums which might become payable to stockholders under any judgment in the United Kingdom;

(2.) Satisfy the Treasury that adequate funds (as and when required) will be made available in the United Kingdom to meet such judgment; and

(3.) Place on record a formal expression of their opinion that any of their legislation "which appears to the Imperial Government to alter any of the provisions affecting the stock, to the injury of the stockholder, or to involve a departure from the original contract in regard to the stock, would properly be disallowed."

And whereas all, or nearly all, the self-governing Colonies, and most of the Crown Colonies, have taken advantage of the Act, and have passed the necessary legislation, and have given the assurances that are required under the Treasury regulations; and

Whereas the financial position of the Colonies which have come under the provisions of the Act has been much improved in the United Kingdom, and their securities have obtained a wider market; and

Whereas the Provinces of Canada, by their union, have formed the Dominion of Canada, which is justly regarded as one of the most important portions of the British Empire; and

Whereas the said Provinces of Canada have so far been unable to avail themselves of the advantages that would be applicable to their securities provided a compliance to the provisions

of the Colonial Stock Act could be fully observed, and in consequence their interests are adversely and seriously affected; and

Whereas the States of the Commonwealth of Australia enjoy the privileges which the Provinces of Canada seek to obtain, and the securities of those States are generally available for the investment of trust funds in the United Kingdom; and

Whereas the securities of the Provinces of Canada are eligible for registration under the Colonial Stock Act, and the necessary legislation can readily be passed to comply with the first two of the regulations that have been issued by the Treasury under the Colonial Stock Act (Amendment Act) of 1900; and

Whereas the chief difficulty in the way of extending the benefits of the Act of 1900 to the Provinces of Canada is found in the provisions of the third of the said regulations; and

Whereas it is stated to be held by the Imperial authorities that they have no direct right of disallowance, so far as the legislation of the Provinces of Canada is concerned, and that the position in that respect is therefore different to that obtaining in the case of the Colonies to which the provisions of the Act of 1900 have been applied; and

Whereas under the British North America Act the power of disallowance in relation to the legislation of the Provinces is reserved to the Governor-General in Council; the Government of British Columbia is, therefore, in a position to place on record with the Dominion Government, to be transmitted to His Majesty's Government, a formal expression of its opinion, "that any of its legislation which appears to the Imperial Government to alter any of the provisions affecting the stock, to the injury of the stockholders, or to involve a departure from the original contract in regard to the stock, would properly be disallowed by the Governor-General in Council"; and

Whereas if such assurance is not sufficient, the Province of British Columbia will be prepared to give favourable consideration to any suggestion that may be made by His Majesty's Government to the Dominion Government, so that the Colonial Stock Act of 1900 may be extended to the securities it may have already issued, or which may be issued in the future; and

Whereas the Province of British Columbia cannot but believe that there is every disposition on the part of His Majesty's Government to extend to the securities of the Provinces of Canada the benefits of the Act of 1900, if necessary and proper assurances are given in the spirit of the said Act, and of the regulations that have been promulgated under its provisions;

Be it therefore Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to submit this Resolution to the Dominion Government, in order that the matter may be brought formally to the notice of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for the consideration of the Government of His Majesty, with the view to the regulations that have been made under the Colonial Stock Act of 1900 being applied, or, if necessary, modified or extended to meet the circumstances, and permit of their being made applicable to the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada.

The debate was adjourned, on the motion of Mr. *Oliver*, until Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3 P.M.

Monday, 13th February, 1905.

TWO O'LOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

The following petition was received :—

From *F. S. Barnard* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the "B. C. Securities Company." (No. 8.)

The following petitions were laid on the table :—

By Mr. *Macgowan*—From *W. T. Stein* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Chartered Accountant's Institute. (No. 5.)

By Mr. *Clifford*—From the Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend their corporate Act. (No. 9.)

By Mr. *Taylor*—From the Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Railway Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend their corporate Act. (No. 12.)

By Mr. *Taylor*—From *W. Herbert Evans* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Company. (No. 3.)

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. *Ross* moved, seconded by Mr. *Taylor*,—

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 :—

1. It is a source of much satisfaction to know that general prosperity prevails throughout the Province.

2. We are glad to be informed that the measures taken by us last Session have done much towards placing the finances of the Province on a sound basis, and that for the first time in many years the Public Accounts show a balance of Revenue over Expenditure.

3. We are pleased to learn that, in order to ascertain whether the present system of taxation bears equitably and evenly on all classes of taxpayers, a Commission was appointed to inquire into the matter, and that the report of the inquiry will be laid before us.

4. It is a source of satisfaction to learn that the subject of the financial relations of the Province and the Dominion has had the serious consideration of the Government, and that a memorial has been presented to the Dominion Government showing the strong grounds that exist for a recognition of the claims of British Columbia for better terms.

5. We are gratified to be informed that the extensive works undertaken some years ago for the protection of lands in the valley of the Fraser River have been completed, although in some instances at a greater cost than originally estimated, but before arriving at a final settlement with the owners of the lands affected, it is suggested that the matter receive consideration during the present Session.

6. We are fully aware that the development of important sections of the Province, rich in natural resources, cannot be effected without an extension of our railway system, and are glad to learn that the Government has under advisement methods by which transportation facilities can be secured for these districts without placing undue burdens on the Provincial exchequer.

7. It is extremely satisfactory to know that the mining industry is entering on a period of greater activity, the effect of which cannot fail to be of benefit to the whole Province.

8. It is a matter for congratulation to be informed that the past year has, on the whole, been a favourable one for the agricultural interests, that there has been a considerable influx of settlers, and that there is a prospect that the area of cultivated land will be largely increased within the next few years, particularly in the districts suitable for fruit-raising.

9. We shall be pleased to give our serious attention to the measures which will be submitted to us amending the "Supreme Court Act," the "County Courts Act," the "Public Schools Act," and the "Game Protection Act, 1898."

