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SESSION, 1887.

Monday, 24th January, 1887.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Fifth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable Clement Francis Cornwall, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the Tenth day of December, 1886, the members having been duly sworn took their seats.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson*, 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. *Cowan*, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker *Charles Edward Pooley*, Esquire, Member representing *Esquimalt* District, which motion was seconded by Mr. *Higgins*.

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

That *John Herbert Turner*, Esquire, Member for *Victoria City*, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

Mr. *Turner* declined the nomination.

The question being put by the Clerk—"That *Charles Edward Pooley*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,"

Resolved, That *Charles Edward Pooley*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

And the Clerk having declared *Charles Edward Pooley*, 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.

Then the Honourable Mr. *Robson* 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,

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In opening the first session of the fifth term of our Provincial Legislature, it is peculiarly gratifying to be in a position to congratulate you alike upon the past and future.

The year just closed has been one of exceptional interest and import to British Columbia.

The great transcontinental highway has been successfully opened to traffic; the Province has been brought into more intimate, social, political and commercial relations with the rest of the Dominion, and the people have thereby been enabled in some measure to realize the potent influence that gigantic national work is destined to exert upon the country.

The Province has been visited by the distinguished Premier of the Dominion and a number of his colleagues in the Ministry, as well as by many members of Parliament and representatives of capital and trade, thus in a great measure rescuing British Columbia from its former isolation and obscurity, and enabling its importance and attractiveness to be better understood.

Already our lumber, fish and fruit are finding their way into some of the principal markets east of the mountains, and there seems to be no reason for doubting that, with a reduction of transport rates, which at present within the limits of the Province are almost prohibitive, the Canadian Pacific Railway will fulfil to the utmost, as it is now partially fulfilling, the most sanguine expectations of its advocates and promoters.

The branch line to New Westminster has been so far completed as to be open for traffic, thereby placing that important city in connection with the railway system of the Dominion.

The Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway has been completed as far as the City of Nanaimo, and is in successful operation, and I have no doubt its influence upon the country traversed will be such as to fully justify the expectations and reward the enterprise of its promoters.

The yield of our gold mines shows a decided increase—about 25 per cent.—over that of the previous year.

The official returns from our coal mines have not yet come in; but there is reason to believe that the output during the last year will show a satisfactory increase.

While it is to be regretted that last season's fishing was disappointing, it is gratifying to know that our agriculturists have reaped an abundant harvest, and that the lumber industry is in a flourishing condition.

It would be difficult to over-estimate the importance to the Empire at large, and especially to the Dominion, of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition so successfully held in London last summer, and there is every reason to expect that our own Province will enjoy its full share of accruing benefits.

In consequence of the failure of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to fulfil the agreement for extending their line to Coal Harbour and English Bay, I have caused communications to be addressed to the Company and their sureties concerning their Bond, entered into in favour of the Province.

Perhaps at no period in the history of the Province has the prospect been so bright and encouraging as now. The era of quartz mining, so long and anxiously looked for, appears to be close at hand. The attention of capitalists and emigrants is more than ever directed to our vast and varied resources. Projects for the opening up, by means of railways, of extensive and important sections of the country are assuming practical form. Schemes for planting colonies of hardy and industrious fishermen upon our inviting seaboard are occupying the earnest attention of my Ministers, and there is every reason to expect that, during the present year, the tide of immigration and capital will set in towards our Province in unprecedented volume.

I have every confidence that you will devise such wise measures and carry out such a liberal policy as shall secure to the country the full advantages of the anticipated tide of prosperity.

I am quite sure you will join me in hearty congratulation to Our Most Gracious Queen upon the near approach of the fiftieth anniversary of her accession to the Throne. It will be for you to consider what steps shall be taken with a view to celebrating in a fitting manner such an auspicious event in this remote, but loyal and important, portion of Her Majesty's Empire.

Amongst the public measures requiring your consideration will be a Bill for the better protection of the timber lands of the Province, and a Bill repealing so much of the "Sumas Dyking Act, 1878," as relates to Sumas and Chilliwack, in order to enable the lands covered by it to be administered in the interest of settlement.

The improvement of the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court and the law relating to imprisonment for debt are also subjects to which I invite your attention.

The Public Accounts will be laid before you, and the Estimates for the public service during the next year will be submitted.

I now leave you to your deliberations, praying that the Supreme Ruler may direct your efforts.

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

Prayers by the Lord Bishop of British 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;

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.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to abolish preferences amongst creditors in the administration of the estates of deceased persons."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Davie*,—
Resolved, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration on Thursday next.

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

The Certificate of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of the Election of the Members at the general election, and of the Election of a Member for *Nanaimo*, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of *William Raybould*, Esquire, were laid on the table and *Ordered* to be appended to the Journals of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 3.40 o'clock, p. m.

Thursday, 27th January, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *Scriven*.

Mr. *T. Davie* presented a Petition from *McLeod Stewart* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*Kootenay* and *Athabasca* Railway).
 Laid on the table.

Mr. *Baker* presented a Petition from *Alexander McLean* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*Upper Columbia* Railway).
 Laid on the table.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a statement of all Bonds deposited in the Provincial Secretary's Office by Civil Officers of the Province, for the due performance of their duties under the "Civil Officers Securities Act, 1872."

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a statement of the names and places of residence of Collectors of Revenue paid by Commission, rate of same, and the date of authority therefor.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year ended 30th June, 1886. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in the Province. (*See Sessional Papers*).

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

Mr. *Baker* moved, seconded by Mr. *Prior*,—

1. That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking him for his gracious Speech at the opening of this, the First Session of the Fifth Term of the Provincial Legislature, and informing him that we are pleased that His Honour is in a position to congratulate us alike upon the past and future.

2. That we are sensible that the year just closed has been one of exceptional interest and import to British Columbia.

3. That we are glad to know that the great transcontinental highway has been successfully opened to traffic; that the Province has been brought into more intimate, social, political and commercial relations with the rest of the Dominion, and that the people have thereby been enabled in some measure to realize the potent influence that gigantic national work is destined to exert upon the country.

4. That we note with pleasure that the Province has been visited by the distinguished Premier of the Dominion and a number of his colleagues in the Ministry, as well as by many members of Parliament and representatives of capital and trade, thus in a great measure rescuing British Columbia from its former isolation and obscurity, and enabling its importance and attractiveness to be better understood.

5. That it is gratifying to us to be informed that our lumber, fish and fruit are already finding their way into some of the principal markets east of the mountains, and there seems to us to be no reason for doubting that, with a reduction of transport rates, which at present within the limits of the Province are almost prohibitive, the Canadian Pacific Railway will fulfil to the utmost, as it is now partially fulfilling, the most sanguine expectations of its advocates and promoters.

6. That it is a matter of satisfaction that the branch line to New Westminster has been so far completed as to be open for traffic, thereby placing that important city in connection with the railway system of the Dominion; and that the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway has been completed as far as the City of Nanaimo, and is in successful operation, and we have no doubt its influence upon the country traversed will be such as to fully justify the expectations and reward the enterprise of its promoters.

7. That it is encouraging to learn that the yield of our gold mines shows a decided increase—about 25 per cent.—over that of the previous year.

8. That we observe that the official returns from our coal mines have not yet come in; but are pleased to learn that there is reason to believe that the output during the last year will show a satisfactory increase.

