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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF THE PROVINCE OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SESSION 1912.

Thursday, 11th January, 1912.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the third meeting of the Twelfth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable THOMAS WILSON PATERSON, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 6th day of December, 1911.

His Honour the Honourable THOMAS WILSON PATERSON, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It is with pleasure that I welcome you to the Third Session of the Twelfth Parliament of British Columbia.

The ceremonies attendant on the Coronation of Their Majesties the King and Queen were in no part of the Empire observed with greater loyalty and affection than in this Province. It is fitting to note that British Columbia was by invitation officially represented in London on that occasion.

The presence of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught at Ottawa as Governor-General of Canada is regarded by the people of the Dominion as a special mark of the Royal favour; and I am confident it will be a pleasing duty on your part to adopt an Address of Welcome to be presented to His Royal Highness.

Having completed his term of office as His Majesty's Representative in the Dominion, Earl Grey, on his return to the Mother-land, takes with him the warmest regard of the Canadian people. The great interest he has always evinced in this Province entitles him to a lasting place in the hearts of British Columbians.

The year that has just closed has been one of great prosperity and progress for the Province. The development of our various resources has been most gratifying; and the Financial Statement to be presented to you will, I am pleased to say, show a considerable expansion in the revenue.

The long-standing difficulties in connection with the Songhees Indian Reserve, Victoria City, have been adjusted, and the reserve has passed into the possession of the Province, while due provision has been made for another reserve for the Indians.

The report of the Commission appointed during the year to inquire into the subject of Taxation is ready and will be presented to you in due course.

The Consolidation of the Provincial Statutes has been completed, and the result of the work of the Commission will be laid before you.

Following the Report of the Forestry Commission, legislation has been prepared providing for a Department of Forests; and a Bill will be submitted dealing with the conservation and administration of the timber wealth of the Province.

During the past year work has been proceeded with, under the direction of the Minister of Public Works, in connection with the development of Strathcona Park. You will be asked to place a sum in the Estimates to provide for a vigorous prosecution of the undertaking during the coming season.

During the year the First Minister, together with the Attorney-General and the Minister of Lands, visited Ottawa to discuss with the Dominion authorities various important questions affecting the Province. The papers dealing with these matters will be placed before you.

As one of the results of this Conference with the Federal Government, it has been arranged that the administration of the water in the Railway Belt will be carried on under the Water Branch of the Provincial Lands Department. A Bill to give effect to this agreement will be submitted to you in due course.

The rapid growth of the business of the Province has called for a necessary increase in Public Works. Under the authority of the legislation passed last Session, a contract has been awarded for the much-needed extension of the Parliament Buildings, and the work is now proceeding.

Owing to the increased demand for transportation facilities, measures will be placed before you designed to further encourage the building of railways in the Province.

It is interesting to note that substantial progress is being made with the preliminary work leading up to the establishment of a Provincial University. Land-clearing operations are under way at the University site, and steps are being taken to give effect to the provisions of the Act.

You will be asked to provide a sufficient grant to permit of a formal opening of the University at the Fall term of 1913.

The Public Accounts for the past fiscal year and the Estimates of Expenditure for the coming year will be duly laid before you.

I feel assured that these and all other matters submitted to you will receive your most careful consideration, and that you will be guided in your deliberations by what you believe to be in the best interests of the Province.

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

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *Scriven*.

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

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

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

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;
4. On Railways;
5. On Mining;
6. On Agriculture;
7. On Municipal Matters;

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

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

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

To be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General,—

Resolved, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration on Friday, January 12th instant.

The Hon. Dr. *Young* presented the following papers:—

The Fortieth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province, 1910-1911.

First Report of the Provincial Sanitary Inspector.

The Annual Report of the Public Hospital for the Insane for the year 1911.

The Fourteenth Annual Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the year ending 31st March, 1911.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented the Public Accounts of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1911.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

Friday, 12th January, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *W. L. Clay*.

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

By *Mr. Tisdall*—From the Corporation of the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act. (No. 2.)

By *Mr. Fraser*—From the British Columbia and Alaska Railway, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act. (No. 7.)

