

Monday, 1st April, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. B. Allen*.

Mr. *Houston* moved, seconded by Mr. *Green*,—

Whereas the question of granting a charter for a railway from the *Crow's Nest Pass Coal Mines* to the International Boundary is one that concerns the future success of mining, which is the greatest industry in British Columbia:

Be it, therefore, Resolved, That if such railway is needed to insure the rapid development of the coal mines in that district, in the opinion of this House, its construction should be undertaken as a Provincial public work.

Mr. Speaker *Booth*: This motion seeks to control the policy of the Government, and, if passed by the House, would be an imperative instruction to the Government upon a question of railway policy and the expenditure of public moneys thereunder. The motion is out of order. See decisions in 1897, pages 18, 36 and 49 of the Journals.

Mr. *Martin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Curtis*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the *City of Vancouver* and the Government with regard to the use of the Market shed for conducting the recent bye-election in *Vancouver*, and in connection with the charge of \$50 made for the same by the said city.

Withdrawn, with leave.

Mr. *Curtis* moved, seconded by Mr. *Martin*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all proposals made to the Government since the first day of July last, soliciting aid by way of bonus or subsidy for the building of any railways in the Province of British Columbia, and particularly with reference to railway lines: 1st, on *Graham Island*; 2nd, on *Vancouver Island*; 3rd, from a point on the mainland coast from or near *Kitimaat Inlet* to the northern boundary of the Province; 4th, from the coast near the mouth of the *Fraser River* eastward south of such river to *Chilliwack* and across the *Hope Mountains* to that part of *Yale* known as the *Boundary* country and beyond; 5th, from or near *Vernon* to or near to *Rock Creek*; together with any answers made thereto.

Also, a Return of any correspondence with regard to the building of any other railroads in the Province during such period.

Also a Return of any advertisements inserted by the Government in newspapers of the Province during the present year, with regard to the building of any railroads, giving the names of such newspapers.

Also a Return of the terms and conditions to be supplied by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and referred to in such advertisements.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Munro—11.</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>Green,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Mounce—25.</i>
<i>Turner,</i>			

The following Petitions were presented :—

By Mr. *Tailow*, from *Thos. Dunn & Co., Limited*, and others, *re* proposed amendments to the “Explosives Storage Act.”

By Mr. *Curtis*, from *John Riordan* and others, residents of *Phoenix*, *re* Government ownership of railways.

By the Hon. Mr. *Prentice*, from *Alfred Parr* and others, residents of *Ymir*, *re* Government ownership of railways.

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

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to authorise Grants of Land to British Columbia Volunteers serving in the South African War,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*22nd March, 1901.*

*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 Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to authorise Grants of Land to British Columbia Volunteers serving in the South African War.”

Mr. *Pooley*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill.  
Report adopted.  
Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* presented a Statement of the names and places of residence of Collectors of Revenue paid by Commission, rate of same, and date of authority therefor.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:15 o'clock, P. M.

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Tuesday, 2nd April, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. B. Allen*.

The following Petitions were received :—

From *Isaac Harris* and others, of *South Wellington*, *re* Government ownership of railways.

From *J. E. Skinner* and others, of *Slocan City*, *re* Government ownership of railways.

From *Thos. Dunn & Co., Limited*, and others, *re* proposed amendments to the “Explosives Storage Act.”

From *John Riordan* and others, residents of *Phoenix*, *re* Government ownership of railways.

From *Alfred Parr* and others, residents of *Ymir*, *re* Government ownership of railways.

On the motion of Mr. *Fulton*, seconded by Mr. *Garden*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Rule 65*a*, adopted on 27th August, 1900 (*see Journals*, p. 175), be repealed, and the following substituted therefor:—

“65*a*. The following words shall be adopted as a Model Railway Bill:—

### MODEL RAILWAY BILL.

#### BILL.

#### An Act to Incorporate the

**WHEREAS** a petition has been presented praying for the incorporation of a company to construct and operate railways as hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the petition:

Therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1.

together with such persons as become shareholders in the company hereby incorporated, are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter called “the company.”

2. The head office of the company shall be in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ but may be changed to such other place in Canada as is fixed by by-law passed at an annual general meeting or at any special meeting.

3. The company may lay out, construct and operate a railway of the gauge of four feet eight and one-half inches, from \_\_\_\_\_

4. The capital stock of the company shall be \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, divided into \_\_\_\_\_ shares of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars each, and may be called up by the directors from time to time as they deem necessary.

5. So soon as one hundred thousand dollars of the capital stock shall have been subscribed and allotted, and ten per cent. of the amount shall have been paid into some chartered bank in Canada, the provisional directors shall call a meeting of the shareholders of the company at the place where the head office is situate, at such time as they shall think proper, giving the notice prescribed by section 6 of this Act, at which meeting the shareholders who have paid ten per cent. on the amount of stock subscribed by them shall, from the shareholders, elect not less than five directors (of whom a majority shall form a quorum for the transaction of business), who shall hold office until others are elected.