9. That while regretting that last season's fishing was disappointing, it is gratifying to us to know that our agriculturists have reaped an abundant harvest, and that the lumber industry is in a flourishing condition.

10. That we agree with His Honour that it would be difficult to overestimate the importance to the Empire at large, and especially to the Dominion, of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition so successfully held in London last summer, and that there is every reason to expect that our own Province will enjoy its full share of accruing benefits.

11. That we are gratified to hear that His Honour has, in consequence of the failure of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to fulfil the agreement for extending their line to Coal Harbour and English Bay, caused communications to be addressed to the Company and their sureties concerning their Bond, entered into in favour of the Province.

12. That we join with His Honour in thinking that at no period in the history of the Province has the prospect been so bright and encouraging as now; that the era of quartz mining, so long and anxiously looked for, appears to be close at hand; that the attention of capitalists and emigrants is more than ever directed to our vast and varied resources; that projects for the opening up, by means of railway, of extensive and important sections of the country are assuming practical form. And we are pleased to be informed that schemes for planting colonies of hardy and industrious fisherman upon our inviting seaboard are occupying the earnest attention of His Honour's Ministers, and that there is every reason to expect that, during the present year, the tide of immigration and capital will set in towards our Province in unprecedented volume.

13. That we thank His Honour for the expression that he has every confidence that we shall devise such wise measures and carry out such a liberal policy as will secure to the country the full advantages of the anticipated tide of prosperity.

14. That we join with His Honour in hearty congratulation to Our Most Gracious Queen upon the near approach of the fiftieth anniversary of her accession to the Throne, and we will enter with pleasure upon the consideration of the steps to be taken with a view to celebrating in a fitting manner such an auspicious event in this remote, but loyal and important, portion of Her Majesty's Empire.

15. That we are glad to learn that amongst the public measures requiring our consideration will be a Bill for the better protection of the timber lands of the Province, and a Bill repealing so much of the "Sumas Dyking Act, 1878," as relates to Sumas and Chilliwack, so that the lands covered by it may be administered in the interest of settlement.

16. That the improvement of the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court and the law relating to imprisonment for debt are also subjects which will receive our attention.

17. That we thank His Honour for the assurance that the Public Accounts will be laid before us, and that the Estimates for the public service during the next year will be submitted.

18. That with His Honour we pray that the Supreme Ruler may direct our efforts.

It was agreed by the House to discuss the Resolution as a whole, and then clause by clause.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting 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 5.55 o'clock, p. m.

Friday, 28th January, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *Scriven*.

The Petition from *McLeod Stewart* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*Kootenay and Athabasca Railway*), was read and received.

The Petition from *Alexander McLean* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*Upper Columbia Railway*), was read and received.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the consideration of the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, was resumed.

The first to the fourth clauses, both inclusive, being again read were agreed to.

The fifth clause being again read,—

Mr. *Beaven* moved in amendment to add the following words, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*.—

“ We regret that your Honour's Ministers did not stipulate for reasonable freight rates for our products over the company's line when granting large and valuable concessions to the company; as however fully, or otherwise, the Canadian Pacific Railway may be fulfilling the expectations of its advocates and promoters, we consider that the present almost prohibitive Provincial rates are detrimental to the mining, agricultural and commercial interests of the Province.”

The Honourable the Attorney-General objected to the amendment as being a reflection upon the past votes and proceedings of the House. (*See decision of Mr. Speaker Mava, Journals 1886, pages 7 & 8.*)

After some discussion the point of order taken was waived.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 31st January, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *Scriven*.

Mr. *Ladner* presented a Petition from *A. C. Wells*, *A. F. Lindell*, and others, Settlers of *Chilliwack*, praying for the repeal of the Sumas Dyking Act.
Laid on the table.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on Mr. *Beaven's* amendment to clause 5 of the Address in reply to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech, was resumed.

Upon the question being proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be added stand part of the question," the House divided, and the names being called for they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Stenhouse,</i>	<i>Bole,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Ladner,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>McLeese—8.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>
<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>
<i>John,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Higgins—17.</i>
<i>Mason,</i>			

So it passed in the negative.

Original resolution then proposed and agreed to.

The sixth clause being again read,—

Mr. *Stenhouse* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Grant*, to add the following words,—

"At the same time we deplore the irritation which has arisen among the settlers north of the *Qualicum River* who have been denied the benefits, while sharing in the evils, of the legislation by virtue of which this section of the Island Railway was constructed."

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be added stand part of the question," and negatived.

Original resolution proposed and agreed to.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Fifteenth Annual Report on the Public Schools of the Province, for the year 1885-86. (*See Sessional Papers*).

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 o'clock, p.m.

Tuesday, 1st February, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *Scriven*.

The Petition from *A. C. Wells*, *A. F. Lindell*, and others, Settlers of *Chilliwhack*, praying for the repeal of the Sumas Dyking Act, was read and received, and *Ordered* to be printed.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the consideration of the Address in reply to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech, was resumed.

Paragraphs 7 to 10, both inclusive, being again read, were agreed to.

The eleventh clause being again read,—

Mr. *Bole* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *McLeese*, to add the following words:—

“But we regret that Your Honour's Ministers did not obtain such security as would have rendered this course unnecessary; more especially as they conveyed so large an area of valuable land to the Company before the Company's contract was fulfilled.”

Upon the question being proposed—“Shall the words proposed to be added stand part of the question,” the House divided, and the names being called for they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Ladner,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>McLeese—7.</i>
<i>Stenhouse,</i>	<i>Bole,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Mason,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>
<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>
<i>John,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Higgins—16.</i>

So it passed in the negative.

Original resolution then proposed and agreed to.

Clauses 12 to 14, both inclusive, being again read, were agreed to.

The fifteenth clause being again read,—

Mr. *Orr* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Ladner*,—

That all the words from the beginning of the paragraph down to and including the word “Province” in the second line, be struck out and the following inserted:—“We notice that Your Honour considers that amongst the public measures requiring our consideration, is a Bill for the better protection of the timber lands of the Province; but we consider such a measure would have been of greater utility had it been passed before so much of the timber lands had been disposed of.”

Mr. *T. Davie* moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Mr. *John*,—

To strike out all the words after “before” and add—“whilst the former Beaven Government were in power; as such Government allowed the lands to be bought up and monopolized by speculators at \$1 per acre until the present administration advanced them to \$2.50.”

Mr. *T. Davie* asked leave to withdraw the motion.

Mr. *Beaven* objected, on the ground that it required the unanimous consent of the House

Mr. Speaker decided that the motion could be withdrawn with the general consent of the House.

Question proposed, and leave granted for the amendment to the amendment to be withdrawn.

Question proposed on the amendment—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," the House divided, and the names being called for they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Mason,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>
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<i>John,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Higgins--16.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Ladner,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>McLeese--7.</i>
<i>Stenhouse,</i>	<i>Bole,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>	

So it passed in the affirmative.

Original resolution proposed and agreed to.

Clauses 16 to 18, both inclusive, being again read, were agreed to.

The resolution was read a third time and agreed to.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Davie*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Robson*, 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 Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the Honourable the Attorney General, the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, and Messrs. *Baker* and *Prior*.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie*, from the Select Committee, reported an Address, which read as follows:—

To the Honourable CLEMENT FRANCIS CORNWALL, 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 this, the First Session of the Fifth Term of the Provincial Legislature.

