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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF THE PROVINCE OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SESSION 1910.

Thursday, 20th January, 1910.

THREE O'CLOCK, P.M.

This being the first day of the first 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 JAMES DUNSMUIR, late Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 18th day of October, 1909, the Members having been sworn took their seats.

His Honour THOMAS WILSON PATERSON, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Honourable Dr. Young, 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. McPhillips, Member for The Islands District, addressing himself to the Clerk of the House, moved, seconded by Mr. Jardine, Member for Esquimalt District, that D. M. Eberts, Esquire, Member for Saanich District, do take the Speaker's Chair and preside over the meeting of this Assembly, and it was so Resolved.

Mr. *Fell*, the Clerk of the House, having declared *David McEwen Eberts*, 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 King and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Honourable Dr. *Young* then said :—

MR. SPEAKER :

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to His 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 recognise and allow, their constitutional privileges.

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :

In assuming your duties at this, the First Session of the Twelfth Parliament of British Columbia, you find the trade and industries of the Province in an exceptionally satisfactory condition, a state of affairs upon which I am greatly pleased to congratulate you and the country at large. Healthy and substantial progress has been most marked, and it is gratifying to note the great and increasing development in the northern portion of British Columbia. I would impress upon you that a continuance of this prosperity will be materially aided by your efforts in the enactment of wise and progressive legislation.

During the past year the Province was honoured by an informal visit from His Excellency Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada, and I take this occasion to advert to the very favourable impression which he created through his urbane and cordial demeanour towards all and his marked interest in the industrial affairs and social life of the community.

The visit to this Province last year of Lord Strathcona, High Commissioner for Canada, evinced the great interest which he has always taken in this part of the Dominion.

Before proceeding to outline the various matters of business with which you will be asked to deal, I count it a privilege to testify to the sterling qualities of my esteemed predecessor, the Honourable James Dunsmuir, and to assure him of the respect in which he is held by the people of British Columbia as a result of the worthiness and dignity with which he discharged the duties of his high office.

It is eminently fitting to refer to the celebration at New Westminster during the month of October last, of the fiftieth anniversary of the landing in British Columbia of the Royal Engineers, a body of men whose remarkable pioneer work in opening up the Province is most worthy of commemoration.

It is gratifying that I am enabled to inform you that the financial condition of the Province is the most satisfactory in its history, showing such a substantial surplus as to permit of a considerable reduction in taxation, while not interfering with the expenditures necessary to the efficient administration of Provincial affairs.

It is also a pleasure to note that the reorganisation of the Department of Agriculture, undertaken a year ago, is already producing gratifying results.

I am pleased to observe the honours won by British Columbia fruit at the exhibitions in Canada, Great Britain and the United States, and to congratulate our fruit-growers on the success which has crowned their efforts. The fruit exhibit from this Province again won the highest honours and the gold medal at London, in competition with the whole Empire.

Several important measures will be submitted for your consideration, chief of which will be those relating to the construction of new railways and the extension of existing lines.

You will be asked to pass upon a contract providing for the building of some six hundred miles of trunk line, with provisions for branches and connections, by the Canadian Northern Railway Company, by means of which it is contemplated to furnish transportation facilities to a very extensive and valuable section of the Province, and materially reduce the cost of freight and passenger traffic.

A Bill will also be submitted to you to enable an extension of the Kettle River Valley Railway from its present terminus to Nicola. This railway, as well as the Canadian Northern, will run through districts richly endowed with timber and minerals, and with agricultural, fruit and pastoral lands, the development of which has heretofore been retarded for lack of railway communication.

Acting upon authority granted by the Legislature at the last Session, Commissioners have been appointed to revise and consolidate the Statutes of the Province, and this important work will be proceeded with immediately.

In order to secure the most suitable site for the University of British Columbia you will be asked to confirm the appointment of a Commission, composed of disinterested professional gentlemen, to whom will be assigned the task of selecting a location for that Institution.

The Forestry Commissioners have collected a great mass of valuable information and evidence bearing upon the subject of their investigations, the primary results of which will be presented to you in the form of an Interim Report.

At the request of the Imperial Government, and with a view of having uniform laws throughout the Empire relating to Companies, your assistance will be invoked in simplifying and consolidating the various Acts in relation to Companies.

As some apprehension appears to exist among licensees of timber lands as to the effect of the terms upon which licences are held, it is proposed to settle the question as to the continuity of tenure of these licences by an amendment to the Land Act.

On account of the great increase in the work of the Provincial Courts, it has been deemed advisable to call into force by Proclamation the "Court of Appeal Act, 1907." The establishment of this Court will greatly facilitate the Administration of Justice and tend to lessen the costs and avoid the delays of litigation.

As questions have arisen as to the jurisdiction, rights and privileges possessed by British Columbia in the fisheries, water rights within the Dominion Railway Belt, and as to title in the lands known as Indian Reserves, my advisors have taken steps to bring about a determination of these matters.