6. Public notice of the first meeting of the shareholders of the company shall be given by advertisement published for at least thirty days in the *British Columbia Gazette*, and in one newspaper published in the place where the head office is situate, and by a twenty days' notice in writing to each shareholder, delivered to him personally or mailed, properly directed, to him at his last known place of abode, in which notice shall be specified the place and the day and the hour of meeting. All such notices shall be published at least weekly, and a copy of such *Gazette* and newspaper containing such notice shall, on production thereof, be evidence of the sufficiency of such notice.

7. The persons named in the first section of this Act shall be and are hereby constituted provisional directors of the company—a majority of whom shall form a quorum—with power to add to the number, but so that the directors shall not in all exceed fifteen in number. The board of directors, so constituted, shall have all the powers hereby conferred upon the directors of the company, and they shall hold office until the first election of directors under this Act.

8. The first annual general meeting of the company shall be held at such time as the directors of the company may determine, and all subsequent annual general meetings shall be held at such time as may be prescribed by the company in general meeting; and if no other

time is prescribed, the annual general meeting shall be held on the third Wednesday of October in each year, at which annual general meetings a board of not less than five directors (of whom a majority shall form a quorum for the transaction of business) for the management of the company's affairs shall be elected.

9. No director shall be disqualified from holding office by reason of or on account of his being concerned, directly or indirectly, in any other company or association, or in any contracts with the company, or on account of his receiving any pay or remuneration from the company as such director or otherwise.

10. No failure to elect directors or to hold the first or any annual meeting shall operate as a dissolution of the company; but anything omitted to be done may afterwards be performed at a meeting called in conformity to the by-laws specially for the purpose.

11. The company may issue bonds, debentures or other securities to the extent of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars per mile of the railway and branches, and such bonds, debentures or other securities may be issued only in proportion to the length of railway constructed or under contract to be constructed:

Provided, however, that no such bonds, debentures or other securities shall be issued unless the directors have been authorised so to do by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority at any general or special meeting for that purpose among others called, at which meeting shareholders representing at least two-thirds in value of the subscribed stock of the company are present or are represented by proxy.

12. The company shall have power to promote any other company or incorporation or association of persons for any purposes which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit the company, and for that purpose to obtain any Act of Parliament which may seem expedient, and to oppose any proceedings or applications which may seem calculated, directly or indirectly, to prejudice the company's interests.

13. The company may from time to time, for advances of money, pledge any stock, debentures or bonds which under the powers of this Act can be issued for the construction of the railway, or other purposes of the company hereby authorised.

14. The company may enter into any agreement for conveying or leasing to any other railway, steamship, transportation, telegraph or telephone company, in whole or in part, the lines of railway or branches, telegraph or telephone lines, which the company by this Act is empowered to construct and operate, or for an amalgamation with any other such company if lawfully empowered to enter into such agreement, or for forming any traffic or other arrangements with any railway or steamboat or transportation company, the whole upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the contracting parties: Provided that each such agreement has been first sanctioned by two-thirds of the votes at a special general meeting of the shareholders duly called for the purpose of considering the same, at which meeting shareholders representing at least two-thirds in value of the stock are present in person or represented by proxy, and provided also that each such agreement shall be assented to by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

- (1.) Such assent shall not be signified until after notice of the proposed application therefor has been published for thirty days in the British Columbia Gazette, and also in one newspaper circulating in the district in which the railway of the company runs.
- (2.) A duplicate of each agreement referred to in this section shall, within thirty days after its execution, be filed in the office of the Provincial Secretary, and notice thereof shall be given by the company in the British Columbia Gazette, and the production of the British Columbia Gazette containing such notice shall be *prima facie* evidence of the requirements of this Act having been complied with.

15. The company may undertake to transmit messages for the public by its line of telegraph or telephone and collect tolls for so doing.

16. The company may carry on a general express business, either as a separate undertaking or in connection with its railway.

17. The company may acquire and hold lands by way of bonus, privilege, concession, or grant from any Government, or from any municipal or other corporation, or from any person, and to alienate, sell or dispose of the same.

18. The company may, with the consent of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, take from any public lands adjacent to or near the line of the said railway, or branches, all stone, timber or gravel and other material which may be necessary or useful for the construction of the railway, and also to fill in upon any public lands.

19. The company shall have power to collect and receive all charges subject to which goods or commodities may come into their possession, and on payment of such charges, and without any formal transfer, shall have the same lien for the amount thereof upon such goods and commodities as the person to whom such charges were originally due, and shall be subrogated by such payment in all the rights and remedies of such persons for such charges.