We are pleased that Your Honour is in a position to congratulate us alike upon the past and future.

We are sensible that the year just closed has been one of exceptional interest and import to British Columbia.

We are glad to know that the great transcontinental highway has been successfully opened to traffic; that the Province has been brought into more intimate, social, political and commercial relations with the rest of the Dominion, and that the people have thereby been enabled in some measure to realize the potent influence that gigantic national work is destined to exert upon the country.

We note with pleasure that the Province has been visited by the distinguished Premier of the Dominion and a number of his colleagues in the Ministry, as well as by many members of Parliament and representatives of capital and trade, thus in a great measure rescuing British Columbia from its former isolation and obscurity, and enabling its importance and attractiveness to be better understood.

It is gratifying to us to be informed that our lumber, fish and fruit are already finding their way into some of the principal markets east of the mountains, and there seems to us to be no reason for doubting that, with a reduction of transport rates, which at present within the limits of the Province are almost prohibitive, the Canadian Pacific Railway will fulfil to the utmost, as it is now partially fulfilling, the most sanguine expectations of its advocates and promoters.

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It is encouraging to learn that the yield of our gold mines shows a decided increase—about 25 per cent.—over that of the previous year.

We observe that the official returns from our coal mines have not yet come in; but are pleased to learn that there is reason to believe that the output during the last year will show a satisfactory increase.

While regretting that last season's fishing was disappointing, it is gratifying to us to know that our agriculturists have reaped an abundant harvest, and that the lumber industry is in a flourishing condition.

We agree with Your Honour that it would be difficult to overestimate the importance to the Empire at large, and especially to the Dominion, of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition so successfully held in London last summer, and that there is every reason to expect that our own Province will enjoy its full share of accruing benefits.

We are gratified to hear that Your Honour has, in consequence of the failure of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to fulfil the agreement for extending their line to Coal Harbour and English Bay, caused communications to be addressed to the Company and their sureties concerning their Bond, entered into in favour of the Province.

We join with Your Honour in thinking that at no period in the history of the Province has the prospect been so bright and encouraging as now; that the era of quartz mining, so long and anxiously looked for, appears to be close at hand; that the attention of capitalists and emigrants is more than ever directed to our vast and varied resources; that projects for the opening up, by means of railway, of extensive and important sections of the country are assuming practical form. And we are pleased to be informed that schemes for planting colonies of hardy and industrious fishermen upon our inviting seaboard are occupying the earnest attention of Your Honour's Ministers, and that there is every reason to expect that, during the present year, the tide of immigration and capital will set in towards our Province in unprecedented volume.

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The improvement of the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court and the law relating to imprisonment for debt are also subjects which will receive our attention.

We thank Your Honour for the assurance that the Public Accounts will be laid before us, and that the Estimates for the public service during the next year will be submitted.

With Your Honour we pray that the Supreme Ruler may direct our efforts.

The said Address was read first, second, and third time and agreed to.

Ordered, 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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 o'clock, p.m.

Wednesday, 2nd February, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *Scriven*.

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

Col. *Baker* presented a Petition from *A. T. Galt* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*Alberta Extension Railway*).

Laid on the table.

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

That a Standing Committee on Railways be appointed, who shall have all Railway Bills referred to them for consideration after the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills shall have reported to the House that the Standing Orders of the House as to notices have been complied with. Such Committee to consist of fifteen Members, eight of whom shall constitute a quorum.

Messrs. *Baker, Cowan, John, Semlin*, and *Orr*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

Messrs. *T. Davie, Turner, Dunsmuir, Grant*, and *Beaven*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Messrs. *Thomson, Baker, Anderson, Bole*, and *McLeese*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Printing.

Mr. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the law respecting the rights of property of married women."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting executors, trustees and assignees for the benefit of creditors."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting absconding debtors."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned a 3.20 o'clock p. m.

Monday, 7th February, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. W. Percival*.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Petition from *T. E. Ladner* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*Delta Railway Company*).

Laid on the table.

The Petition from *A. T. Galt* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*Alberta Extension Railway*), was read.

Petition withdrawn with leave.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a summary statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the half-year ended 31st December, 1886.

On the motion of Mr. *Higgins*, seconded by Mr. *Croft*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a return be sent down to this House of all timber lands alienated by the Provincial Government from the date of the various Acts relating thereto coming into force to the present date; giving the location and acreage so alienated; the names of the parties by whom the said lands were acquired; and the names of the parties by whom they are now held.

On the motion of Mr. *Higgins*, seconded by Mr. *Thomson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a return be sent down to this House of all expenditures on account of Government House from the date of Confederation to the 31st December, 1886.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of all Orders in Council, and all notices of reservation, and notices of the cancelling of reservations, and all correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments in any way relating to reversion of the lands and townsite of *Granville* lying to the west of what is known as the North Road to *Burrard Inlet*, in the District of *New Westminster*, to the Province of British Columbia.

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

What was the total Revenue and Expenditure from 1st July to 31st December, 1886? Also, what was the amount of Revenue brought to account at the Treasury during the first six months of the fiscal year 1886-87, on account of Land Sales?

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

“ Revenue	\$221,729 34
“ Expenditure	339,577 87
“ Land Sales	31,871 25 ”

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

What action has the Government taken relative to a Resolution passed by this House on the 26th February, 1886, respecting the railway bridge across *False Creek*, in the District of *New Westminster*?

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

“ It was forwarded in the usual way.”

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

Is he aware that there is stored in a frame building, within a few hundred feet of the Government Buildings, a large quantity of powder; and that the existence of said explosive in its present exposed condition is a menace to Government as well as private property?

The question was ruled out of order, as containing matter of opinion.

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

What steps have been taken to carry into effect the following resolution of the former Legislative Assembly, passed on the 3rd April, 1886, viz.:—

“ *Resolved*, That this Committee respectfully recommend that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council do offer a reward of not less than \$5,000 for the discovery of a new gold field, upon such terms and subject to such conditions as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may deem expedient.”

The Honourable Mr *Davie* replied as follows:—

“None; the Government deeming it desirable to have the further deliberation of the House as to the best method of affording public aid towards the development of our mines.”

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following question:—

Has Section 119, *Esquimalt District* (Songhees Indian Reserve), *Victoria Harbour*, been dealt with in any way by the present Government? If so, in what manner?

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

“It has not.”

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to abolish preferences amongst creditors in the administration of the estates of deceased persons,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Martin* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. How long has *J. B. Hill* been confined in gaol at *Kamloops*? 2. For what cause? 3. Who pays for his maintenance? 4. If the Provincial Government, how much? 5. Has any money been paid by the private prosecutor, and if so, how much?

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

“Mr. *Hill* is detained under civil process; and was, as I am informed, delivered into custody at the *Kamloops* Gaol on 11th May, 1886, by virtue of two writs of *habeas corpus*, one for \$1,280.50, and the other for \$676.99, issued, after judgment, out of the Supreme Court, by order of a Judge thereof, in the actions of *A. B. Gray & Co. v. Hill & Murdock*, and *A. B. Gray & Co. v. Hill & Gillis*.

“The Province, as is usual in such cases, pays for the maintenance of the debtor. No moneys have been paid by the plaintiffs.”

Messrs. *T. Davie, Martin, Prior, Allen, Croft, Mason, Higgins, Vernon, Ladner, Semlin, McLeese, Stenhouse, Thomson, Cowan, and John*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.50 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 9th February, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. W. Percival*.