10. We are glad to be assured that the Estimates for the ensuing year, which will be submitted to us, have been prepared with due consideration to economy, compatible with efficiency in the administration of Provincial affairs.

11. We join with His Honour in hoping that our deliberations will result in promoting the welfare of the people of the Province.

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

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to grant certain Lands to the Corporation of the City of New Westminster," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
13th February, 1905.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to grant certain Lands to the Corporation of the City of New Westminster," and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.
Bill 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 Hon. Mr. *Tatlow*—Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act.'"

By Hon. Mr. *Tatlow*—Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to prevent the spreading of Noxious Weeds."

By Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*—Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act regulating Hours of Labour in Certain Industries."

On the motion of Mr. *Henderson*, seconded by Mr. *Jones*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of the total expenditure to date since Confederation—

1. On New Westminster Bridge.
2. On new Parliament Buildings.
3. On Chimney Creek Bridge.
4. On all roads, trails, bridges other than above.
5. On subsidies to railways or transportation companies.
6. On subsidies to physicians and surgeons.
7. On public charities, including needy and sick.
8. On the office of King's Printer, including supply and maintenance.
9. On all Provincial Public Buildings other than above, but not including supply or maintenance.
10. On all legal expenses, including Administration of Justice.
11. On Interest.
12. On Civil Service List.

Moved by Mr. *Henderson*, seconded by Mr. *Jones*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return from Confederation to date of all moneys expended—

1. On maintenance and repairs to Cariboo waggon road (main trunk road).
2. On the exploration, making, maintenance and repair of waggon roads to Horsety.
 - (a.) From 150-Mile House.
 - (b.) From 115-Mile House.
 - (c.) From 111-Mile House.
 - (d.) From 108-Mile House.
3. On the exploration, making, maintenance and repair of waggon roads to Quesnel Forks from—
 - (a.) Alexandria.
 - (b.) Soda Creek.
 - (c.) 158-Mile House.
 - (d.) 150-Mile House, *via* Battle Creek.
 - (e.) 150-Mile House, *via* 150-Mile House Creek.
4. On exploration, maintenance, making and repair of—
 - (a.) Waggon road to Alexis Creek from 150-Mile House, Soda Creek and Gang Ranch, respectively.
5. On the exploration, maintenance, making and repair of waggon roads from Clinton to Dog Creek, *via* 70-Mile House, 100-Mile House, 57-Mile Post and Mountain House, including branches to Kosterling's Grinder.
6. On exploration, maintenance, making and repair of waggon roads from—
 - (a.) Dog Creek to 150-Mile House, *via* Alkali Lake and Augustine.
 - (b.) Dog Creek to Beaver Dam, over the mountain.

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

On the motion of Mr. *King*, seconded by Mr. *Paterson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a humble Address be presented by this House to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to represent to the Dominion Government the hearty concurrence of this House in the request of the lumbermen of this Province that an import duty be imposed upon foreign lumber brought into Canada.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*, the names of Messrs. *W. J. Bowser* and *T. W. Paterson* were added as members of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

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

1. What has been done by the Government to enforce the provisions of the Land Act, as amended by chapter 30, 1903-4, in respect of collection of the tax imposed by section 9 of said chapter 30?
2. Have any seizures been made of timber or other property in connection with enforcing the provisions of said Act?
3. If so, what and whose property was seized?
4. What was the amount of the Government's claim in each case?
5. Has the matter in dispute been settled, and, if so, how, giving as full particulars as possible in each case?

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

"1. The law is being enforced ; collections under it are being made.

"2. Yes.

"3. Timber and camp equipment ; Pierce & Piment, C. S. Martin and G. Kinley.

"4. Pierce & Piment, \$300 ; C. S. Martin, \$1,157 ; G. Kinley, \$93.

"5. Yes, in cash and security for complete payment."

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

In what manner does the Government offer leases of timber lands to public competition, under section 42 of the "Land Act"?

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

"By public tender."

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

1. Has the Government reserved any areas of coal lands?
2. If so, what areas of coal lands have been reserved?
3. What was the area so reserved?
4. Where are the lands reserved located?
5. For what purpose was the reservation made?
6. What was the date of reservation?

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

"1. No.

"2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Answered by the reply to No. 1."

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

1. Has the evidence in the *Dick* Commission been printed?
2. If not, is it the intention of the Government to have it printed?
3. In view of the appalling percentage of accidents in coal mines in British Columbia, do the Government intend to reorganise the system of inspection and place it upon a better basis?

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

"1. No.

"2. No.

"3. The matter is now receiving the attention of the Department."

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

1. How many applications have been received under the Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act?
2. To how many applicants have Crown Grants been issued?
3. Why have Crown Grants not been issued to all applicants having good claims under the said Act?
4. Is it the intention of the Government to issue more Crown Grants under the said Act, and, if so, when?

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

"1. 53.

"2. 2.

"3. The Government has not refused to issue any Crown grants.

"4. Yes. When applications are approved."