The Civil Service Commissioners have completed the work of grading, classifying and adjusting the salaries of the members of the Civil Service, and the results of their findings will be laid before you.

The Public Accounts for the past fiscal year will be laid before you early in the Session.

The Estimates of Expenditure for the coming year, which have been calculated with the object of securing the best results in the public interest, while having due regard for economy, will be submitted for your favourable consideration.

Gentlemen, in leaving you to your deliberations, I assure you of my confidence that the work entrusted to you will be well and faithfully performed.

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

Prayers by the Lord Bishop of Columbia.

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

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

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

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills ;
2. On Public Accounts ;
3. On Printing ;
4. On Railways ;
5. On Mining ;
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 Public Inquiries 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. Mr. *McBride*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*,—

Resolved, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration on Friday, January 21st, instant.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented the Public Accounts of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1909.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented the Annual Report of the Provincial Board of Health.

The Certificate of the Return of Members elected to represent the Electoral Districts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly was presented by the Clerk and *Ordered* placed on the Journals of the House.

"PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

"VICTORIA, 13th January, 1910.

"Whereas His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia, by Proclamation dated the eighteenth day of October, 1909, was pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the said Province ;

"And whereas it was necessary to hold Elections throughout the said Province to fill the vacancies caused by such dissolution :

"I now have to report that the said Elections have been held, and I hereby certify that the certificates of the respective Returning Officers have been returned to me, whereby it

appears that Members were elected to represent the said Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof for the respective Electoral Districts as is hereinafter set forth, namely, for—

VICTORIA CITY	{ Honourable Richard McBride. Frederick Davey. Henry Frederick William Behnsen. Henry Broughton Thomson.
SAANICH	David McEwen Eberts.
ESQUIMALT	John Jardine.
COWICHAN	William Henry Hayward.
THE ISLANDS	Albert Edward McPhillips.
NEWCASTLE	Parker Williams.
NANAIMO CITY	James Hurst Hawthornthwaite.
ALBERNI	Harlan Carey Brewster.
COMOX	Michael Manson.
DELTA	Francis James A. MacKenzie.
CHILLIWHAKE	Samuel Arthur Cawley.
DEWDNEY	William J. Manson.
RICHMOND	Honourable Francis Lovett Carter-Cotton.
NEW WESTMINSTER CITY	Thomas Gifford.
VANCOUVER CITY	{ Honourable William John Bowser. Henry Holgate Watson. Alexander Henry B. Macgowan. Charles Edward Tisdall. George Albert McGuire.
ATLIN	Honourable Henry Esson Young.
SKEENA	William Manson.
CARIBOO	{ Michael Callanan. John Anderson Fraser.
LILLOOET	Archibald McDonald.
YALE	Honourable Richard McBride.
KAMLOOPS	James Pearson Shaw.
OKANAGAN	Honourable Price Ellison.
SIMILKAMEEN	Lytton Wilmot Shatford.
GREENWOOD	John Robert Jackson.
GRAND FORKS	Ernest Miller.
REVELSTOKE	Honourable Thomas Taylor.
SLOCAN	William Hunter.
YMIR	James Hargraves Schofield.
NELSON CITY	Harry Wright.
ROSSLAND CITY	William Robert Braden.
KASLO	Neil Franklin Mackay.
COLUMBIA	Henry George Parson.
CRANBROOK	Thomas Donald Caven.
FERNIE	William Roderick Ross.

“ A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
“ Deputy Provincial Secretary.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:45 o'clock, P.M.

Friday, 21st January, 1910.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

The following petitions were presented :—

By Mr. *Macgowan*—From *C. T. Dunbar* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to Incorporate the Port Moody, Indian River and Northern Railway Company. (No. 2.)

By Mr. *Macgowan*—From *W. H. Armstrong* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to revive and confirm the "Vancouver and Nicola Valley Railway Company Act, 1908." (No. 3.)

By Mr. *Tisdall*—From *Alvo Von Alvensleben* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to Incorporate the Vancouver-Westminster Terminal Railway and Dock Company. (No. 18.)

By Mr. *Tisdall*—From *H. Abbott* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to Incorporate the Western Union Fire Insurance Company. (No. 19.)

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. *Miller* moved, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*,—

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

1. It is highly gratifying to find that upon the opening of the First Session of the Twelfth Parliament of British Columbia the trade and industries of the Province are in an exceptionally satisfactory condition, and that great and increasing development is taking place in the northern portion of British Columbia. We are convinced that a continuance of this prosperity will be materially aided by the enactment of wise and progressive legislation.

2. We have noted with pleasure the very favourable impression which His Excellency Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada, created through his urbane and cordial demeanour towards all, and his marked interest in the industrial affairs and social life of the community, upon the informal visit which His Excellency made to this Province during the past year.