The Petition from *T. E. Ladner* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*Delta Railway Company*), was read and received.

Col. *Baker* presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, reporting the rules, as to notices, complied with in regard to the *Upper Columbia Railway Bill* and the *Kootenay and Athabasca Railway Bill*.

The Report was read and received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Col. *Baker* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to incorporate the *Upper Columbia Railway Company*.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House, copies of all correspondence between *James G. Jaques*, or anyone acting on his behalf, and the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and between the Government Agent at *New Westminster* and the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, respecting Section 4, Block 4 North, Range 7 West, *New Westminster* District, and the Petition of Right with reference thereto.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all correspondence between *W. H. Ladner*, M. P. P., *James Orr*, M. P. P., and *W. Norman Bole*, M. P. P., and the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, respecting the roads between *New Westminster City* and *Port Moody*, and *New Westminster City* and *Vancouver*.

On the Motion of Mr. *Vernon*, seconded by Mr. *T. Davie*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas much dissatisfaction exists at the transport rates charged by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in the Province of British Columbia ;

Be it resolved, that a Select Committee be appointed by this House, with power to call for persons and papers and examine witnesses, to enquire into and report upon the cause of such dissatisfaction, with a view of the House taking such action in the premises as may seem to it desirable.

Such Committee to be composed of the following Members:—Messrs. *Baker*, *Cowan*, *John Semlin*, *Prior*, *Turner*, and the mover.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to the House copies of all letters, despatches, minutes, or Orders in Council, and all other correspondence which passed between the Dominion Government and His Honour's Ministers, relating to the cancellation of reserve of lands west of *North Road* and *North Arm*, *Burrard Inlet*, referred to in a public notice dated 10th May, 1884, and signed by the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Orders in Council, correspondence, telegrams, agreements, and communications not already published, between the Government of British Columbia, or any of its members, and the Canadian Pacific Railway, or any one on its behalf, respecting the subjects mentioned in their agreements of the 23rd February and 23rd November, 1885, or any other public matter.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenat-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Orders in Council, engineers' reports, telegrams, correspondence, agreements, and communications between the Government of British Columbia, or any of its members, and the Dominion Government, or any one on its behalf, or with any other person, respecting the change in curvature upon the Railway from *Esquimalt* to *Nanaimo*, which resulted in the agreement dated 20th August, 1883, entered into between *Collis P. Huntington*, of the City of *New York*, *Charles Crocker*, *Charles F. Crocker*, and *Leland Stanford*, of the City of *San Francisco*, U. S. A., and *Robert Dunsmuir*, *James Dunsmuir*, and *John Bryden*, of *Nanaimo*, B. C., of the one part, and Her Majesty Queen Victoria, represented by the Minister of Railways and Canals of Canada, of the other part, being changed.

Upon the question being proposed the House divided, and the names being called for they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Semlin,
Grant,

Stenhouse,
Bole,

Beaven,
Davie, A. E. B.,

McLeese—7.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Anderson,
Cowan,
Davie, T.,
John,

Mason,
Allen,
Vernon,
Turner,

Prior,
Baker,
Robson,

Croft,
Thomson,
Higgins—14.

So it passed in the negative.

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

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

Thursday, 10th February, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. W. Percival.*

Col. *Baker* presented the Second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, reporting the rules, as to notices, complied with in regard to the *Delta* Railway Bill.

The Report was read and received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Anderson* moved, seconded by *Higgins*,—

Whereas the Transcontinental Railway is ready for traffic, and British Columbia, the western gateway of the Dominion, is becoming better known as a commercial centre and distributing point on one of the world's great commercial highways, and near the great marts of Eastern Asia;

And whereas *Esquimalt* and *Victoria* can be made great depôts for Asiatic produce, which is largely required for consumption in the Dominion, the United States, and England, and by the Imperial Government;

And whereas this trade would benefit and increase the revenue of our country—if not now, then in the near future—if the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company act fairly and pay attention to the wants of the country for our mutual benefit;

And whereas vessels will not only bring valuable merchandize, but will return laden with the produce of our common country, especially from the great Northwest and British Columbia, for which there is great demand in the commercial centres of Eastern Asia;

Be it therefore resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to request the Federal Government, at its earliest convenience, to cause to be constructed or to encourage the construction by private parties of fire-proof bonded warehouses for import and export, with modern improvements and facilities for discharging and loading vessels, and hand the same over to responsible parties, on condition that they keep the buildings in good repair and fully insured, and give shippers and consignees the benefit of three years' storage at nominal charge and advertise the same in the principal commercial centres of the world.

After considerable debate, the motion was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Moved by Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Bole*,—

That the Petition from *McLeod Stewart* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill, and the Petition of *Alexander McLean* and others, for a similar purpose, be printed.

Mr. *Grant* moved in amendment,—

To strike out all the words after “That” and insert the words “all Petitions for leave to introduce Private Bills be printed and bound with the Journals.”

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

Question proposed—“Shall the words proposed to be inserted stand part of the question,” and negatived.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act relating to the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow

On the motion of Col. *Baker*, seconded by Mr. *Mason*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas it is expedient to amend certain clauses in the Mining Laws of the Province; therefore be it resolved, that a Select Committee be appointed to consider the subject and report to this House, and that the following Members compose the Committee:—Messrs. *Orr*, *Cowan*, *Mason*, *McLeese*, *Allen*, *A. E. B. Davie*, *Grant*, and the mover.

On the motion of Mr. *Higgins*, seconded by Mr. *Prior*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that he will cause to be sent down to this House copies of all correspondence, telegrams, or Orders in Council, by this Government, with any other Government, or person, or persons whatsoever, relative to the calling of trans-Pacific steamships, carrying Her Majesty's mails, at the ports of *Victoria* and *Esquimalt*.

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

Have any Bonds under or in pursuance of the “Loan Act, 1886,” been issued or used? If so, in what manner?

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

“No.”

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

What amount had the Government to its debit or credit at the Government Bank on 31st December, 1886, and what was the cash balance in the Deputy Treasurer's hands at the same date?

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

“DEBIT.—On current account.....	\$303,728 06
“CREDIT.—On special deposit by <i>Columbia</i> and <i>Kootenay</i> Railway Company for fulfilment of bond	25,000 00
“CASH.—Balance in Treasury.....	2,080 53”

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

What amount of taxes have been collected on suburban lands in the *City of New Westminster* since 1st January, 1873, to 31st December, 1886?

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

“\$1,449.63, nearly.”

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

What expenditure has been made for roads and bridges, suburban lands, *New Westminster City*, since 1st January, 1873?

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

“No distinction has been observed in the expenditure on roads and bridges beyond the limits of the boundary of the *City of New Westminster*, in common with other portions of the district. The amount expended in those sections designated ‘suburban lands,’ cannot be ascertained.”

Mr. *Bole* asked the Honourable the Premier the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to provide a system of taking down in short hand, and having printed, all debates and other proceedings of the House?

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

“While fully appreciating the advantage of the proper reporting of debates, the Government is not prepared to incur the considerable expense attendant upon it without the recommendation of the House.”

Mr. *Bole* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to Mechanics' Liens, and providing proper machinery to make lien rights practically available?

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

“The Government does not propose introducing legislation upon the subject.”