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

Mr. Watson moved, seconded by *Mr. Lucas*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session, and further assuring His Honour that:—

1. It is highly gratifying to know that the ceremonies attendant upon the Coronation of Their Majesties the King and Queen were in no part of the Empire observed with greater loyalty and affection than in this Province, and we note with pleasure that British Columbia was by invitation officially represented in London at the Coronation.

2. We were also pleased to learn that the presence of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught at Ottawa as Governor-General of Canada is regarded by the people of the Dominion as a special mark of the Royal favour; and we beg to assure His Honour that it will be a pleasing duty on our part to adopt an Address of Welcome to be presented to His Royal Highness.

3. It is also a great source of satisfaction to us to know that Earl Grey, having completed his term of office as His Majesty's Representative in the Dominion, takes with him on his return to the Mother-land the warmest regards of the Canadian people, and we heartily agree with His Honour that the great interest Earl Grey has always evinced in this Province entitles him to a lasting place in the hearts of British Columbians.

4. We note with pleasure that the year which has just closed has been one of great prosperity and progress for the Province, and that the development of our various resources has been most gratifying. We are pleased to learn that the Financial Statement to be presented to us will show a considerable expansion in revenue.

5. It is gratifying to be informed that the long-standing difficulties in connection with the Songhees Indian Reserve, Victoria City, have been adjusted, and the reserve has passed into the possession of the Province, while due provision has been made for another reserve for the Indians.

6. We are pleased to learn that the report of the Commission appointed during the year to inquire into the subject of Taxation is ready and will be presented to us in due course.

7. It is also a pleasure to note that the Consolidation of the Provincial Statutes has been completed, and that the result of the work of the Commission will be laid before us in due course.

8. We are glad to be informed that, following the report of the Forestry Commission, legislation has been prepared providing for a Department of Forests, and that a Bill will be submitted to us dealing with the conservation and administration of the timber wealth of the Province.

9. It is gratifying to learn that during the past year work has been proceeded with, under the direction of the Minister of Public Works, in connection with the development of Strathcona Park, and we note that we will be asked to place a sum in the Estimates to provide for a vigorous prosecution of the undertaking during the coming season.

10. We regard as most important the information that during the year the First Minister, together with the Attorney-General and the Minister of Lands, visited Ottawa to discuss with the Dominion authorities various important questions affecting the Province, and we are pleased to know that the papers dealing with this matter will be placed before us.

11. It is very satisfactory to learn that as one of the results of this Conference with the Federal Government it has been arranged that the administration of the water in the Railway Belt will be carried on under the Water Branch of the Provincial Lands Department. We will give careful consideration to any Bill to give effect to this agreement which may be submitted to us.

12. On account of the rapid growth of the business of the Province, we have no doubt but that an increase in Public Works has been necessary; and in this connection we note that a contract has been awarded for a much-needed extension of the Parliament Buildings, and that the work is now proceeding.

13. We are pleased to be informed that, owing to the increased demand for transportation facilities, measures will be placed before us designed to further encourage the building of railways in the Province, and we desire to assure His Honour that any such measure will receive most careful consideration at our hands.

14. We note with pleasure that substantial progress has been made with the preliminary work leading up to the establishment of a Provincial University, and that the land-clearing operations are under way at the University site, and that steps are being taken to give effect to the provisions of the Act.

15. We are also pleased to learn that it is intended to formally open the University at the Fall term of 1913. Any request for a grant sufficient for this purpose will receive our favourable consideration.

16. We note that the Public Accounts for the past fiscal year and the Estimates of Expenditure for the coming year will be submitted to us, and these will receive our careful attention.

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

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

That *W. H. Hayward*, Esquire, Member for Cowichan, be appointed Deputy Speaker of the House.

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

That *A. H. B. Macgowan*, Esquire, third Member for Vancouver City, be appointed Deputy Chairman (Chairman of Ways and Means).

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the 'Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
11th January, 1912.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting the 'Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at 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 4 p.m.

Monday, 15th January, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. W. L. *Clay.*

The following petitions were received:—

From the Corporation of the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act. (No. 2.)

From the British Columbia and Alaska Railway, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act. (No. 7.)