3. We were also pleased to observe that last year Lord Strathcona, High Commissioner for Canada, evinced the great interest which he has always taken in this part of the Dominion by paying a visit to British Columbia.

4. We join His Honour in testifying to the sterling qualities of His Honour's esteemed predecessor, the Honourable James Dunsmuir, and in assuring him of the respect in which he is held by the people of British Columbia, as a result of the worthiness and dignity with which he discharged the duties of his office, and we take this opportunity of congratulating the people of the Province upon the appointment of His Honour to the high office of Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia in succession to the Honourable James Dunsmuir.

5. It was eminently fitting that in the month of October last there was celebrated at New Westminster the fiftieth anniversary of the landing in British Columbia of the Royal Engineers. We heartily agree with His Honour that they were a body of men whose remarkable pioneer work in opening up the Province is most worthy of commemoration.

6. It is gratifying to be informed that the financial condition of the Province is the most satisfactory in its history, showing such a substantial surplus as to permit of a considerable reduction in taxation, while not interfering with the expenditures necessary to the efficient administration of Provincial affairs.

7. It is also a pleasure to note that the reorganisation of the Department of Agriculture, undertaken a year ago, is already producing gratifying results.

8. We are pleased to observe the honours won by British Columbia fruit at the exhibitions in Canada, Great Britain and the United States, and to congratulate our fruit-growers on the success which has crowned their efforts—the fruit exhibit from this Province having again won the highest honours and the gold medal at London in competition with the whole Empire.

9. The important measures relating to the construction of new railways, the extension of existing lines, and the contract providing for the building of some six hundred miles of trunk line, with provision for branches and connections, by the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company, by means of which it is contemplated to furnish transportation facilities to a very extensive and valuable section of the Province, and materially to reduce the cost of freight and passenger traffic, will receive our most careful consideration.

10. We regard the extension of the Kettle River Valley Railway from its present terminus to Nicola as very important, as this railway, as well as the Canadian Northern Pacific, will run through districts richly endowed with timber and minerals, and with agricultural, fruit and pastoral lands, the development of which has heretofore been retarded by lack of railway communication.

11. It is, no doubt, advisable that the important work of revising and consolidating the Statutes of the Province should be proceeded with immediately.

12. In order to secure the most suitable site for the University of British Columbia we shall confirm the appointment of a Commission, composed of disinterested professional gentlemen, to whom will be assigned the task of selecting a location for that Institution.

13. We are pleased to be informed that the Forestry Commissioners have collected a great mass of valuable information and evidence bearing upon the subject of their investigations, the primary results of which will be presented to us in the form of an Interim Report.

14. We deem it proper that with a view of having uniform Company laws throughout the Empire, the various Acts in relation to Companies should be simplified, consolidated and as far as expedient brought into conformity with the "Imperial Companies Consolidation Act, 1908."

15. As some apprehension appears to exist among licensees of timber lands as to the effect of the terms upon which licences are held, we think it expedient to settle the question as to the continuity of tenure of these licences by an amendment to the Land Act.

16. On account of the great increase in the work of the Provincial Courts, we have no doubt it was advisable to call into force by Proclamation the "Court of Appeal Act, 1907," and that the establishment of this Court will greatly facilitate the Administration of Justice and tend to lessen the costs and avoid the delays of litigation.

17. As questions have arisen as to the jurisdiction, rights and privileges possessed by British Columbia in the fisheries of the Province, in water rights within the Dominion Railway Belt, and as to title to the lands known as Indian Reserves, we consider His Honour's advisors have acted in the interests of the Province in taking steps to bring about a determination of these matters.

18. We are pleased to be informed that the Civil Service Commissioners have completed the work of grading, classifying and adjusting the salaries of the members of the Civil Service, and that the results of their findings will be laid before us.

19. The Public Accounts for the past fiscal year, and the Estimates of Expenditure for the coming year, when submitted to us, will receive our most careful consideration.

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 4 P.M.

Monday, 24th January, 1910.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

The following petitions were presented :—

By Mr. *Fraser*—From *Edgar Bloomfield* and *Basil Jayne*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Willow River Dredge Company. (No. 9.)

By Mr. *Macgowan*—From *W. H. Barker* and *R. J. Ker*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the British Columbia Packers' Association. (No. 10.)

By Mr. *Hayward*—From *J. H. McDonald* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Menzies Bay Railway Company. (No. 11.)

By Mr. *Tisdall*—From the British Columbia Fruit Lands Company, Ltd., and the Kamloops Fruitland Irrigation and Power Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for amalgamation and confirmation of their powers. (No. 12.)

By Mr. *Tisdall*—From the Corporation of the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900. (No. 25.)

By Mr. *Gifford*—From *A. D. McRae* and *R. J. McRae*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Comox Logging and Railway Company. (No. 24.)

By Mr. *Macgowan*—From *S. J. Castleman* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Island Valley Railway Company. (No. 14.)