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

What is the amount of the receipts from the *New Westminster* Land Registry Office for the year ended 31st December, 1886; also the expenditure incurred in respect of said office during said period?

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

“Receipts	\$5,363 07
“Expenditure	3,749 92”

Mr. *Bole* asked the Honourable the Premier the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government during this Session to introduce legislation to increase taxation upon unoccupied and unimproved lands?

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

“The matter is under consideration.”

Mr. *Bole* asked the Honourable the Premier the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government, during the present session, to introduce any measures to amend the “Homestead Ordinance, 1867,” and “Homestead Ordinance Amendment Act, 1873”?

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

“It is not the intention of the Government to introduce legislation on the subject.”

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

Has any money been received by the Government for leases or sales of land by the *Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Transportation Company*; if so, in what sum and for what property?

Has a Crown grant been issued by the Government to any purchaser of such land?

Has any lease, sale, or other alienation of land been made by the above Company with the consent of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, or acting Commissioner of the District?

Is the Government aware of any other sale, lease, or alienation of land in the *Kootenay District* that has been made by the *Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Transportation Company*?

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

“Answer, to each of the questions, no.”

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

Has the Government of British Columbia made any agreement with *W. A. Baillie-Grohman*, subsequent to September 7th, 1885, in reference to the *Kootenay* Land Reclamation Scheme?

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

“Yes; a new agreement has been made, which is dated 30th October, 1886, a copy of which will be laid before the House.”

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

Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum on the Estimates for 1887-8, for the establishment of a Normal School?

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

“No.”

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act respecting the property of Married Women,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed at the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Robson*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Davie*, the Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and it was then *Resolved*,—

That the Public Accounts generally, up to date, be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 5.30 o'clock p. m.

And then the House adjourned at 5.10 o'clock, p. m.

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

Colonel *Baker* presented the Third Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, recommending the extension of the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills, two weeks; for receiving Private Bills, two weeks; and for reporting Private Bills to the House, two weeks.

Report read, received, and adopted.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5. 40 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 14th February, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. *Beanlands*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Return to an Address for copies of all Orders in Council, correspondence, telegrams, agreements, and communications not already published, between the Government of British Columbia, or any of its Members, and the Canadian Pacific Railway, or anyone on its behalf, respecting the subjects mentioned in their agreements of the 23rd February and 23rd November, 1885, or any other public matter.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all highways gazetted on the north side of *Fraser River*, in Townships 17, 20, and 23, *New Westminster District*; and a Return of all moneys expended since 1st July, 1883, on roads and bridges in the above Townships; classifying the amount expended upon each gazetted highway, and the amount expended elsewhere.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to repeal (in part) the ‘Sumas Dyking Act, 1878.’”

Mr. *Beaven* objected to the introduction of the Bill on the ground that the “Sumas Dyking Act, 1878,” being a Private Bill, it could not be amended or repealed by a Public Bill.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision on the point of order raised.

On the motion of Mr. *Bole*, seconded by Colonel *Baker*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be extended two weeks; for receiving Private Bills, two weeks; and for reporting Private Bills to the House, two weeks.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of all correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments be sent down to this House respecting the Railway Bridge across *False Creek*, in the District of *New Westminster*.

Moved by Mr. *T. Davie*, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

Whereas it has been stated by an Hon. Member, in his place in this House, that at the last general election whereat the senior Member for the City of *Victoria* was a candidate, ballot papers were supplied to electors with the name of the said senior Member obliterated;

Be it resolved, that a Select Committee be appointed, with power to call for persons, books and papers, to enquire into and report to the House upon the conduct of the last general election in the city, and whether any such obliterated ballot papers were supplied to any of the electors thereat, and under what circumstances. Such Committee to consist of Messrs. *Beaven*, *Grant*, *Turner*, *Prior*, and the mover.

Mr. *Bole* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Ladner*,—

To strike out the word "obliterated" on the third line thereof, and insert in lieu the words "interfered with."

Insert as fourth line the following:—"Whereas the Members from the City and District of *New Westminster* have stated from their places in the House that the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, in the month of June last, informed the electors of *New Westminster*, when soliciting their suffrages, that the sum of \$100,000 of the money received from the Dominion Government on account of the Graving Dock Refund was unexpended, and was at that time "in the Treasury."

Strike out the word "obliterated," in the sixth line thereof, and insert after the word "were," in the sixth line, the words "in anywise interfered with."

Insert after the word "circumstances," on the seventh line, "and also to report to this House as to the circumstances attending the making of such statements by the Provincial Secretary."

Moved by Mr. *Croft* in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Mr. *Allen*,—

To strike out all the words after "To," on the first line of the amendment, and to add the following:—"insert the words 'a line apparently drawn through,' between the words 'with' and 'the' on the the third line, and to strike out the word 'obliterated' on the third and sixth lines."

Question proposed on the amendment to the amendment—"Shall the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question," the House divided, and the names being called for they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Stenhouse,</i>	<i>Bole,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Ladner,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>McLeese—8.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Mason,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>
<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>	<i>Higgins—14.</i>
<i>John,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>		

So it passed in the negative.

Question proposed "Shall the words proposed to be added stand part of the question," and resolved in the affirmative, on the same division.

Amendment as amended then proposed and resolved in the affirmative.

Question proposed on the original resolution—"Shall the words proposed to be added stand part of the question," and resolved in the affirmative.

Original resolution as amended put and carried, and it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas it has been stated by an Hon. Member, in his place in this House, that at the last general election whereat the senior Member for the City of *Victoria* was a candidate, ballot papers were supplied to electors with a line apparently drawn through the name of the said senior Member;

Be it resolved, that a Select Committee be appointed, with power to call for persons, books, and papers, to enquire into and report to the House upon the conduct of the last general election in the city, and whether any such ballot papers were supplied to any of the electors thereat, and under what circumstances. Such Committee to consist of Messrs. *Beaven, Grant, Turner, Prior*, and the mover.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the year ending 31st December, 1886. (*See Sessional Papers*).

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

Have any timber leases or grants in the *Cariboo District* been applied for; and, if so, whom, and for what extent?

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

"There has not been any application for a timber lease in *Cariboo District*."

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

Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum on the Estimates for the current year to provide for the erection of a suitable building for parliamentary purposes?

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

"It is not."

On the Motion of Mr. *John*, seconded by Mr. *Anderson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all copies of correspondence between the Government and the Municipal Council of the City of *Victoria*, respecting the transfer of *Mount Douglas Reserve* in *Victoria District* to the Corporation of *Victoria City*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 o'clock, p.m.

Tuesday, 15th February, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. *Beanlands*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of all Orders in Council, and all notices of reservation, and notices of the cancelling of reservations, and all correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments in any way relating to reversion of the lands and townsite of *Granville* lying to the west of what is known as the North Road to *Burrard Inlet*, in the District of *New Westminster*, to the Province of British Columbia.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of all timber lands alienated by the Provincial Government from the date of the various Acts relating thereto coming into force to the present date; giving the locations and acreage so alienated; the names of the parties by whom the said lands were acquired, and the names of the parties by whom they are now held.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented a copy of the Lease with *W. A. Baillie-Grohman*, *re Kootenay Reclamation and Colonization*.

Mr. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act respecting the estates, and to control the civil rights, of imbeciles and habitual drunkards."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to call for persons, books and papers, to enquire into and report to the House upon the working of the "Small Debts Act," passed at the last session of the House. Such Committee to consist of the following Members:—Messrs. *A. E. B. Davie*, *Bole*, *Turner*, *Semlin*, and the mover.