20. The clauses or sections of the "British Columbia Railway Act," and all future amendments thereto, shall apply to this company, in the same manner and to the extent as if the same had been set forth clause by clause in this Act.

21. The company shall, within six months after the coming into force of this Act, deposit with the Minister of Finance and Agriculture the sum of five thousand dollars, either in cash, or securities approved by said Minister, as security that the company will expend not less than ten thousand dollars in surveys or construction of the railway hereby authorised to be built, before the \_\_\_\_\_, and in default of such expenditure the aforesaid deposit of money or securities shall be forfeited to and become the property of the Government; and should such security not be deposited as aforesaid, or should such expenditure not be made within such time, all the rights and privileges conferred by this Act shall be null and void.

22. Any Act hereafter passed for the purpose of controlling, regulating or affecting companies incorporated by the Legislature of British Columbia with regard to any matter or thing dealt with by this Act, shall apply to the company from the time such Act goes into effect, and this section shall not be construed to imply that such Act would not apply to the company without the enactment of this section.

23. This Act may be cited as the "

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

Was any sum deducted from the salaries of teachers on account of their visiting the agricultural shows in their districts last year? If so, how much from each teacher, and who were the teachers so treated?

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

"No."

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Upper Columbia Navigation and Tramway Subsidy Act, 1892,'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting the Inspection of Steam Boilers and Engines, and the Examination and Licensing of Engineers in charge of Steam Boilers and Engines," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Magistrates Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Imperial Pacific Railway Company," was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act relating to certain By-laws of the Municipality of the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *McBride*, Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Crawford Bay Railway Company" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver and Grand Forks Railway Company" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Coast-Kootenay Railway Company, Limited," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Arrowhead and Kootenay Railway Company Act, 1898,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

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

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Wednesday, 3rd April, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. B. Allen*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Poison Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.



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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return giving an abstract of the receipts and expenditures of the Province for the half-year ending 31st December, 1900.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this House a copy of the memorial presented by the committee of the salmon-canning industry of British Columbia to the Government.

On the motion of Mr. *Taylor*, seconded by Mr. *Murphy*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all the correspondence between the Government and its Mining Recorder and Gold Commissioner at *Rossland* and the various claimants with regard to the "Pack Train," "Olivette," "Legal Tender," and "Legal Tender Fraction" Mineral Claims, situate at the *City of Rossland*, in the *Trail Creek Mining Division*, and particularly with the Departments of the Attorney-General, Minister of Mines, and of Lands and Works; also, of the application of *Edmund Haney* for a fiat to enable him to bring a petition of right, and the correspondence with regard to same; also, of all records of the said mineral claims, and copies of all judgments rendered by the Courts with regard to the title or ownership of the said mineral claims; also, the dates of Certificates of Improvements and Crown grants of said claims issued, and the persons to whom issued; also, particulars of the action begun at the suit of the Attorney-General to set aside the Certificate of Improvements for the "Pack Train" Mineral Claim; also, the name of solicitors and counsel from time to time, giving dates, acting on behalf of the Attorney-General in such suit; and copies of any orders made in such suit or proceedings, including orders changing solicitors.

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

1. Was Mr. *Hill*, C. E., employed to make a survey in connection with proposed Government work on *Salmon River Flats (Langley Municipality)*?
2. Did Mr. *Hill* make a second or additional survey for the purposes of the said proposed work?
3. If so, why was such second or additional survey necessary?
4. What was the cost of the second or additional survey?
5. What was the total cost of these surveys?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. No.
- "3. Answered in reply to question 2.
- "4. Answered in reply to questions 2 and 3.
- "5. \$85.25.

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

1. What was the total amount of personal property tax collected in 1900?
2. What was the amount of personal property tax collected in different cities?
3. What was the amount of personal property tax collected in rural districts?

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

- "1. \$73,442.70.
- "2. Victoria,                 \$20,663 25  
Vancouver,                 13,175 21  
Nanaimo,                    3,773 50  
New Westminster,         2,672 15

\$40,284 11

"NOTE.—The amount of personal property tax collected in other cities is not given, as the collections are included in and cannot be separated from those of the Electoral Districts.

- "3. \$33,158.59."

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

1. Was Mr. *Robert Green*, C. E., employed by the Government in surveying for dyking purposes at or near *Glenvalley, New Westminster District*?
2. If Mr. *Green* was so employed, for what length of time was Mr. *Green* employed?
3. What is the total amount paid (or to be paid) to Mr. *Green* for services rendered in connection with these surveys?
4. What has been the total cost of surveys made in connection with these proposed dyking works?
5. How many acres of land are included in this dyking area?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Five months and twenty-two days.
- "3. \$749.60.
- "4. \$1,511.77.
- "5. 2,500 acres."