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

The debate was again adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to validate Election of certain Aldermen and Others of the City of Vancouver, and the Collection of Taxes in certain Parts of the City of Vancouver," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
15th January, 1912.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to validate Election of certain Aldermen and Others of the City of Vancouver, and the Collection of Taxes in certain Parts of the City of Vancouver," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and the Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 16th January, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *T. E. Holling.*

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

By Mr. *Watson*—From *E. W. Stapleford* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate Ryerson College. (No. 1.)

By Mr. *Mackay*—From the Municipality of Penticton, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate the "Kettle River Valley Aid By-law, 1911." (No. 10.)

By Mr. *Miller*—From the Corporation of the City of Fernie, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate certain by-laws. (No. 4.)

By Mr. *Miller*—From the Corporation of the City of Fernie, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate certain by-laws. (No. 5.)

By Mr. *Thomson*—From the Victoria Harbour Railway Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill granting the Company further time for commencing work, etc. (No. 6.)

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

The debate was again adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

1. In what electoral districts was the Vancouver Island Trunk Road Vote of 1911 expended?
2. What amount was expended in each district respectively?

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

- “1. Esquimalt District.
- “2. Esquimalt District, \$3,006.97.”

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to validate Election of certain Aldermen and Others of the City of Vancouver, and the Collection of Taxes in certain Parts of the City of Vancouver” was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.15 p.m.

Wednesday, 17th January, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *T. E. Holling*.

The following petitions were received:—

From *E. W. Stapleford* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate Ryerson College. (No. 1.)

From the Municipality of Penticton, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate the “Kettle River Valley Aid By-law, 1911.” (No. 10.)

From the Corporation of the City of Fernie, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate certain by-laws. (No. 4.)

From the Corporation of the City of Fernie, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate certain by-laws. (No. 5.)

From the Victoria Harbour Railway Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill granting the Company further time for commencing work, etc. (No. 6.)

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to validate Election of certain Aldermen and Others of the City of Vancouver, and the Collection of Taxes in certain Parts of the City of Vancouver" was read a third time and passed.

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

The debate was again adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

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

(No. 3) An Act to validate Election of certain Aldermen and Others of the City of Vancouver, and the Collection of Taxes in certain Parts of the City of Vancouver.

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

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:—

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

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

1. What number of workmen are employed on construction of the Canadian Northern Railway: (a.) On Mainland of British Columbia? (b.) On Vancouver Island?

2. What rates of wages are paid on each section respectively?

3. What rates are charged for board on the said work?

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

"1. (a.) 5,644, average during month of December, 1911; (b) 351, average during month of December.

"2. On Mainland—Foremen, \$4 to \$6 per day; blacksmiths, \$90 per month and board; carpenters, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per day; shovel engineers, \$150 per month and board; firemen, \$75 per month and board; cranesmen, \$100 per month and board; bridgemen, \$4 per day; axemen, \$2.75 per day; labourers, \$2.75 per day. On Vancouver Island—Foremen on grades, \$3.25 to \$5 per day; axemen, \$2.75 to \$3 per day; rock-drillers, \$2.75 per day; labourers, \$2.50 per day; bridge foremen, \$150 per month and board; bridge carpenters, \$3 to \$4.50 per day; team and teamster, \$7 per day; teamsters, \$35 to \$50 per month and board; blacksmiths, \$75 to \$90 per month.

"3. On Mainland—\$6 per week. On Vancouver Island—25 cents per meal and \$5.25 per week, with bunk-house accommodation."

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

By Mr. *Cotton*—From *John Y. McNaught* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Corporation of the District of West Vancouver. (No. 3.)

By Mr. *W. Manson*—From the City of Prince Rupert, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate a certain by-law. (No. 8.)

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

Thursday, 18th January, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. Dr. *J. Campbell*, Ph.D.

The following petitions were received:—

From *John Y. McNaught* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Corporation of the District of West Vancouver. (No. 3.)

From the City of Prince Rupert, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate a certain by-law. (No. 8.)

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

Resolution agreed to.

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

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

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

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

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

1. What was the total cost of the Hon. the Premier's visit to the Coronation?
2. What was the total cost of the Hon. the Attorney-General's visit to the Coronation?

The Hon. *Price Ellison* replied as follows:—

" 1. \$11,000.

" 2. \$3,500."