By Mr. *William Manson*—From *E. P. Davis* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Columbia and Alaska Railway Company. (No. 23.)

The following petitions were received :—

From *C. T. Dunbar* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Port Moody, Indian River and Northern Railway Company. (No. 2.)

From the Vancouver and Nicola Valley Railway Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to revive, ratify and confirm the "Vancouver and Nicola Valley Railway Company Act, 1908." (No. 3.)

From *Alvo Von Alvensleben* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Vancouver-Westminster Terminal Railway and Dock Company. (No. 18.)

From *H. Abbott* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Western Union Fire Insurance Company. (No. 19.)

The following Members were appointed on the Standing Committees :—

Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders—Messrs. *Ross, Mackay, Shatford, Thomson, McGuire, Brewster* and *Jardine*.

Committee on Mining—Messrs. *Schofield, Callanan, Braden, Behnson, Wright, Manson* (Comox), *Caven, Hunter, Jackson, Mackay, McDonald* and *Williams*.

Committee on Railways—Messrs. *Macgowan, Cawley, Fraser, Caven, Braden, Gifford, Hunter, Manson* (Comox), *Miller, Manson* (Dewdney), *McDonald, McGuire, Shaw, Tisdall, Brewster, Jardine, Williams* and *Hawthornthwaite*.

Committee on Public Accounts—Messrs. *Davey, Tisdall, Fraser, Manson* (Skeena), *Parson* and *Hawthornthwaite*.

Committee on Agriculture—Messrs. *Shatford, Shaw, Callanan, Hayward, Jackson, Mackenzie, Cawley, Jardine* and *Williams*.

Committee on Municipal Matters—Messrs. *Hayward, Manson* (Skeena), *Gifford, Davey, Behnson, Cawley, Mackenzie, Miller, Watson, Schofield, Wright, Brewster* and *Jardine*.

Committee on Printing—Messrs. *McPhillips, Parson, Manson* (Dewdney), *Watson* and *Jardine*.

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 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 4:10 P.M.

Tuesday, 25th January, 1910.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. *Behnsen*—From *G. H. Burns* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Campbell River Power Company, Ltd. (No. 16.)

By Mr. *Fraser*—From *Jean Wolkenstein* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the British Columbia and Alaska Railway Company. (No. 1.)

By Mr. *Miller*—From the Great West Permanent Loan Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill transferring and vesting in the Great West Permanent Loan Company the business of the Great West Permanent Loan and Savings Company. (No. 6.)

The following petitions were received:—

From *Edgar Bloomfield* and *Basil Jayne*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Willow River Dredge Company. (No. 9.)

From *W. H. Darker* and *R. J. Ker*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the British Columbia Packers' Association. (No. 10.)

From *J. H. McDonald* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Menzies Bay Railway Company. (No. 11.)

From the British Columbia Fruit Lands Company, Ltd., and the Kamloops Fruitland Irrigation and Power Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for amalgamation and confirmation of their powers. (No. 12.)

From the Corporation of the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900. (No. 25.)

From *A. D. McRae* and *R. J. McRae*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Comox Logging and Railway Company. (No. 24.)

From *S. J. Castleman* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Island Valley Railway Company. (No. 14.)

From *E. P. Davis* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Columbia and Alaska Railway Company. (No. 23.)

The Hon. Dr. *Young* presented the Interim Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry on Timber and Forestry.

The Hon. Dr. *Young* presented the Report from the Minister of Justice upon the Acts of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia passed during the Session of 1909.

The Hon. Dr. *Young* presented the Thirty-eighth Annual Report of the Public Schools of British Columbia.

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 until the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Hayward* presented a petition from the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay, for leave to introduce a Private Bill giving enlarged powers. (No. 8.)

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

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

Wednesday, 26th January, 1910.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. *Thomson*—From the B. C. Mainland and Coast Industrial Company, Ltd., for leave to introduce a Private Bill granting them enlarged powers. (No. 7.)

By Mr. *Tisdall*—From the Corporation of the City of Vancouver, for a Private Bill to amend the "False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904." (No. 26.)

By *William Manson*—From the Graham Island Railway Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act. (No. 4.)

By *William Manson*—From *H. R. Bellamy* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the "Graham Island Railway Company." (No. 17.)

The following petitions were received:—

From *G. H. Burns* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Campbell River Power Company, Ltd. (No. 16.)

From *Jean Wolkenstein* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the British Columbia and Alaska Railway Company. (No. 1.)

From the Great West Permanent Loan Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill transferring and vesting in the Great West Permanent Loan Company the business of the Great West Permanent Loan and Savings Company. (No. 6.)

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 26th, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

Petition No. 3.—Vancouver and Nicola Valley Railroad.

Petition No. 18.—Vancouver-Westminster Terminal Railway and Dock Company.