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend an Act for the Protection of Breeders of Live Stock," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance of the 10th inst., as follows :—

Whereas under the provisions of the Colonial Stock Act, 1879 and 1892, as amended in 1900 (Imperial), the powers of trustees in the United Kingdom have been extended, and provision has been made for the investment of trust funds in Colonial securities, under regulations to be made by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury ;

And whereas the regulations in question were in due course promulgated by the Treasury in the London Gazette, stipulating that Colonies desirous of obtaining the benefits of said Act must observe the following conditions :—

(1.) Provide by legislation for the payment of any sums which might become payable to stockholders under any judgment in the United Kingdom ;

(2.) Satisfy the Treasury that adequate funds (as and when required) will be made available in the United Kingdom to meet such judgment; and

(3.) Place on record a formal expression of their opinion that any of their legislation "which appears to the Imperial Government to alter any of the provisions affecting the stock, to the injury of the stockholder, or to involve a departure from the original contract in regard to the stock, would probably be disallowed";

And whereas all, or nearly all, the self-governing Colonies, and most of the Crown Colonies, have taken advantage of the Act, and have passed the necessary legislation, and have given the assurances that are required under the Treasury regulations; and

Whereas the financial position of the Colonies which have come under the provisions of the Act has been much improved in the United Kingdom, and their securities have obtained a wider market; and

Whereas the Provinces of Canada, by their union, have formed the Dominion of Canada, which is justly regarded as one of the most important portions of the British Empire; and

Whereas the said Provinces of Canada have so far been unable to avail themselves of the advantages that would be applicable to their securities provided a compliance to the provisions of the Colonial Stock Act could be fully observed, and in consequence their interests are adversely and seriously affected; and

Whereas the States of the Commonwealth of Australia enjoy the privileges which the Provinces of Canada seek to obtain, and the securities of those States are generally available for the investment of trust funds in the United Kingdom; and

Whereas the securities of the Provinces of Canada are eligible for registration under the Colonial Stock Act, and the necessary legislation can readily be passed to comply with the first two of the regulations that have been issued by the Treasury under the Colonial Stock Act (Amendment Act) of 1900; and

Whereas the chief difficulty in the way of extending the benefits of the Act of 1900 to the Provinces of Canada is found in the provisions of the third of the said regulations; and

Whereas it is stated to be held by the Imperial authorities that they have no direct right of disallowance, so far as the legislation of the Provinces of Canada is concerned, and that the position in that respect is therefore different to that obtaining in the case of the Colonies to which the provisions of the Act of 1900 have been applied; and

Whereas under the British North America Act the power of disallowance in relation to the legislation of the Provinces is reserved to the Governor-General in Council; the Government of British Columbia is, therefore, in a position to place on record with the Dominion Government, to be transmitted to His Majesty's Government, a formal expression of its opinion, "that any of its legislation which appears to the Imperial Government to alter any of the provisions affecting the stock, to the injury of the stockholders, or to involve a departure from the original contract in regard to the stock, would properly be disallowed by the Governor-General in Council;" and

Whereas if such assurance is not sufficient, the Province of British Columbia will be prepared to give favourable consideration to any suggestion that may be made by His Majesty's Government to the Dominion Government, so that the Colonial Stock Act of 1900 may be extended to the securities it may have already issued, or which may be issued in the future; and

Whereas the Province of British Columbia cannot but believe that there is every disposition on the part of His Majesty's Government to extend to the securities of the Provinces of Canada the benefits of the Act of 1900, if necessary and proper assurances are given in the spirit of the said Act, and of the regulations that have been promulgated under the provisions;

Be it, therefore, Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to submit this Resolution to the Dominion Government, in order that the matter may be brought formally to the notice of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for the consideration of the Government of His Majesty, with the view to the regulations that have been made under the Colonial Stock Act of 1900 being applied, or, if necessary, modified or extended to meet the circumstances, and permit of their being made applicable to the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada.

The motion was agreed to.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Tuesday, 14th February, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

The following petitions were laid on the table :—

By Mr. *Taylor*—From *G. S. McCarter* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Golden Light, Power and Water Company, Limited. (No. 4.)

By Mr. *Bowser*—From the Royal Trust Company, of Montreal, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to enable them to engage in business in British Columbia. (No. 2.)

The following petitions were received :—

From *W. T. Stein* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Chartered Accountants' Institute. (No. 5.)

From the Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend their corporate Act. (No. 9.)

From the Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Railway Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend their corporate Act. (No. 12.)

From *W. Herbert Evans* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Company. (No. 3.)

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* presented papers relating to certain Acts passed by the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia during the Session 1903-4.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 14th, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the time limited for the presentation of Petitions for Private Bills be extended until 26th February, 1905.

That the time limited for the presentation of Private Bills be extended until 9th March, 1905.

That the time limited for the presentation of Reports be extended until 16th March, 1905, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. R. ROSS,
Chairman.

The report was received.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended and the report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Resolution agreed to.

On the motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance, 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 mover and seconder of the Address.

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 thank Your Honour for Your Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session, and assure Your Honour that :—

It is a source of much satisfaction to know that general prosperity prevails throughout the Province.

We are glad to be informed that the measures taken by us last Session have done much towards placing the finances of the Province on a sound basis, and that for the first time in many years the Public Accounts show a balance of Revenue over Expenditure.

We are pleased to learn that, in order to ascertain whether the present system of taxation bears equitably and evenly on all classes of taxpayers, a Commission was appointed to inquire into the matter, and that the report of the inquiry will be laid before us.

It is a source of satisfaction to learn that the subject of the financial relations of the Province and the Dominion has had the serious consideration of the Government, and that a memorial has been presented to the Dominion Government showing the strong grounds that exist for a recognition of the claims of British Columbia for better terms.

We are gratified to be informed that the extensive works undertaken some years ago for the protection of lands in the valley of the Fraser River have been completed, although in some instances at a greater cost than originally estimated, but before arriving at a final settlement with the owners of the lands affected, it is suggested that the matter receive consideration during the present Session.

We are fully aware that the development of important sections of the Province, rich in natural resources, cannot be effected with an extension of our railway system, and are glad to learn that the Government has under advisement methods by which transportation facilities can be secured for these districts without placing undue burdens on the Provincial exchequer.

It is extremely satisfactory to know that the mining industry is entering on a period of greater activity, the effect of which cannot fail to be of benefit to the whole Province.

It is a matter for congratulation to be informed that the past year has, on the whole, been a favourable one for the agricultural interests, that there has been a considerable influx of settlers, and that there is a prospect that the area of cultivated land will be largely increased within the next few years, particularly in the districts suitable for fruit-raising.