Mr. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay and Athabasca Railway Company."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

Mr. Speaker gave his reserved decision on the point of order raised upon the motion for leave to introduce Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to repeal (in part) the 'Sumas Dyking Act, 1878,'" deciding the Honourable Mr. *Robson* to be quite within his rights in introducing the Bill.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act relating to the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Thursday next.

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.

Wednesday, 16th February, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. Beanlands*.

Mr. *Bole* presented a Petition from *Donald Chisholm* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*New Westminster Southern Railway Company*).

On the motion of Colonel *Baker*, seconded by Mr. *Prior*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas in the present disturbed state of Europe the Imperial British Government might suddenly be plunged into war; and whereas the defences of the coast and ports of British Columbia are not in a state to resist any sudden attack by an enemy;

Therefore be it resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that representations be made to the Dominion Government that early steps be taken to carry out its policy, declared in 1883, of stationing in British Columbia a Battery of Canadian Artillery.

Also requesting the Dominion Government to take steps towards developing and placing on a better footing the Militia of this Province—

1st. By the enrolment of new corps at *Nanaimo*, *Vancouver*, the *Yale* and *Kootenay* Districts, and such other Districts as may be deemed advisable.

2nd. By providing better and more suitable Drill Sheds for exercising corps, and also by providing suitable Magazines and buildings for the storage of arms and ammunition.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to abolish preferences amongst creditors in the administration of the estates of deceased persons,” was committed.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered at the next sitting of the House.

According to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Robson* moved—That Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876,’” be read a second time now.

Mr. *Prior* moved in amendment,--To strike out the word “now,” and add the words “this day six months.”

The amendment was resolved in the affirmative on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Ladner,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>
<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>
<i>Bole,</i>	<i>Mason,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir—17.</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>McLeese,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Higgins—5.</i>
<i>Stenhouse,</i>			

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Report of the conferences between the Provincial Government and the Indian delegates from *Fort Simpson* and *Naas River*. (*See Sessional Papers*).

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 21st February, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. W. Percival*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all correspondence, telegrams, or Orders in Council, by this Government, with any other Government or person, or persons whatsoever, relative to the calling of trans-Pacific steamships, carrying Her Majesty's mails, at the ports of *Victoria* and *Esquimalt*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for a copy of all correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments respecting the Railway Bridge across *False Creek*, in the District of *New Westminster*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all correspondence between *James G. Jaques*, or anyone acting on his behalf, and the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and between the Government Agent at *New Westminster* and the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, respecting Section 4, Block 4 North, Range 7 West, *New Westminster* District, and the Petition of Right with reference thereto.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented the following Returns to Orders of the House, viz.:—

A Return of all highways gazetted on the north side of *Fraser River*, in Townships 17, 20 and 23, *New Westminster* District; and a Return of all moneys expended since 1st July, 1883, on roads and bridges in the above Townships; classifying the amount expended upon each gazetted highway, and the amount expended elsewhere.

A Return of all correspondence between *W. H. Ladner*, M. P. P.; *James Orr*, M. P. P.; and *W. Norman Bole*, M. P. P.; and the Honourable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, respecting the roads between *New Westminster City* and *Port Moody*, and *New Westminster City* and *Vancouver*.

Also a Return of all correspondence between the Government and the Municipal Council of the City of *Victoria*, respecting the transfer of *Mount Douglas Reserve*, in *Victoria* District, to the Corporation of *Victoria City*.

Mr. *Vernon* presented a Petition, purporting to be from the *Shuswap and Okanagan Railway Company*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*Shuswap and Okanagan Railway*).

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Council of the City of *Vancouver*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (amending Act of Incorporation).

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Martin* presented a Petition from *S. Clark*, *J. A. Mara*, and others, for the granting of a Charter to some person or persons for the construction of a Ferry across the *Thompson River*, at the west end of the town of *Kamloops*.

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Martin* also presented a Petition from *Louis Marks*, *John Gilmore*, and others, for a revision of the laws relating to the liquor traffic in the Province.

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Turner* presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

The Petition from *Donald Chisholm* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*New Westminster Southern Railway*), was read and received.

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Delta Railway Company."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

On the motion of Mr. *Croft*, seconded by Mr. *Higgins*, it was *Resolved*,—

That in view of the intention of the Government to introduce legislation relative to the timber lands of the Province, it is desirable that the House be fully informed as to the present condition of the lumber trade of the country;

Be it therefore resolved, that a Select Committee be appointed for the purpose of obtaining such information, with power to call for persons and papers, and to report to this House; and that the Committee be also at liberty to report a scheme for the protection of the timber lands of the Province. Such Committee to be composed of the following Members:—The Hon. the Attorney-General, and Messrs. *Higgins*, *Vernon*, *Bole*, and the mover.

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

Whereas the people of the Dominion require general and reliable information of Asiatic ports and commerce, for extending useful knowledge in relation to the industrial, agricultural, and commercial resources of those countries contiguous to the western ports of Canada, the places of production and ports of exportation of such articles as rice, tea, sugar, cotton, silk, jute, tobacco, &c.;

And whereas it will be conducive to our welfare and increase the trade of Canada, if the people could be reliably informed as to what manufactured, commercial and agricultural produce of Canada would find a market in Asiatic commercial centres:

Be it therefore resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to request the Federal Government, at its earliest convenience, to select, appoint, and send at least one qualified, reliable, and experienced person to act as Public Service Commissioner, with qualified assistants, to proceed to Asia, there to study and gather the trade statistics of those countries, the kind and amount of trade done, whereto and where from; also as to what manufactured, commercial, and agricultural produce of Canada is suitable to their markets, and to report as fully as possible to the proper department at *Ottawa*: their report to be published and issued to the public, at cost price, for their information.

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

That this House resolve itself into Committee to consider clauses to be inserted in the Bill intituled “An Act relating to the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court,” providing for the expense attendant upon the carrying out of the provisions of the Bill.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(IN THE COMMITTEE).

Resolved, That the Committee rise, and report the following Resolution to the House:—

The Committee recommend that the following clauses providing for the expense attendant upon the provisions of a Bill intituled “An Act relating to the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court,” be inserted in the Bill:—

5. Each of the persons to be so appointed shall be entitled to receive as remuneration for his services, out of the Consolidated Revenue of the Province, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

6. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may name a fit and proper person to act as secretary to the persons to be appointed as aforesaid, and such secretary shall act under their directions and shall be paid such reasonable remuneration as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may think fit.

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

Report received and adopted.

Resolution read a first and second time and passed.

Moved by Mr. *Mason*, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

That whereas it is in the highest degree desirable to promote, in every legitimate way, the development of our quartz mines; and whereas the class of machinery required for working such quartz mines is not manufactured within the Dominion of Canada;

Therefore be it resolved, that in the opinion of this House it is desirable that representation should be made to the Federal Government requesting them to exempt from taxation all machinery that may be imported into this Province for quartz mining purposes.

Moved in amendment by Mr. *Orr*, seconded by Mr. *Allen*,—

To insert the words "at present" after "not" in the third line thereof, and by inserting the word "such" before the word "machinery" on the sixth line, and the words "which cannot be made in Canada" after the word "machinery" on the sixth line.

Amendment proposed and resolved in the affirmative.