Petition No. 12.—B. C. Fruitlands Company, Ltd., and Kamloops Company (Water Amalgamation).

Petition No. 11.—Menziess Bay Logging Railway Company.

Petition No. 14.—Island Valley Railway Company.

Petition No. 2.—Port Moody, Indian River and Northern Railway Company.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. R. ROSS,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 26th, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

Petition No. 19.—Western Union Fire Insurance Company.

That the Standing Orders in connection with this Petition have not been complied with, inasmuch as the Petition asks for additional powers to those advertised in the newspapers and Gazette, but your Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. R. ROSS,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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 until the next sitting of the House.

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

The following Private Bills were introduced and referred to the Railway Committee :—

By Mr. Macgowan—Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Port Moody, Indian River and Northern Railway Company.”

By Mr. Macgowan—Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to Revive, Ratify and Confirm the ‘Vancouver and Nicola Valley Railway Company Act, 1908.’”

By Mr. Tisdall—Bill (No. 67) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver-Westminster Terminal Railway and Dock Company.”

By Mr. Macgowan—Bill (No. 63) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Island Valley Railway Company.”

And then the House adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

Thursday, 27th January, 1910.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. Jno. Campbell, Ph.D.

The following petitions were presented :—

By Mr. Davey—From the Governing Council of the Salvation Army, for leave to introduce a Private Bill granting enlarged powers. (No. 5.)

By Mr. Tisdall—From the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate “The City of South Vancouver.” (No. 13.)

By Mr. W. Manson—From Robt. Cassidy and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Northern B. C. Telephone Company. (No. 15.)

The following petitions were received :—

From the B. C. Mainland and Coast Industrial Company, Ltd., for leave to introduce a Private Bill granting them enlarged powers. (No. 7.)

From the Corporation of the City of Vancouver, for a Private Bill to amend the "False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904." (No. 26.)

From the Graham Island Railway Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act. (No. 4.)

From *H. R. Bellamy* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the "Graham Island Railway Company." (No. 17.)

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *Hayward*, Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Menzies Bay Railway Company," was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Railway Committee.

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

By the Hon. Dr. *Young*—Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to provide for the Medical Inspection of Schools."

By the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*—Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Appointment Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*—Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners Act.'"

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

1. Is it the intention of the Government to complete the Alberni-Comox waggon road during 1910?

2. What amounts have been expended on this road to date?

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

"1. No.

"2. Surveys, construction, etc.:—1905-6, \$830; 1906-7, \$3,369.90; 1907-8, \$633.47; 1908-9, \$928.46; 1909-10, \$75.45 = \$5,837.28."

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

1. Is it the intention of the Department hereafter to observe the following Resolution at the High School entrance examinations :—"That all the questions shall be within the scope of the text-book and upon the subject under examination"?

2. Will it be necessary for public school pupils hereafter to present the drawing work done in their books at school to the presiding examiner at the entrance examinations?

3. Did the Superintendent of Education explain to the Provincial School Trustees' Convention at Revelstoke that the Governor-General's bronze medals were given to places that sent up the most pupils at the High School entrance examinations? If no, what explanation did he give?

4. Is it the intention of the Department to procure Governor-General's bronze medals for the following pupils :—*David McNair*, of Armstrong; *Leana Leary*, of Ladners; *Mary I.*

Bigger, of Kelowna; *Dorothy C. Jones*, of Golden; *Eloise Street*, of Chilliwack; *Pearl V. Leverington*, of Armstrong; *Marjorie McGillivray*, of Chilliwack; *Mary Palmer*, of Cranbrook; *Olive Young*, of Peachland; *Vivia R. Fulton*, of Summerland; *Charles Lawrence*, of North Vancouver; and *Cecile Boyd*, of Collingwood?

5. Is it the intention of the Department hereafter to examine the pupils of any city school on the rural set of questions at any High School entrance examination?

6. Were any marks deducted from the pupils' answers to the questions on the spelling paper at the last entrance examination on account of misplaced capitals or misplaced punctuation marks?

7. What are the requisites in order that a place may have the honour of receiving a Governor-General's bronze medal this year?

8. Is it the intention of the Department to publish a notice in future "Annual Schools Report," calling attention to the unreliability of the Inspectors' detailed reports as published in former "Annual Reports"?

9. Is it the intention of the Department hereafter to publish in the "Annual Public Schools Report" the Inspectors' detailed reports of their visits to each school?

10. Was *David Blair*, the Drawing Master, paid anything for attending the Teachers' Convention held at New Westminster in January, 1906? If yes, what amount?

The Hon. Dr. *Young* replied as follows:—

"1. The Department will continue to prepare examination papers acceptable to all fair-minded teachers.

"2. That has been the usual practice.

"3. No. The Superintendent stated that bronze medals were first given to schools in incorporated cities.

"4. No.

"5. No decision has been arrived at.

"6. It is not considered in the public interest to publish the details of departmental examinations.