We shall be pleased to give our serious attention to the measures which will be submitted to us amending the "Supreme Court Act," the "County Courts Act," the "Public Schools Act," and the "Game Protection Act, 1898."

We are glad to be assured that the Estimates for the ensuing year, which will be submitted to us, have been prepared with due consideration to economy, compatible with efficiency in the administration of Provincial affairs.

We join with Your Honour in hoping that our deliberations will result in promoting the welfare of the people of the Province.

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

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

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented a Report from the Superintendent of Provincial Police for the year 1904.

On the motion of Mr. *Henderson*, seconded by Mr. *Jones*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence, contract, agreements, or arrangement, between the Provincial Government and the Canadian Pacific Railway, in regard to the Old Cariboo Waggon Road, from Yale to Spence's Bridge.

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

(1.) What hydraulic leases in Atlin Mining Division are in arrears as to rental?

(2.) What record is kept of yearly assessment work on hydraulic leases?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Minister of Mines to cancel the leases "Adamant," "Brilliant," "Concord," "Dundee" and "Empire," on Spruce Creek, Atlin Mining Division?

These leases are in arrears as to rentals and assessment work since 1900, and conditions imposed by Gold Commissioner in letter to lessees have not been complied with.

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to give any effect to the Minister of Mines' telegram to the Gold Commissioner, Atlin, September 16th, 1903, which read: "Re mining leases. Policy of Government is to compel fulfilment of statutory and leasehold creditors"?

(5.) Has Gold Commissioner, Atlin, been notified of any change of policy as to the leases and leasehold conditions since telegram of September 16th, 1903?

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

"1. Department is awaiting receipt of this information from Gold Commissioner.

"2. Forms of Declarations are supplied to Gold Commissioners with which to record yearly assessment work on hydraulic leases.

"3. 'Adamant,' 'Brilliant,' 'Concord,' 'Dundee' and 'Empire' leases have not been issued.

"4. Yes.

"5. No."

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

1. When and for what purpose was the \$905.55 charged against Surrey Dyking Lands (as per balance sheet, page B 8, Public Accounts, 1904) expended?

2. At whose request was this expenditure made?

3. How does the Government propose to recover this amount?

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

"1. For making preliminary surveys, levels, plans, cross-sections and report upon the Serpentine River, for the purpose of ascertaining an approximate cost of dyking the lands in Surrey Municipality. *F. L. Tytler*, Inspector of Dykes, was authorised by the Government to employ *J. C. Ferguson* to make the necessary surveys, and on the 22nd of June, 1898, he reported, and was paid for his services and expenses, \$905.55. This sum, at the time, was considered a proper charge against the Surrey Dyking District Lands, as a part of the contemplated dyking works authorised by the 'Public Dyking Act, 1898.'

"2. The Inspector of Dykes, Mr. *Tytler*, states, that he is under the impression that, prior to the date of the expenditure, a request was made, either verbally or in writing, from some of the resident land-owners of the district, and that upon representing the same to the Government the preliminary surveys were authorised.

"3. Under the circumstances of the dyking works not having been proceeded with, it is an open question whether the amount is recoverable by special assessment against the district lands, or whether—on account of the expenditure having been for works of municipal utility—a claim should be preferred against the Municipality of Surrey for the repayment."

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

1. What has been the total cost of construction of the Pitt River ferry and landings?

2. What is the annual cost of maintenance of this ferry?

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

"1. Pulling down old wharf, building slips, approaches, guide-piles, scow with gasoline engine, \$5,386.18.

"2. \$600.

"The delay in furnishing this return was due to the fact that vouchers had to be searched as far back as 1900, at which time there was not the same care taken in subdividing the expenditures of the different votes."

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

1. Has the Government cancelled the reservation of land made for the purpose of allowing the Columbia and Western Railway Company to select its land grant?

2. If so, when was the reservation cancelled?
3. If not, why not?

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

“1. No.

“2. Answered by No. 1.

“3. Because the purpose for which the reserve was established has only recently been accomplished. The cancellation will be made at an early date.”

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

1. How many Mongolians hold certificates as miners under the Coal Mines Regulation Act?

2. Are all Mongolians holding such certificates able to speak English?

3. If not, were the Examining Boards granting such certificates able to converse in the respective Asiatic tongues?

4. If not, what was the method of examination?

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

“1. 277, approximately.

“2. Department has no information.

“3. Answered by answer to No. 2.

“4. Either oral or written.

“No certificates appear to have been issued to Mongolians since July, 1903.”

Mr. *Henderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What means the Government take to ascertain the accuracy of the payments made by the “Shuswap and Okanagan Railway Act, 1890,” wherein the Province is entitled to 40 % of the gross earnings of the road?

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

“In the year 1894 an Auditor was sent to Montreal by the Government to examine into the method by which the C. P. R. Co. arrived at the 40 % gross earnings of the Shuswap and Okanagan Road, and he furnished a report on the same to the Hon. the Provincial Secretary.”

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

1. How many applications have been made for title under the Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act?

2. Has the Dominion Government officially notified the Province that it does not intend to disallow the measure?

3. How many titles have been issued to date?

4. What are the names of the applicants for title under the Act?

5. Is there any valid reason why titles should not be issued to these applicants forthwith?

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

“1. 53.

“2. Yes.

“3. 2.

“4. List is appended.

“5. If their applications are in order and approved. No.