The Standing Committees were appointed as follows:—

Private Bills and Standing Orders—Messrs. *Mackay*, *Miller*, *McGuire*, *Manson* (*Dewdney*), *Shatford*, *Shaw*, *Brewster*, *Hawthornthwaite*, and *Williams*.

Mining—Messrs. *Manson* (*Comox*), *Hunter*, *Braden*, *Fraser*, *McDonald*, and *Williams*.

Railways—Messrs. *Parson, Caven, Callanan, Fraser, Lucas, Behnsen, Jackson, Tisdall, Wright, Jardine, and Hawthornthwaite.*

Public Accounts—Messrs. *Gifford, Schofield, Wright, Davey, and Williams.*

Municipal Matters—Messrs. *Watson, Davey, Manson (Skeena), Schofield, Cawley, Mackenzie, Hunter, Brewster, and Hawthornthwaite.*

Agriculture—Messrs. *Cawley, Jackson, Lucas, Callanan, and Jardine.*

Printing—Messrs. *Tisdall, Behnsen, Braden, and Mackenzie.*

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

Friday, 19th January, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. Dr. *John Campbell, Ph.D.*

Mr. *Thomson* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill granting certain extended powers. (No. 9.)

Received.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by Mr. *Brewster*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the following Address of Welcome to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught on his safe arrival in Canada be presented:—

To Field-Marshal His Royal Highness Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Earl of Sussex (in the Peerage of the United Kingdom), Prince of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Duke of Saxony, Prince of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, K.G., K.T., K.P., P.C., G.M.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., Personal A.D.C. to His Majesty the King, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of Canada:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,—

We, the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, loyally present to Your Royal Highness, and to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, our heartfelt congratulations upon your safe arrival in the Dominion of Canada.

The honour conferred upon the Dominion of Canada by the presence of a near relative of His Majesty the King affords us a deeper gratification than can be expressed in words, and is highly significant of His Majesty's desire to emphasize the unity of the Empire.

We trust that your administration of public affairs will be as pleasurable to Your Royal Highness as it will be beneficial to the people of this great Dominion;

and should Your Royal Highness, with your illustrious Consort, favour the Province of British Columbia with a visit, a warm and loyal welcome will be extended to you.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting the 'Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911,'" was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Forests and Crown Timber Lands, and the Conservation and Preservation of Standing Timber, and the Regulation of Commerce in Timber and Products of the Forest," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
19th January, 1912.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting Forests and Crown Timber Lands, and the Conservation and Preservation of Standing Timber, and the Regulation of Commerce in Timber and Products of the Forest," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.20 p.m.

Monday, 22nd January, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Very Rev. Dean of Columbia.

Mr. *Mackay* presented a petition from the South-East Kootenay Railway Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act. (No. 11.)

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 22nd, 1912.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time limited for receiving petitions for Private Bills be extended till February 1st, 1912.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL F. MACKAY,
Chairman.

Received and adopted.

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

THOMAS W. PATERSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Eighth Day of June, 1911, between His Majesty the King in the Right of the Province of British Columbia, the City of Prince Rupert, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, and the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Company, Limited," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
22nd January, 1912.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Eighth Day of June, 1911, between His Majesty the King in the Right of the Province of British Columbia, the City of Prince Rupert, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, and the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Company, Limited," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

1. What sum has been paid the Colonist Printing and Publishing Company for advertising during each year from July 1st, 1901, to March 31st, 1911?

2. What sum has been paid the said Corporation during the same period for all other services?

3. What sum was paid the Colonist Printing and Publishing Company for advertising in *The Post* during the year 1910?

The Hon. *Price Ellison* replied as follows :—

“ 1. \$22,476.03.

“ 2. \$51,607.65.

“ 3. \$8,942.30.”

Bill (No. 2) intituled “ An Act respecting the ‘ Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911, ’ ” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. *Price Ellison* presented the Synopsis of Report and Full Report of Royal Commission on Taxation, 1911.

The Hon. Mr. *Bowser* presented the Provincial Industrial School Superintendent's Seventh Annual Report.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, 23rd January, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Very Rev. Dean of Columbia.

The petition from the South-East Kootenay Railway Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act (No. 11), was received.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled “ An Act respecting Forests and Crown Timber Lands, and the Conservation and Preservation of Standing Timber, and the Regulation of Commerce in Timber and Products of the Forest, ” a debate arose, which was adjourned to Thursday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.10 p.m.