"7. No decision has been arrived at.

"8. The Department does not admit unreliability in the case of Inspectors' reports.

"9. The question has not been discussed.

"10. No."

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

Is it the intention of the Government at an early date to remove the tolls for passenger and vehicular traffic from New Westminster Bridge?

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

"The proposal to remove these tolls is at present receiving the consideration of the Government."

On the motion of Mr. *Tisdall*, Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act relating to the British Columbia Fruit Lands Company, Limited, and the Kamloops Fruitland Irrigation and Power Company, Limited, confirming the latter Company in its rights, and enabling both Companies to amalgamate their Water Rights," was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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.

Friday, 28th January, 1910.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. W. L. Clay.

Mr. Thomson presented a petition from William B. Garrard and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Northern Vancouver Island Railway Company. (No. 28.)

The following petitions were received :—

From the Governing Council of the Salvation Army, for leave to introduce a Private Bill granting enlarged powers. (No. 5.)

From the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate "The City of South Vancouver." (No. 13.)

From Robt. Cassidy and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Northern B. C. Telephone Company. (No. 15.)

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment of Juvenile Courts," was introduced, read a first time and Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Inquiries Act,'" was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners Act,'" was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Appointment Act,'" was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Provincial Industrial School.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Annual Report of the Provincial Game Warden (as required by section 37 of the "Game Act") for the year ending 31st December, 1909.

On the motion of Mr. Tisdall, Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Western Union Fire Insurance Company," was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. Tisdall moved, seconded by Mr. Gifford,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to call the attention of the Dominion Government to the urgent necessity of some action being taken looking to the better settlement of the lands in the Dominion Railway Belt in the Fraser River valley.

A debate arose, which was adjourned to Wednesday next.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Shatford, it was Resolved,—

That Report No. 2 of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, reported on 26th January, be adopted.

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

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

Monday, 31st January, 1910.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *T. Ernest Holling*.

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 amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
31st January, 1910.

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. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" 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.

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 amend the 'Extra-Municipal Trade Licences Act, 1907,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
31st January, 1910.

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. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Extra-Municipal Trade Licences Act, 1907,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading to-morrow.

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.

The following petitions were presented :—

By Mr. *Tisdall*—From the Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley and Northern Railway Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act. (No. 20.)

By Mr. *Tisdall*—From *J. C. Keith* and others, for leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate the British Columbia Central Railway Company. (No. 21.)

By Mr. *Fraser*—From *W. F. Dumphy* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Cariboo, Barkerville and Willow River Railway Company. (No. 22.)

By Mr. *Thomson*—From the City of Victoria, opposing Private Bill presented by Oak Bay Municipality. (No. 8A.)

The petition from *William B. Garrard* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Northern Vancouver Island Railway Company (No. 28), was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 31st, 1910.

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 :—

- No. 6.—Great West Permanent Loan Company.
 - No. 1.—British Columbia and Alaska Company.
 - No. 25.—*Re* amendment to Vancouver Incorporation Act.
 - No. 26.—False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904.
 - No. 23.—Columbia and Alaska Railway Company.
 - No. 8.—*Re* the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay.
 - No. 13.—Municipality of South Vancouver.
 - No. 5.—Salvation Army Act.
 - No. 15.—Northern B. C. Telephone.
- All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. ROSS,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 31st, 1910.

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 :—

- No. 4.—The Graham Island Railway Amendment Act.
- No. 17.—The Graham Island Railway Company.

But, inasmuch as these are two separate and distinct Corporations, your Committee would recommend that a change of name be made in one of them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. ROSS,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 31st, 1910.

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 until Tuesday, February 8th, 1910.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. ROSS,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to provide for the Medical Inspection of Schools" was read a first time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the Coroners Act" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the Public Inquiries Act" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Hon. Dr. *Young* 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 amend the 'Public Schools Act, 1905,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
31st January, 1910.

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. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act, 1905,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended and the second reading of the Bill moved.

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

Mr. *Manson* presented a petition from the Synod of the Diocese of Caledonia, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Diocese of Caledonia. (No. 27.)

The Hon. Mr. *Bowser* presented a Statement showing Special Warrants signed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the expenditure incurred thereon, between 1st April, 1909, and 29th January, 1910.

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

By Mr. *Tisdall*—Bill (No. 62) intituled “ An Act to incorporate the City of South Vancouver.”

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Tisdall*—Bill (No. 74) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900.’ ”

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Tisdall*—Bill (No. 75) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904.’ ”

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Fraser*—Bill (No. 50) intituled “ An Act to incorporate the British Columbia and Alaska Railway Company.”

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Miller*—Bill (No. 55) intituled “ An Act respecting the Great West Permanent Loan Company.”

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Hayward*—Bill (No. 57) intituled “ An Act to confer upon the Council of the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay certain Powers in addition to those conferred by the Municipal Clauses Act.”