Alexander, D. G.,
Bates, Isabella,
Barnes, Sarah Jane,
Cassidy, Thos.,
Cochrane, D. W.,
Chapman, Frank,
Dolan, Patrick,
Doumont, Frank,
Dougan, James,
Donner, C.,
Emblen, Isaac,
Evans, Edward,
Fiddick, Elizabeth,
Frederickson, John,

Gatz, Adolph,
Graham, George,
Godfrey, A.,
Hamilton, Style B.,
Hamilton, Archibald,
Hollings, Henry S.,
Hill, John,
Hilbert, W. M.,
Hemer, John,
Hinksman, Wm.,
Hoggan, David,
Jones, Samuel,
Jack, Wm.,

Jack, Emanuel,
Malpas, James,
Malpas, Roland,
Manson, Lawrence,
Marwick, John,
McDonald, Annie,
Do.
McGregor, George,
McKinnell, Andrew,
Nicholson, Elizabeth,
Noye, Wm.,
Nightingale, Arthur,
O'Brien, Estate of T. O.,

Piercy, Henry,
Peterson, John S.,
Patterson, James,
Quennell, Edward,
Rowe, Mary Ann,
Styger, Alois,
Stewart, Alec.,
Taylor, Geo.,
Do.
Temple, Ernest,
Waddington, Samuel,
Watt, Wm. H.,
Wilson, Wm. McP.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend an Act for the Protection of Breeders of Live Stock," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General the following Bills were introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow :—

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels."

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Jurisdiction and Procedure of County Courts."

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to grant certain Lands to the Corporation of the City of New Westminster," was read a second time and 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.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act,' " was read a second time on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Grant—22.</i>
<i>McBride.</i>	<i>Ross,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>King,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Cameron—10.</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>		

And then the House adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Wednesday, 15th February, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

The following petition was laid on the table :—

From the Brunette Saw-Mill Company, Ltd., asking for an extension of their corporate existence.

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

That an Order of the House be granted, giving a statement of our Public Accounts from the 30th of June, 1904, to the 1st of January, 1905.

On the motion of Mr. J. A. Macdonald, seconded by Mr. Henderson, it was Resolved,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing—

1. What lands are under reserve in the Province and the purpose or purposes for which they are reserved.
2. What reserves have been placed upon our public lands since the 30th June, 1903, the date of each, and the purpose for which each was imposed.

On the motion of the Honourable the Finance Minister, seconded by the Honourable the Premier, 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.

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

1. When was *George Findlay* dismissed from the position of Road Superintendent for Greenwood Riding?
2. At whose instance or request was such dismissal made?
3. What were the grounds for such dismissal?

The Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows :—

"1. He was not a permanent employee, and when the services of an official to act in that capacity were required this season it was deemed advisable to dispense with Mr. *Findlay's* services.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. To secure greater efficiency."

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

1. When will the Government approve of more applications and issue more Crown Grants under the Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act?
2. When did the Government approve of the applications of Messrs. *Hoggan* and *McGregor*, and issue them Crown Grants?
3. Why were other applications not approved and Crown Grants issued at the same time?

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

"1. The Government is considering the applications already received, and when they are approved Crown grants will issue.

"2. Mr. *Hoggan's*, on the 18th May, 1904; Mr. *McGregor's*, on the 31st May, 1904.

"3. To obviate complications, it was deemed prudent to carry out the provisions of the Act in the manner in which it was done."

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

How many coal licences were issued in each electoral district during the year 1904, and the amount of revenue derived?

The Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows :—

Electoral District.	Number of Licences issued.	Revenue.
Yale	63	\$ 4,550
Similkameen	29	2,700
Atlin	13	650
Skeena	55	5,000
Cariboo	4	400
Comox	9	900
Alberni	5	500
Kamloops	2	200
Fernie	770	73,650

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

1. What is the total amount expended on account of dyking works (by districts) by the Government up to date (as near as practicable).
2. What is the total amount of arrearages (by districts) up to date (as near as practicable).
3. What is the amount of overdraft to date on dyking account?

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

" 1. Chilliwack,	construction	\$262,729 28	
	maintenance	26,021 68	
			\$288,750 96
Matsqui,	construction	\$185,485 03	
	maintenance	24,430 57	
			209,915 60
Maple Ridge,	construction	\$201,197 79	
	maintenance	20,784 17	
			221,981 96
Coquitlam,	construction	\$135,148 71	
	maintenance	16,131 64	
			151,280 35
Pitt Meadows,	construction	\$83,250 61	
	maintenance	5,622 50	
			88,873 11
Sumas,	construction		19,728 75
" 2. Pitt Meadows	.....	\$27,500 92	
Maple Ridge	.....	60,022 01	
Coquitlam	.....	40,509 98	
Matsqui	.....	35,489 52	
Sumas	.....	6,857 64	
Chilliwack	.....	33,707 02	

" 3. \$311,308.16.

" All the above to 31st December, 1904."

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

1. Did the Attorney-General visit London on public business since last Session of the House?

2. If so, what was the nature of the business?
3. What has been done in connection with this business?
4. What has been the total cost of this visit?

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

" 1. Yes.

" 2. To obtain leave to appeal to Privy Council in Attorney-General v. Wellington Colliery Co., and in the matter of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Assessment Appeals.

" 3. Leave to appeal was granted in both cases.

" 4. \$1,841.35."

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

1. What alterations were made to the Ladner Public School during 1904?
2. Were these alterations made by contract or day's work?
3. If by day's work, under whose supervision?
4. Who were the men employed and the rate per day paid in each case?
5. What has been the total cost of these alterations?

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

" 1. Completion of building, including fitting up fourth room, hyloplate, lath and plastering, kalsomining and painting, including all ground-floor, blackboards in Principal's room, painting exterior walls and roof, desks, etc.

" 2. Day's work.

- " 3. *P. Peebles*.
- " 4. *P. Peebles*, \$5 per day ;
J. C. Smith, plasterer, contract \$140 ;
H. A. Gilchrist, carpenter, 40c. per hour ;
V. A. Johndro, " " "
G. Hargreaves, painter, " "
H. Wilcox, " " "
A. Adamson, " " "
Mrs. A. Fenton, cleaning up, \$10.
- " 5. \$1,506.10."

The Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend an Act for the Protection of Breeders of Live Stock," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to authorise the Grant of certain Lands to the Corporation of the City of New Westminster," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels," a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Tatlow*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Jurisdiction and Procedure of County Courts," be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of the Hon. the Premier and Messrs. *Bowser*, *Ross*, *J. A. Macdonald*, *McInnes*, *Murphy* and the mover.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Thursday, 16th February, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

The following petitions were presented and received :—

By Mr. *Garden*—From *F. M. Holland* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate "The General Trust Corporation." (No. 13.)

By Mr. *Fraser*—From *Alexander G. McCandless* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the "British Canadian Fire Insurance Company." (No. 11.)

The following petitions were laid on the table :—

By Mr. *Munro*—From *Jos. H. Collinson* and others, residents of Chilliwack, opposing Private Bill to incorporate the Sumas Development Company. (No. 1A.)

By Mr. *Munro*—From *Thos. G. Lewis* and others, residents of Sumas, opposing Private Bill to incorporate the Sumas Development Company. (No. 1B.)

By Mr. *Fraser*—From the Corporation of Grand Forks, asking amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act.

The following petitions were received :—

From *G. S. McCarter* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Golden Light, Power and Water Company, Limited. (No. 4.)

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

What was the amount to the credit of the Province (Current Bank Account) at the 31st December last? And at the present date?

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

“31st December, 1904, \$402,433.25. 15th February, 1905, \$554,803.11.

“NOTE.—The above include deposits of Suitors' Funds and Intestate Estates, amounting, approximately, to \$140,000.”

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

1. What tenders were received by the Department, pursuant to advertisement, for a 21 years' lease of timber limit on Redonda Island, known as Lots 2,098 and 2,099, Group 1, New Westminster District, containing 2,908 acres?

2. In what newspapers were the limits advertised?

3. What time was allowed for parties to tender on same?

4. To whom was the lease granted, and what was the amount of bonus obtained for the limit?

5. Had the Department any information as to the quantity and quality of the timber on the said limit before disposing of same?

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

“1. Tenders were received from the Brunette Saw-Mill Company and Messrs. *Hall & Shannon*.

“2. ‘Colonist,’ ‘Times,’ ‘News-Advertiser,’ ‘Ledger’ and ‘Columbian.’

“3. From 28th July to 10th August.

“4. The Brunette Saw-Mill Company—\$2,650.

“5. No.”

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

1. To how many persons has South African land grant scrip been issued?

2. To how many persons have two grants of scrip been issued?

3. Have more than two grants been issued to any person?

4. To how many holders of scrip have lands been granted?

5. How many grants of land have been applied for?

6. Where are the lands (by districts) granted situate?

7. Where are the lands (by districts) applied for situate?

8. Have any applications been received for lands reserved by the Crown in the neighbourhood of Port Simpson, Kitimaat, or other likely termini of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway?

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

“1. 789.

“2. 48 volunteers have obtained two scrip.

“3. No volunteer has obtained more than two scrip.

“4. 227.

“5. 410.

“6. Coast District, 64; New Westminster District, 24; Osoyoos District, 29; Kootenay District, 43; Yale District, 4; Lillooet District, 10; Kamloops District, 9; Clayoquot District, 9; Cariboo District, 4; Cassiar District, 6; Renfrew District, 6; Rupert District, 5; Sayward District, 11; Highland District, 1; and Cowichan District, 2—total, 227.

“7. Coast District, 98; New Westminster District, 6; Osoyoos District, 17; Kootenay District, 32; Kamloops District, 25; Clayoquot District, 3; and Cassiar District, 2—total, 183.

“8. Yes; for lands on Kai-en Island.”

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

1. What Crown lands have been disposed of by public competition for the year ending 30th June, 1904?

2. Where were the lands situated?
3. How many acres were disposed of?
4. What was the price (per acre) realised in each locality?
5. What was the total amount realised?

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

"1. Town lots and suburban sections in Hastings Townsite, and town lots at Hedley, Bella Coola, Camborne and Morrissey Mines.

"2. Answered by reply to No. 1.

"3. 675 acres.

"4. Prices ranged from \$25 to \$139 per acre for suburban sections, Hastings Townsite, the only place acreage parcels were sold.

"5. \$65,024.72."

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to submit the evidence given before the Assessment Commission to the House for their information.

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

"Yes; when the report is presented.

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

Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session of the Legislature to submit a measure for the compulsory arbitration of labour disputes?

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

"Not at present."

The Hon. Mr. *Green* 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 authorise a Grant to the Corporation of the City of Victoria of certain Crown Lands situate in Victoria Harbour," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

16th February, 1905.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to authorise a Grant to the Corporation of the City of Victoria of certain Crown Lands situate in Victoria Harbour," and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the Second Reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels," was resumed.

Bill read a second time and 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.

And then the House adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Friday, 17th February, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

Mr. *Munro* presented a petition from *C. M. Richards* and others, opposing the Sumas Development Company Bill. (No. 1c.)

The following petitions were received :—

From *Thos. G. Lewis* and others, residents of Sumas, opposing Private Bill to incorporate the Sumas Development Company. (No. 1b.)

From *Jos. H. Collinson* and others, residents of Chilliwack, opposing Private Bill to incorporate the Sumas Development Company. (No. 1a.)

The following petition was received and referred to the Municipal Committee :—

From *Jefferey Hammar* and *W. B. Bower*, Mayor and City Clerk, respectively, of Grand Forks, asking for the repeal of sub-section (a) of section 116 of the Municipal Clauses Act.

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

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

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

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return giving copies of all petitions, letters or telegrams bearing on the dismissal of *George Findlay* as Road Superintendent in Greenwood Riding.

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels," a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act and amending Acts,'" was read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting of the House.