Wednesday, 24th January, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *Herman A. Carson*.

The Hon. *Price Ellison* presented a statement showing Special Warrants signed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the expenditure incurred thereon, between the 1st April, 1911, and the 24th January, 1912, as required by the "Revenue Act," chapter 166, section 42.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
24th January, 1912.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petitions have been complied with:—

Petition No. 1.—Ryerson College.

Petition No. 4.—City of Fernie.

Petition No. 5.—Corporation of Fernie.

Petition No. 6.—Victoria Harbour Railway.

Petition No. 8.—City of Prince Rupert.

Petition No. 9.—City of Victoria.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL F. MACKAY,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

That whereas Canada and the Mother-country are agreed that it is right and reasonable that all the partners in the Empire should contribute towards the naval defence of that Empire:

And whereas the speedy completion of the Panama Canal must enormously increase the shipping business of this coast:

Therefore, be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, respectfully requesting him to urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of taking such immediate steps as will lead to the creation of a Canadian fleet unit in the Pacific and to the establishment of a naval base on this coast with such promptitude as to make ready for the revolution in sea trade likely to be effected by the completion of the Panama Canal.

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

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Has the Government sold any town lots in District Lot 851, known as South Hazelton?

2. If so, was any intimation given to the purchasers of these lots that a station would be established there by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company?

3. Has the Government received any information that the Railway Commission of Canada has ordered the station in question placed on another section, some distance from District Lot 851?

4. If so, does the Government intend to refund the moneys paid by purchasers of lots?

5. If not, does the Government intend to take any further action in the matter?

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

“1, 2, and 3. Yes.

“4 and 5. If the order of the Railway Commission is upheld, it is the intention of the Government to advise all purchasers of lots in South Hazelton that refund will be made of purchase money on application.”

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. Has the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company deposited with the Minister maps, plans, and profiles of their line of railway, as provided by sections 90, 91, and 92 of the “Railway Act”? If so, has the Minister approved of the location map (as per section 90) and sanctioned the plans, profiles, and book of reference, as per section 92?

2. What is the maximum gradient and the maximum and minimum of curvature, as shown on the plans and profiles sanctioned by the Minister?

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

“1. Yes. Yes.

“2. Grades—Mainland: Maximum, 0.4 per cent.

Grades—Island: Maximum, 1.5 per cent.

Curves—Mainland: Maximum, 10°; minimum, 0.30°.

Curves—Island: Maximum, 12°; minimum, 0.30°.”

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act respecting the ‘Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911,’” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

Thursday, 25th January, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *Herman A. Carson*.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act respecting the ‘Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911,’” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

By Mr. *Watson*—Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to incorporate Ryerson College.”

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Miller*—Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act for the Relief of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Fernie.”

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Miller*—Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act for the Relief of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Fernie.”

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *W. Manson*—Bill (No. 57) intituled “An Act to confirm and validate a By-law of the City of Prince Rupert, being By-law No. 59, and known as ‘By-law of the City of Prince Rupert to provide for the Construction of a Hydro-electric System to supply Prince Rupert with Water, Electric Light, and Power, and to create and secure a Debt for the Purpose of constructing the said System amounting to Five hundred and fifty thousand Dollars, and also to validate any Debentures issued or to be issued under the said By-law.’”

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Thomson*—Bill (No. 55) intituled “An Act granting Extension of Time to Victoria Harbour Railway Company.”

Referred to the Railway Committee.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4 p.m.

Friday, 26th January, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *T. R. Heneage*.

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act respecting the ‘Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911,’” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Eighth Day of June, 1911, between His Majesty the King in the Right of the Province of British Columbia, the City of Prince Rupert, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, and the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Company, Limited,” was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

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

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

(No. 2) An Act respecting the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911."

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

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:—

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
26th January, 1912.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petition have been complied with, namely:—

Petition No. 2.—Vancouver Incorporation Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL F. MACKAY,
Chairman.

The report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Thomson*, Private Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to enable the City of Victoria to issue Inscribed or Registered Stock of Uniform Date of Maturity" was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

And then the House adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

Monday, 29th January, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *T. W. Gladstone*.