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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.

Tuesday, 1st February, 1910.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *T. Ernest Holling*.

The following petition was presented :—

By Mr. *Thomson*—From the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill authorising it to enter into a certain contract with the B. C. Electric Railway Company.

The following petitions were received :—

From the Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley and Northern Railway Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act. (No. 20.)

From *J. C. Keith* and others, for leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate the British Columbia Central Railway Company. (No. 21.)

From *W. F. Dunphy* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Cariboo, Barkerville and Willow River Railway Company. (No. 22.)

From the City of Victoria, opposing Private Bill presented by Oak Bay Municipality. (No. 8A.)

From the Synod of the Diocese of Caledonia, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Diocese of Caledonia. (No. 27.)

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 1st, 1910.

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 :—

No. 24.—The Comox Logging and Railway Company.

No. 7.—The B. C. Mainland and Coast Industrial Company, Limited.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. ROSS,
Chairman.

The report was received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*, Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Factories Act, 1908,’” was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the Public Inquiries Act” was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The report on Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the Coroners Act” was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Order for the House to consider Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to provide for the Medical Inspection of Schools” in Committee of the Whole was discharged.

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the Notaries Appointment Act,” was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Schools Act, 1905,’” was resumed.

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

The Hon. Dr. *Young* 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 provide for the Medical Inspection of Schools,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
1st February, 1910.

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 Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to provide for the Medical Inspection of Schools,” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
 Bill introduced and read a first time.
 Second reading to-morrow.

The Hon. Dr. *Young* 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 Crown Costs," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
1st February, 1910.

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. 9) intituled "An Act respecting Crown Costs," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Report adopted.
 Bill introduced and read a first time.
 Second reading to-morrow.

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

By Mr. *Gifford*—Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Comox Logging and Railway Company.
 Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Thomson*—Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to authorise the B. C. Mainland and Coast Industrial Company, Limited, to construct Railways and Tramways for the purposes of its undertaking, lay Gas Pipes and transmit Electricity, and conferring other powers."
 Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Davey*—Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting the Salvation Army."
 Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Wm. Manson*—Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to revive, confirm and ratify the incorporation of the Graham Island 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 a 5:10 P.M.

Wednesday, 2nd February, 1910.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *T. Ernest Holling*.

The following petition was presented :—

By Mr. *Mackay*—From *J. Goodfellow*, opposing Private Bill (No. 65) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Campbell River Power Company.” (No. 16A.)

The following petition was received :—From the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill authorising it to enter into a certain contract with the B. C. Electric Railway Company. (No. 29.)

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Tisdall*, and seconded by Mr. *Gifford*, on 28th January last, as follows :—

“That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to call the attention of the Dominion Government to the urgent necessity of some action being taken looking to the better settlement of the lands in the Dominion Railway Belt in the Fraser River Valley.”

On the motion of Mr. *Parson*, seconded by Mr. *Shaw*, all the words after the word “Belt,” in the third line, were struck out, and the following words inserted in their place, viz.: “throughout the Province.”

Resolution, as amended, carried on the following division :—

YEAS—32.

Messieurs

<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>
<i>Watson,</i>	<i>Callanan,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Cawley,</i>	<i>Behnsen,</i>	<i>McGuire,</i>
<i>Braden,</i>	<i>Caven,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Mackay,</i>
<i>Manson, M.,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Manson, W. J.,</i>	<i>Parson,</i>
<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Young,</i>	<i>Davey.</i>

NAYS—4.

Messieurs

<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>
		<i>Jardine.</i>

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

1. What is the annual salary now paid to Mr. *Wilson*, the chief of the Free Text-book Branch?
2. Does this cover all his services rendered to the Department of Education, or is he paid an additional amount as Provincial Examiner? If so, what amount is he so paid?
3. Who does his work in the Free Text-book Branch while he is doing the work of a Provincial Examiner?
4. What was the cause of the delay in sending out the text-books this year, so that many schools were kept without books for some weeks after the schools opened?
5. What steps does the Minister propose to take to prevent a repetition of this delay?
6. Are the Inspectors of Schools paid anything besides their ordinary salaries for their services in connection with the examinations?

The Hon. Dr. *Young* replied as follows :—

“1. \$1,980.

“2. \$200 as Examiner.

“3. No person assumes Mr. *Wilson's* duties during his absence.

- "4. Satisfactory supervision of the work was not possible during Mr. *Wilson's* absence.
 "5. The matter is now receiving the attention of the Minister.
 "6. No."

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the Public Inquiries Act" was read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Mr. *Ellison* presented a Return of alienations of reversionary interest of the Province in Indian Reserves, in accordance with section 80 of the Land Act.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the Coroners Act" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to provide for the Medical Inspection of Schools" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the Notaries Appointment Act" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act, 1905.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act, 1908,' " was read a second time on the following division :—

YEAS—21.