Original resolution, as amended, put and carried on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Bole,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>
<i>McLeese,</i>	<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>Mason,</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>
<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>	<i>Thomson—16.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Stenhouse,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>John—6.</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>		

And it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas it is in the highest degree desirable to promote, in every legitimate way, the development of our quartz mines; and whereas the class of machinery required for working such quartz mines is not at present manufactured within the Dominion of Canada;

Therefore be it resolved, that in the opinion of this House it is desirable that representation should be made to the Federal Government requesting them to exempt from taxation all such machinery, which cannot be made in Canada, that may be imported into this Province for quartz mining purposes.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed before this House copies of all Orders in Council and correspondence showing all free, or partially free, grants of land made or promised by the Government to any person or corporation.

Mr. *Allen* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to provide for the better protection of Cattle Ranges, 1876.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Higgins* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1885.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the expenditure incurred, and the liabilities unpaid, in erecting a residence and lock-up at the *150-Mile House*, *Cariboo* District, showing names of all persons to whom money has been paid, or to whom money is still due, in respect thereof.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to cause to be sent down to the House copies of all Orders in Council, minutes, letters, telegrams, and other documents and correspondence of every nature and kind whatsoever in any way relating to the appointment of a mounted constable in the *Cariboo-Lillooet* District.

Mr. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to repeal certain remaining clauses of the 'Sumas Dyking Act, 1878,' and to repeal the 'Sumas Dyking Amendment Act, 1883.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

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

And than the House adjourned at 5:55 o'clock, p.m.

Tuesday, 22nd February, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. W. Percival*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the year ending 31st December, 1886. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Petition from the Mayor and Council of the City of *Vancouver*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (amending Act of Incorporation), was read and received.

The Petition from *S. Clark, J. A. Mara*, and others, for the granting of a Charter to some person or persons for the construction of a Ferry across the *Thompson River*, at the west end of the town of *Kamloops*, was ruled out of order,—not being properly addressed.

The Petition from *Louis Marks, John Gilmore*, and others, for a revision of the laws relating to the liquor traffic in the Province, was ruled out of order as being a copy only.

Mr. *Higgins* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ballot Act, 1877.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any Member thereof, and the Corporation of *Surrey*, concerning the letting of a contract for the *Campbell River Bridge*, in *Surrey Municipality, New Westminster District*, and showing the amount of the contract price, the amount paid, and the amount outstanding.

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

At what date were the town lots in the Townsite of *Granville* put up by the Government of British Columbia for sale by auction in the City of *New Westminster*?

What were the instructions given to the Land Commissioner or Government Agent as to the upset price and the terms thereof?

How long afterwards did said lots remain open for private sale, and at what price, and on what terms?

When (if ever) were the same withdrawn from sale, and by what authority?

How was information of such withdrawal (if any) communicated to the said Land Commissioner or Government Agent, and to the public, and what were the dates thereof?

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

“Lots in the Townsite of *Granville* were offered for sale at auction on the 11th day of April, 1870, in accordance with a notice published in the *British Columbia Gazette*.

“There do not appear to have been any written instructions to the Government Agent.

“The lots were offered at an upset price of \$75 and \$100.

“The lots remained open to sale at \$100 each—terms, half cash and balance in two years—until the reservation for railway purposes was placed upon the land on 3rd August, 1878; notice of which was duly published.”

Mr. *Bole* asked the Honourable the Premier the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce legislation during the present session to give *New Westminster City* an additional Member?

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

“It is not.”

Mr. *Bole* asked the Honourable the Premier the following question:—

If it is the intention of the Government to take the necessary steps to provide a permanent short-hand reporter in connection with the Supreme Court of British Columbia?

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

“The subject is under consideration.”

Pursuant to Order the Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to abolish preferences amongst creditors in the administration of the estates of deceased persons,” was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act respecting the property of Married Women.”

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act relating to the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court.”

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act respecting the estates, and to control the civil rights, of imbeciles and habitual drunkards,” was read a second time.

Ordered 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 a 5.50 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday, 23rd February, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. W. Percival*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a further paper relating to the *Alaska* Boundary.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a paper relating to Dominion and to Provincial Railways.

Moved by Mr. *Turner*, seconded by Mr. *Prior*,—

Whereas it appears that the Government of the United States of America contemplate taking early steps for the better defining the Boundary Line which separates the Dominion of Canada from the Territory of Alaska;

And whereas in a minute passed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, dated July 22nd, 1884, it is clearly and conclusively set forth that the line which Great Britain is entitled to claim under the Treaty of 1825, ascends the western leg of *Behm's Canal*, instead of *Portland Channel*, as contended by the United States authorities, thereby securing to the Crown a very large area of territory, together with valuable water ways now claimed by the United States;

And whereas British Columbia has a direct and paramount interest in a speedy and proper adjustment and delineation of said Boundary Line;

Resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that His Honour may be pleased to represent to the Dominion Government the urgent importance of an early settlement of the boundary between Canada and Alaska, and asking that British Columbia may be represented upon any Commission which may be appointed for that purpose.

Moved by Mr. *Ladner* in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Orr*,—

To add after "purpose" on the fifteenth line, the words—"and that every endeavour be made to exchange a portion of the northern part of British Columbia for that portion of land situated south of the 49th parallel, known as *Point Roberts*, containing about four square miles."

- Amendment withdrawn with leave.

Original resolution put and carried.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of the following papers, &c. :—Specifications for construction of the *Ashcroft* Bridge; contract for constructing said bridge; correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and the following parties, viz., the Bridge Company, or anyone on its behalf; the Provincial Superintendent of construction, or any other person, in relation to the construction or condition of said bridge.

Mr. *Croft* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bush Fire Act, 1874.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Land Registry Ordinance, 1870,' and to repeal the 'Statute 49 Vic., c. 9.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors' Act, 1883.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

The Petition from the *Shuswap* and *Okanagan* Railway Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*Shuswap* and *Okanagan* Railway), was read.

Mr. *Vernon* moved that the Petition be received.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting 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 5.15 o'clock, p.m.

Thursday, 24th February, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. W. Percival*.

Col. *Baker* presented the Third Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, reporting the rules, as to notices, complied with in regard to the *New Westminster Southern Railway Bill*, and the *Vancouver City Incorporation Act Amendment Bill*.

The Report was read and received.

On the motion of Mr. *Thomson*, seconded by Mr. *Higgins*, it was Resolved,—

Whereas the extension of the *Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway* to the northern end of *Vancouver Island* would be the means of opening up and settling a large extent of territory and developing its vast mineral, agricultural, and forest wealth, as well as the extensive and prolific fisheries abounding along its shores;

And whereas in the event of war such extension would, by affording rapid communication and ready means of transport, become an important factor in protecting the valuable coal stores, the terminus of the *Canadian Pacific Railway*, and the Naval establishment at *Esquimalt* against a foreign enemy;

Be it therefore resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to urge upon the Dominion Government, the policy and duty of undertaking the said extension as a national work, or, at least, granting such liberal aid as will enable it to be carried out without imposing any great burden upon the Province.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1885.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. *T. Davie* presented a Petition from *William Lohse, Joseph Sears*, and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*Victoria Fire Department Charitable Association*).

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Higgins* presented a Petition from *John Nicholson*.