Mr. *W. Manson* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Nanaimo, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a tramway, Nanaimo to Extension. (No. 12.)

Laid on the table.

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

Whereas, by subsection (c) of section 7 of the Schedule to the "Canadian Northern Agreement," being chapter 3 of the Statutes of 1910, it is enacted: "That the workmen and labourers employed in or about the construction of the said lines of railway shall be paid such rates of wages as may be currently payable to workmen and labourers engaged in similar occupation in the districts in which the said lines of railway are being constructed"; and

Whereas it is a matter of public knowledge that workmen are paid at the rate of two dollars and twenty-five cents per day, both as rock-drillers and general labourers, on the Canadian Northern construction in the Electoral District of Esquimalt; and

Whereas the current rate of wages in Esquimalt District for work of a similar character to the above is much higher than that paid by the Canadian Northern:

Therefore, be it Resolved, That this House censure the Government for its failure to protect the workers on the Canadian Northern construction.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. *Tisdall*, Private Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Have any person or persons or body corporate made application to the Government to acquire any portion of the lands known as the Songhees Indian Reserve in the City of Victoria?
2. If so, what persons or bodies corporate have made such application?
3. How much land has been applied for in each case?
4. For what purpose was these lands required?
5. Will the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company be entitled to obtain a free grant of any of these lands under the provisions of paragraph (d) of clause 13 of the Schedule to chap. 3, 1910?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. (a.) C. E. Stewart.

(b.) William Turpel.

(c.) W. J. Pendray.

(d.) Corporation of the City of Victoria.

(e.) Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway.

(f.) The Victoria Harbour Railway.

"3. (a.) Lots 6 and 7.

(b.) Area not stated.

(c.) Nine-tenths of an acre.

(d.) Twenty-five acres.

(e.) and (f.) Area not stated.

"4. (a.) and (b.) Shipyard purposes.

(c.) Manufacturing purposes.

(d.) Park and school purposes.

(e.) and (f.) Right-of-way and terminal purposes.

"5. No."

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipalities Incorporation Act.’”

Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Inheritance Act.’”

Mr. *Shaw* presented a petition from J. W. McCallum and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the City of Salmon Arm. (No. 13.)

Laid on the table.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, 30th January, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *Robert Connell*.

The following petitions were received:—

From the Corporation of the City of Nanaimo, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a tramway, Nanaimo to Extension. (No. 12.)

From J. W. McCallum and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the City of Salmon Arm. (No. 13.)

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Brewster* on 24th January, as follows:—

That whereas Canada and the Mother-country are agreed that it is right and reasonable that all the partners in the Empire should contribute towards the naval defence of that Empire:

And whereas the speedy completion of the Panama Canal must enormously increase the shipping business of this coast:

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, respectfully requesting him to urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of taking such immediate steps as will lead to the creation of a Canadian fleet unit in the Pacific and to the establishment of a naval base on this coast with such promptitude as to make ready for the revolution in sea trade likely to be effected by the completion of the Panama Canal.

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *McPhillips*:—

That all the words in the Resolution after the word “coast” in the second paragraph be struck out, and the following words be substituted therefor:—

“And whereas the Government of Canada has decided that any scheme of naval defence, to be effective, must be by co-operation with the Mother-country and the other parts of the Empire:

“Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Dominion Government be urged that, in view of the great importance for the immediate and adequate protection of the Pacific Coast of Canada, the question of naval defence be considered at the earliest possible date:

“And be it further Resolved, That His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be requested to forward a copy of the Resolution as amended to the Honourable the Secretary of State at Ottawa.”

After some debate, the amendment and the resolution were withdrawn.

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. How many acres of land have been pre-empted in each year, 1905 to 1911 (inclusive) ?
2. How many acres of land have been sold in each year, 1905 to 1911 (inclusive) ?
3. How many acres of land have been Crown-granted to pre-emptors in each year, 1905 to 1911 (inclusive) ?
4. How many acres of land have been Crown-granted to purchasers in each year, 1905 to 1911 (inclusive) ?
5. What were the classifications of the lands sold in each year from 1905 to 1911, giving amount of land under classification ?
6. What amount of revenue has been received in each year, 1905 to 1911 (inclusive), from the sale of Crown lands ?