Messieurs

<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>
<i>Watson,</i>	<i>Callanan,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>
<i>Braden,</i>	<i>Cawley,</i>	<i>Behnsen,</i>	<i>Mackay,</i>
<i>Manson, M.,</i>	<i>Caven,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Parson,</i>
<i>Manson, W.,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Manson, W. J.,</i>	<i>Davey.</i>
<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Young,</i>	

NAYS—4.

Messieurs

<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>Jardine.</i>
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To be committed to-morrow.

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

By Mr. *Miller*—Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Northern British Columbia Telephone Company.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Watson*—Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Graham Island 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 4:50 P.M.

Thursday, 3rd February, 1910.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. T. Tapscott*.

The following petitions were presented :—

By Mr. *Tisdall*—From *J. C. Keith* and others, opposing Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to incorporate the British Columbia and Alaska Railway Company.” (No. 1A.)

By Mr. *Tisdall*—From the Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley and Northern Railway Company, opposing Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to incorporate the British Columbia and Alaska Railway Company.” (No. 1B.)

By Mr. *Miller*—From *W. J. Walker* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Fire and Stock Insurance Company. (No. 30.)

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 3rd, 1910.

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. 28.—Northern Vancouver Island Railway Company.

Petition No. 16.—The Campbell River Power Company, Limited.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. ROSS,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 3rd, 1910.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

The preamble proved of—

Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Port Moody, Indian River and Northern Railway Company.”

Bill (No. 60) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Menzies Bay Railway Company.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. B. MACGOWAN,
Chairman.

The report was received.

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the Notaries Appointment Act” was read a third time and passed.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Assessment Act, 1903,’” a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to provide for the Medical Inspection of Schools” was 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.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 3rd, 1910.

Petition No. 10, B. C. Packers' Association.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That your Committee finds that the published notices do not clearly and distinctly set forth all the objects of the application as required by Rule 59, but inasmuch as the parties interested are now registered under the Companies Act, and all extraordinary powers asked for and not included in the present incorporation are specially set forth in the published advertisements, the public interests will not be injuriously affected by allowing the Bill to proceed, and as your Committee will again have an opportunity of scrutinising the clauses of the Bill, your Committee would recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. ROSS,
Chairman.

The report was received.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Friday, 4th February, 1910.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. F. T. Tapscott.

The following petitions were received :—

From J. C. Keith and others, opposing Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia and Alaska Railway Company." (No. 1A.)

From the Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley and Northern Railway Company, opposing Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia and Alaska Railway Company." (No. 1B.)

From W. J. Walker and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Fire and Stock Insurance Company. (No. 30.)

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

Resolution reported and adopted.

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

That this House will, on Wednesday next, 9th February, resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

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

1. Are the teachers required by the School Act to teach diligently and faithfully?
2. Are the teachers required *strictly* to obey the rules and regulations prescribed?

3. Did the Council of Public Instruction prescribe a course of study for the senior grade of the public schools?

4. Did it order the Department to hold examinations on the work of the senior grade for entrance to the high school?

5. Did it prescribe the work in Canadian history to be as in the prescribed text-books?

6. Was it possible for the pupils to have answered all the questions that have been asked at the entrance examinations in Canadian history during the past five years if the rule to teach—as in the prescribed text—had been *strictly* obeyed—

In British history?

In geography?

In arithmetic?

7. Are the teachers asked *each* month if they have *strictly* obeyed all rules and regulations?

8. Does the School Act require all teachers to verify by affidavit before a Justice of the Peace any returns the Superintendent may require to be so verified?

9. Could a teacher state on oath that he had *strictly* obeyed the rules if he taught Canadian history otherwise than as in the prescribed text?

10. Did Inspector *Wilson* state in his report of his visit to the Crofton School on March 22nd, 1906, "Teacher working hard to secure improvement"?

11. Does the Public Schools Report for that school-year state that the teacher during the school-year was *R. Offerhaus*?

12. Was not *R. Offerhaus* dead and buried some time in November, 1905?

13. Do these facts not show that the Inspectors' reports are unreliable?

The Hon. Dr. *Young* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. Yes.

"4. Yes.

"5. Yes, but the Education Department expects that in every up-to-date school information supplied in the text-book on Canadian history shall be supplemented by the teacher's knowledge of current events, and so *mutatis mutandis* of every other subject prescribed in the Course of Study.

"6. Yes, when read with answer to 5.

"7. Yes.

"8. Yes.

"9. Yes, when read with answer to 5.

"10. Yes.

"11. *R. Offerhaus* presumably taught at Crofton a part of the school-year 1905-6. Inspector *Wilson* reported that Miss *Olive Kandle* was in charge when he inspected the school on March 22nd, 1906.

"12. The Department does not know.

"13. No."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment of Juvenile Courts" was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Thomson*, Private Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Northern Vancouver Island Railway Company" was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Railway Committee.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:10 P.M.