On the motion to read Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to authorise a Grant to the Corporation of the City of Victoria of certain Crown Lands situate in Victoria Harbour," a second time, a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

On the Second Reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

On motion of the Hon. *Mr. Tatlow*, the Standing Orders were suspended and Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act for Licensing Commercial Travellers," was introduced.

Bill read a first time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders for Second Reading on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3 P.M.

Monday, 20th February, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. K. Adams*.

Mr. *Brown* presented a petition from the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia, asking for amendments to the Placer Mining Act.
Laid on the table.

The petition from *C. M. Richards* and others, opposing the Sumas Development Company Bill (No. 1c), was received.

Pursuant to Order, the House *Resolved* itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Resolution "That a Supply be granted to His Majesty."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

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

That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 20th, 1905.

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 undermentioned petitions have been complied with :

Petition No. 5—*Re* The Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia.

Petition No. 8—"An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Securities Company."

Petition No. 11—"An Act to incorporate the British Canadian Fire Insurance Company, Ltd."

W. R. Ross,
Chairman.

The report was received.

The following Private Bill was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Private Bills Committee :—

By Mr. *Macgowan*—(No. 50) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Institute of Accountants of British Columbia."

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Judgments Act, 1899.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Distrainment Procedure Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting Assignments and Preferences by Insolvent Persons."

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the number of timber leases granted from July 1st, 1903, to date, with the names of the lessees, the area leased, the number of days elapsing in each case between the date of calling for and the date of expiry of time for receiving tenders in each case, the amount of bonus paid in each case.

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question :—

What are the items, in detail, making up the sum of \$1,841.35, said to be the total cost in connection with the visit of the Attorney-General to London.

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

“ Travelling expenses and allowance of the Hon. the Attorney-General and *O. C. Bass* attending the sittings of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in—

“ Attorney-General *v.* Wellington Colliery Co.,

“ Renwick *v.* Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Co.,

“ Railway and steamship fares from Victoria to London and return, including expenses in London, \$1,841.35 (October 24th, 1904, to January 12th, 1905).”

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

1. Is it the intention of the Government to accept the surveys made by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., last summer, in Block 4,589, S. E. Kootenay, as final ?

2. If not, when will the Government survey the same ?

3. When will the reserve be taken off the coal lands in Block 4,593.

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

“ 1. The notes of the survey have not yet been received by the Government, consequently it is impossible to say what action may be taken.

“ 2. The Government will make a check survey, if necessary, as soon as convenient.

“ 3. The Government is now considering the matter.”

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

1. What has been the cost of the new school-house at East Chilliwack ?

2. Was the work done by contract or by day's work ?

3. If by day's work, what wages were paid, and to whom ?

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

“ 1. Contract price, \$1,599.80.

“ 2. Answered by No. 1.

“ 3. Answered by No. 1.

“ Notice to contractors is as follows :—

“ NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

“ Sealed tenders, superscribed ‘Tender for School-house,’ will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Thursday, the 20th October, 1904, for the erection and completion of a large one-room frame school-house at East Chilliwack, B.C.

“ Plans, specifications, contract and forms of tender may be seen on and after the 10th October, 1904, at the offices of the Government Agent, New Westminster ; of E. A. Wilmot Esq., Chilliwack ; and at the Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B.C.

“ Each proposal must be accompanied by cash or an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the undersigned in the sum of \$100, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so. The cash, cheques or certificate of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract. The successful tenderer will be required to furnish a bond, himself and two sureties in the sum of \$350 each, for the fulfilment of the

work contracted for to the satisfaction of the Honourable the Chief Commissioner. Upon the execution of the bond the cash, cheque or certificate of deposit above mentioned will be returned to the contractor.

"Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, and signed with the actual signature of the tenderer.

"The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

"W. S. GORE,

"Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.

"Lands and Works Department,

"Victoria, B.C., 6th October, 1904."

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

1. What is the total cost of the new school-house at Rosedale to date?
2. Was the work done by contract or by day's work?
3. If by day's work, what wages were paid, and to whom?

The Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows:—

"1. Contract price, \$2,491.72.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"Notice to contractors is as follows:—

"NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

"Sealed tenders, endorsed 'Tender for School-house,' will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Wednesday, the 28th September, 1904, for the erection and completion of a two-room frame school-house at Rosedale, Chilliwack, B.C.

"Plans, specifications, forms of tender, and contract may be seen on and after the 19th September, 1904, at the offices of the Government Agent, New Westminster; of E. A. Wilmot, Esq., Engineer in charge, Chilliwack; and at the Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B.C.

"Tenders will not be considered unless made upon the printed forms supplied for the purpose, and the agreement to execute a bond appended to the form of tender is duly signed by the contractor himself and two responsible sureties, residents of the Province, in the penal sum of \$500, for the faithful performance of the work.

"The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

"W. S. GORE,

"Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.

"Lands and Works Department,

"Victoria, B.C., 15th September, 1904."

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

By virtue of what authority has the liability of the overdraft on dyking account been incurred?

The Hon. Mr. Wilson replied as follows:—

"Sections 3 and 4, 'Temporary Overdraft Act, 1902,' and by Order in Council approved 18th April, 1904."

The adjourned debate on the motion for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to authorise a Grant to the Corporation of the City of Victoria of certain Crown Lands situate in Victoria Harbour," was resumed.

Bill read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the Second Reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act for Licensing Commercial Travellers," a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the Second Reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on Mr. *Henderson's* motion for a Return *re* maintenance of Cariboo Waggon Road, moved on 13th instant, was resumed.

Motion withdrawn, with leave.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Tuesday, 21st February, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *G. K. Adams*.

The following petitions were laid on the table :—

By Mr. *Garden*—From the Property Owners' Association of Victoria and Vancouver, asking amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act.

By Mr. *Gifford*—From *Max Macgowan*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Vancouver, Upper Stave River and Lillooet Lake Railway.