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

“1. Taking the number of records issued and assigning 160 acres to each record, the amounts are as follows:—

	1905—	152,800	acres.
	1906—	167,680	”
	1907—	131,760	”
	1908—	245,600	”
	1909—	259,200	”
	1910—	327,840	”
	1911—	381,280	”
“ 2.	1905—	50,101	”
	1906—	225,883	”
	1907—	211,550	”
	1908—	181,211	”
	1909—	645,389	”
	1910—	2,006,173	”
	1911—	918,669	”
“ 3.	1905—	41,000	”
	1906—	45,000	”
	1907—	50,000	”
	1908—	41,553	”

1909—	60,286	acres.
1910—	59,348	”
1911—	109,685	”
“ 4. 1905—	94,153	”
1906—	275,145	”
1907—	533,419	”
1908—	163,224	”
1909—	282,390	”
1910—	249,968	”
1911—	396,215	”

“ 5. The classification of lands is not given in the Crown grants, and would have to be extracted from the district registers.

“ 6. 1905—\$	141,510	83.
1906—	189,391	92.
1907—	663,035	31.
1908—	548,036	00.
1909—	528,604	64.
1910—	2,618,188	75.
1911—	2,431,231	36.”

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

1. What rates of wages are paid to rock-drillers and labourers, respectively, on the Kettle River Valley Railway construction?
2. What is the lowest rate of wages paid on above work?

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

- “ 1. Rock-drillers, \$2.75; labourers, \$2.50.
- “ 2. Above.”

Bill (No. 5) intituled “ An Act to ratify an Agreement bearing Date the Eighth Day of June, 1911, between His Majesty the King in the Right of the Province of British Columbia, the City of Prince Rupert, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, and the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Company, Limited,” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Ross* presented a return of Alienations of Indian Reserves under section 80 of the “ Land Act.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.50 p.m.

Wednesday, 31st January, 1912.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *Robert Connell*.

Mr. *Watson* presented a petition from Geo. E. Macdonald and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Vancouver Grain Exchange. (No. 14.)
Received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
31st January, 1912.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petitions have been complied with, namely:—

Petition No. 3—West Vancouver Incorporation Act.

Petition No. 13—Incorporation of the City of Salmon Arm.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL F. MACKAY,
Chairman.

The report was received.

Mr. *Mackay* presented the Fifth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
31st January, 1912.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preambles of the undermentioned Bills have been proved and the Bills ordered to be reported with amendments:—

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate Ryerson College."

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act validating By-laws Nos. 86 and 91 of the City of Fernie."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL F. MACKAY,
Chairman.

The report was received.

Mr. *Mackay* presented the Sixth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
31st January, 1912.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time limited for receiving petitions for Private Bills be extended to February 8th next.

That the time limited for presenting Private Bills to the House be extended to February 15th next.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL F. MACKAY,
Chairman.

The report was received and adopted.

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

What action, if any, has been taken by the Government to give effect to the resolution passed by this House last Session regarding the cost of coal?

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

“A copy of the Resolution was sent to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, on February 8th, 1911, asking that the Dominion authorities take the matter up, as the Provincial Government considered such an inquiry one for the Dominion to deal with, and stating that it was the earnest desire of this Government that some steps be taken to have an inquiry instituted.

“An acknowledgment was received from the Department, dated February 16th, 1911, stating that the matter would be brought to the attention of Council at an early date.

“A further communication was sent from the Provincial Government on July 20th, 1911, to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, asking if any further action had been taken; and a reply was received, dated July 31st, 1911, stating that the matter would be brought to the attention of the Minister of Trade and Commerce at the earliest opportunity.

“Owing to the Dominion elections intervening, and considering the importance of the subject, the Provincial Government intends to at once bring the matter again to the attention of the Dominion Government and to ask for an inquiry. In the event of an answer in the negative, it is the intention of the Provincial Government to cause an inquiry to be instituted.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act respecting Forests and Crown Timber Lands, and the Conservation and Preservation of Standing Timber, and the Regulation of Commerce in Timber and Products of the Forest.”

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

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

By Mr. *Cotton*—Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to divide North Vancouver Municipality.”

By Mr. *Shaw*—Bill (No. 62) intituled “An Act to incorporate the City of Salmon Arm.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4 p.m.