Laid on the table.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of all Orders in Council, minutes, letters, telegrams, and other documents and correspondence of every nature and kind whatsoever, in any way relating to the appointment of a mounted constable in the *Cariboo-Lillooet District*.

Mr. *Bole* asked the Honourable the Premier the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during this Session legislation to cancel the Crown Grants numbered 91 and 98, issued to *Donald A Smith* and *Richard B. Angus*, and dated 13th February, 1886?

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

"It is not."

Mr. *Bole* asked the Honourable the Premier the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum on the Estimates for building a new Court House at *New Westminster*?

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

"It is not."

Mr. *Bole* asked the Honourable the Premier the following question:—

Is it the intention of placing adequate sums on the Estimates to put in repair the following roads, namely, the road from *New Westminster* to *Port Moody*; the road from *New Westminster* to *Vancouver*?

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

“The matters will be duly considered.”

Mr. *Bole* asked the Honourable the Premier the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government during this Session to bring down a measure for the abolition of imprisonment for debt?

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

“The subject is receiving consideration.”

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

What is the number of timber claims that have been applied for to date?

How many of such applications have been granted, and to whom?

What amount of revenue has been obtained from timber leases, and what amount from stumpage?

How many Timber Inspectors have been appointed under the “Timber Act, 1884”?

The names of such Inspectors so appointed, and the districts for which they have been appointed?

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

“There are eight applications for timber leases and two applications for timber licenses, which have not yet been granted.

“The particulars of the leases and licenses which have been granted will be found in a return presented to the House on Tuesday, the 15th instant.

“Revenue from timber leases for 18 months ending 31st December, 1886, \$8,423.96; revenue from licenses and dues for the same period, \$600.94.

“Two Inspectors have been appointed, viz., *W. S. Gore*, Surveyor-General, for *Vancouver Island*, and Mr. *Charles Warwick*, Assistant Commissioner, for *New Westminster District*.”

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion to receive the Petition from the *Shuswap* and *Okanagan* Railway Company, was resumed.

Ordered, That the Petition be received.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act respecting executors, trustees and assignees for the benefit of creditors.” was read a second time and committed.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered at the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act respecting absconding debtors,” was read a second time and committed.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

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

Friday, 25th February, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. W. Percival*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of all Orders in Council and correspondence showing all free, or partially free, grants of land made or promised by the Government to any person or corporation.

The Petition from *William Lohse, Joseph Sears*, and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*Victoria Fire Department Charitable Association*), was read and received.

The Petition from *John Nicholson* was ruled out of order as asking for pecuniary relief.

Mr. *Vernon* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act for the better protection of certain animals and birds."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1878.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

Whereas that piece of land situated south of the 49th parallel of north latitude, and known as *Point Roberts*, containing about four square miles of territory, is so isolated from the territory of the United States that the only means of communication by land is through British Columbia;

And whereas during the summer great number of Indians and others congregate on this piece of land and cause great annoyance to the settlers in the vicinity of *Fraser River*, B. C.;

Therefore be it resolved, that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully invited to have the adjustment of this matter placed before any Commission that may be appointed to enquire into and settle the *Alaska* boundary, with a view of acquiring the afore-said *Point Roberts*.

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

What amount, if any, is now due to the estate of the late *J. C. Hughes* as Coroner for *New Westminster* District?

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

"I am not aware of any."

Mr. *John* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to prohibit the owners of swine from permitting the same to run at large on public roads."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Upon the order of the day being read for the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to repeal certain remaining clauses of the 'Sumas Dyking Act, 1878,' and to repeal the 'Sumas Dyking Amendment Act, 1883,'"—

Mr. Speaker stated that it was not competent for a private member of the House to introduce a Bill to amend or repeal a Private Bill, without following the procedure governing the introduction of Private Bills. (*See Bourinot*, at pages 608-610).

Mr. *T. Davie* appealed to the House, and the Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Semlin,
Grant,
Cowan
Beaven,

McLeese,
Mason,
Davie, A. E. B.,

Vernon,
Turner,
Prior,

Baker,
Croft,
Dunsmuir—13.

NAYS :
Messieurs

<i>Stenhouse</i>	<i>Bole,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>
<i>Ladner,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Higgins—11.</i>
<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	

The order for the second reading of Bill (No. 14) was then discharged.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting executors, trustees and assignees for the benefit of creditors," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act relating to the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court."

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to repeal (in part) the 'Sumas Dyking Act, 1878,'" was read a second time and committed.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to provide for the better protection of Cattle Ranges, 1876,'" was read a second time and committed.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

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

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

Monday, 28th February, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any Member thereof, and the Corporation of *Surrey*, concerning the letting of a contract for the *Campbell River Bridge*, in *Surrey Municipality, New Westminster District*, and showing the amount of the contract price, the amount paid, and the amount outstanding.

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended for the purpose of introducing a Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act for the Preservation of the Peace within the Municipal limits of the City of Vancouver."

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered forthwith and adopted.

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

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair,

Mr. *Fell*, the Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill:—

An Act for the Preservation of the Peace within the Municipal limits of the City of Vancouver.

His Honour was pleased, in Her Majesty's name, to give assent to the Bill.

The same was announced by the Clerk of the House, in the following words:—

“ In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to this Bill.”

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

By the Honourable Mr. *Robson*, from residents of *Chilliwack* (*re* liquor traffic).

By Mr. *Orr*, from residents of *Sumas* (*re* liquor traffic).

By Mr. *Ladner*, from the residents of *Langley Prairie* (*re* liquor traffic).

By Mr. *Dunsmuir*, from the residents of *Wellington* (*re* liquor traffic).

By Mr. *Stenhouse*, from the residents of *Comox* (*re* liquor traffic).

By Mr. *Thomson*, from the residents of *Alberni* (*re* liquor traffic).

Colonel *Baker* presented the Fourth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, reporting the rules, as to notices, complied with in regard to the *Shuswap* and *Okanagan* Railway Bill, and the *Victoria* Fire Department Charitable Association Bill.

The Report was read and received.

Mr. *Turner* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the conduct of the last general election for the City of *Victoria*; also a minority report.

The Reports were read, received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Martin* presented a Petition from *James McIntosh*, of *Kamloops*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*Kamloops* Water Works).

Laid on the table.

Moved by Mr. *Grant*, seconded by Mr. *Ladner*,—

That whereas it has been published in the public newspapers that orders have been sent by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States of America to *San Francisco*, directing the immediate refitting of cruisers to be dispatched to the waters of *Behring Sea*, to prevent vessels owned by private parties being used in killing fur seals in said waters;

And whereas certain owners of vessels, citizens of this Province, and subjects of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, contemplate, during this year, proceeding to the waters of *Behring Sea* to kill fur seals;

Therefore be it resolved, that a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will move the Dominion Government to represent to the Imperial Government the necessity of taking such steps as will protect the rights and liberties of British subjects in the waters of *Behring Sea*.

Mr. *Turner* moved in amendment, seconded by *Vernon*,—

To strike out all the words after the word “whereas” on the first line, down to and including the word “waters” on the fourth line, and insert the following:—

“certain vessels owned by citizens of this Province, subjects of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, whilst employed in searching for, capturing and killing fur seals in “the *Behring Sea*, more than three miles distant from the land, were, during the year 1886, “captured and detained by armed cruisers, or other vessels, belonging to the United States of “America, greatly to the loss of owners of said captured vessels.”

A debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting 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 5.55 o'clock, p. m.