The petition from the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia, asking for amendments to the Placer Mining Act, was received.

The following papers were presented :—

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—The third report of the Agent-General's Office, 31st December, 1904.

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—Report of the Fisheries Commissioner for British Columbia for the year 1904.

By the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works—Return giving copies of all petitions, letters or telegrams bearing on the dismissal of *George Findlay* as Road Superintendent in Greenwood Riding.

By the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works—Return showing the number of timber leases granted from July 1st, 1903, to date, with the names of the lessees, the area leased, the number of days elapsing in each case between the date of calling for and the date of expiry of time for receiving tenders in each case, the amount of bonus paid in each case.

By the Hon. the Minister of Finance—Statement of Special Warrants signed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the expenditure incurred thereon, between the 10th February, 1904, and the 16th February, 1905.

By the Hon. the Minister of Finance—Return of Abstract of Receipts and Expenditures of the Province for the half-year ending 31st December, 1904.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of the correspondence relative to an alleged failure of the Hon. the Premier to enforce section 4 of chapter 40 of the "Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1903-4," in the coal mines of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company.

Mr. *Gifford* asked the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries the following questions :—

1. Has the attention of the Government been attracted to statement in public press that Commissioner *Babcock* appeared at Olympia, at invitation of Puget Sound Cannery Association, and urged passage of *Earl's Bill*?

2. Had Mr. *Babcock* permission to so appear?

3. Is the Government aware that the Victoria Board of Trade, Westminster Council and Board of Trade, and the Fishermen's Union, have strongly protested against the action which he advocated?

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

"1 and 2. Mr. *Babcock* had permission to appear, not at the invitation of the Puget Sound Cannery Association, but on the request of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Fisheries and of the Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Fisheries, but not for the purpose of urging the passage of any particular Bill.

"3. The Government has no official intimation on the subject."

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

1. Have the Victoria Power Co. a record of 5,000 inches of water on the Koksilah River?

2. Have the Victoria Power Co. agreed to allow 1,000 inches of water to run over the dam for the benefit of the settlers lower down the river?

3. If so, has the record of the Victoria Power Co. been amended so as to secure the 1,000 inches of water before mentioned permanently for the benefit of the settlers?

4. If not, why not?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes, verbally.

"3. No.

"4. The terms under which the agreement will be carried out are under consideration."

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

1. Have the Government done anything to give effect to the recommendation of the Municipal Committee of last year as to the division of the Municipal Act into three classes (see Journals, 1904, page 98)?

2. If not, why not?

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

"1. No.

"2. It has not been deemed advisable to do so yet."

The adjourned debate on the Second Reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act for Licensing Commercial Travellers," was resumed.

The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Judgments Act, 1899,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Distraint Procedure Act,'" was read a second time.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting Assignments and Preferences by Insolvent Persons," was read a second time and committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The following Private Bills were introduced, read a first time and referred to the Private Bills Committee:—

By Mr. *Cameron*—Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Securities Company."

By Mr. *Fraser*—Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Canadian Fire Insurance Company, Limited."

Mr. *Houston* presented the First Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

February 21st, 1905.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Committee met on February 21st, 1905.

On motion the following were ordered to be printed:—

1. Report of Fisheries Commissioner for British Columbia for 1904.
 2. Third Report of Agent-General's Office, 31st December, 1904.
 3. Return to an Order of the House showing number of timber leases granted from July 1st, 1903.
 4. Return to an Order of the House showing receipts and expenditures for half-year ending 31st December, 1904.
 5. Statement of Special Warrants, and expenditure thereon, between 10th February, 1904, and 16th February, 1905, required by the "Revenue Act," chapter 102, section 42.
- All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN HOUSTON,

Chairman.

The report was received.

The Honourable the Provincial Secretary presented the Report of the Commission on the Assessment Act, together with the evidence taken.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Wednesday, 22nd February, 1905.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *G. K. Adams*.

The following petitions were received:—

From the Property Owners' Association of Victoria and Vancouver, asking amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act.

From *Max Macgowan*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to Incorporate the Vancouver, Upper Stave River and Lillooet Lake Railway.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 22nd, 1905.

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 undermentioned petitions have been complied with:

Petition No. 3—An Act to Incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Company.

Petition No. 2—An Act authorising the Royal Trust Company to carry on business in the Province of British Columbia.

Petition No. 4—An Act to Incorporate the Golden Light, Power and Water Company, Limited.

Petition No. 6—An Act to amend the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act, 1901.

Petition No. 12—An Act respecting the Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Railway Company.

That as regards Petition No. 10, An Act respecting the Brunette Saw-Mill Company, Limited, the Rules be suspended, and that the notice given be deemed sufficient.

W. R. ROSS,
Chairman.

The report was received.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended and the report adopted.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public Schools Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
22nd February, 1905.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public Schools Act,'" and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading on Monday next.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Green*—Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the Songhees Indian Reserve."

By the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to provide for the Registration of Companies' Mortgages."

By Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*—Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to Secure to their Dependents the Wages of Deceased Workmen."

The adjourned debate on the Second Reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act for Licensing Commercial Travellers," was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Judgments Act, 1899,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Distrain Procedure Act,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting Assignments and Preferences by Insolvent Persons," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

On the Second Reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act regulating Hours of Labour in Certain Industries," a debate arose.

The Second Reading of the Bill was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Haethornthwaite,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Shatford—12.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>
<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Grant—26.</i>
<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>		

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

By Mr. *Bowser*—Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act authorising the Royal Trust Company to carry on Business in the Province of British Columbia."

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Clifford*—Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act, 1901.'"

Referred to the Railway Committee.

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* presented a Return of the correspondence relative to an alleged failure of the Hon. the Premier to enforce section 4 of chapter 40 of the "Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1903-4," in the coal Mines of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:15 P.M.