On the motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Midway and Vernon Railway Company"—

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved that the following be added as new sections:—

"The Company shall, before the railway is opened for the carriage of freight and passengers, give security to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council—

"(1.) That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall have the absolute control of the rates for freight and passenger traffic:

"(2.) That in the event of a charter being granted by the Dominion Government to the promoters herein for a line of railway over or parallel to the route proposed in this Act, the foregoing conditions shall be assumed and carried out by the Company so incorporated, as a contract and obligation of said Company prior to any other charge thereon."

Mr. *Martin* moved in amendment—That all the words after "sections" be struck out and the following substituted therefor:—

"This Act shall not come into force or effect until such time as the Company shall give security to the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council—

"(1.) That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall have the absolute control of the rates for freight and passenger traffic:

"(2.) That in the event of Dominion legislation bringing this railway company under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, the foregoing conditions shall be carried out by the company hereby incorporated, as a contract and obligation of said company prior to any other charge thereon."

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

The Report on Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act relating to certain By-laws of the Municipality of the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver and Grand Forks Railway Company" was considered.

Mr. *Munro* moved to amend section 3 by striking out, in line 6, the words "Town of Chilliwack," and insert in lieu thereof the following words:—"Chilliwack Court House."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Arrowhead and Kootenay Railway Company Act, 1898,'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.



Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Comox and Cape Scott Railway Company" was committed.

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

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company" was committed.

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

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Yale Northern Railway Company" was committed.

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

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Victoria Terminal Railway and Ferry Company" was committed.

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

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Mining Association" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.  
Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Central Railway Company" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock on Tuesday, the 16th instant.

Mr. Hall presented the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
1st April, 1901.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That they recommend the printing of the following documents, viz.:

1. Petition asking that a clause authorising committee of miners to decide competency of underground miners be inserted in the "Coal Mines Regulation Act."

2. Return showing all moneys (under classified heads) collected during the past fiscal year by the Gold Commissioners and Mining Recorders of Trail Creek, Grand Forks and Kettle River Mining Divisions, respectively.

3. Statement of Special Warrants signed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the expenditure incurred thereon, between the 1st of July, 1900, and the 25th March, 1901.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

RICHARD HALL,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

And then the House adjourned at 5:15 o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, 16th April, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Wilson*.

The following Petitions were presented:—

By Mr. *Curtis*, from *J. Fisher* and others, *re* Government ownership of railways.

By Mr. *Green*, from *John Keen* and others, *re* storage of explosives.

By the Hon. Mr. *Dunsmuir*, from *Herbert Woodward* and others, residents of *Vancouver*, *re* Government ownership of railways.

By Mr. *Houston*, from *A. W. Wright* and others, *re* storage of explosives.

By the Hon. Mr. *Dunsmuir*, from *W. J. Higginson* and others, of *Sumas* and vicinity, opposing increase of Provincial Revenue Tax.

On the motion of Mr. *Martin*, Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 163 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, being the 'British Columbia Railway Act,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved, seconded by Mr. *Houston*,—

Whereas lead mining in British Columbia has grown into a most important industry, giving employment to a large number of men at high wages, supporting the population of an extensive area in the *Kootenay Districts*, and adding much to the general prosperity of the country; and

Whereas the increase and development of the industry are certain under favourable conditions, which conditions mainly depend on the miners being able to get their ore smelted at a reasonable charge for freight and treatment; and

Whereas the demand for these lead ores by smelters in the United States has almost ceased, and the capacity of the smelters now operating in British Columbia is totally inadequate to treat the output of these mines, some of which have already lessened their output and others have closed down on account of this difficulty; and

Whereas no means of refining base bullion exists to-day in Canada, thereby necessitating the shipment to United States refineries of the lead product of Canadian smelters, and a much higher rate for refining lead than formerly is now being demanded by the American Smelting and Refining Trust; and

Whereas there is no tendency observable to increase the smelting capacity in the districts now suffering, while the danger of having to pay excessive rates for refining continues; and

Whereas the establishment of a lead refinery readily accessible to the lead-producing districts would undoubtedly lead to the erection of more furnaces, and thus afford the lead mining industry the relief it now so urgently stands in need of:

Therefore, be it Resolved, That this House, being of the opinion that the establishment of a lead refinery in an accessible position in the Province of British Columbia is the surest and best way of fostering and encouraging the lead mining industry of British Columbia, and that a bounty for five years of \$5 per ton on pig lead, the product from ores mined, smelted and refined in British Columbia, would be of great assistance to establish this new industry, would respectfully request the Government of this Province to take this matter into their serious consideration.

Be it further Resolved, That if a bounty be granted, the Provincial Government should retain the power of interfering in case more than fair and profitable rates were charged.

Mr. Speaker *Booth* ruled the motion out of order, as leading up to the expression of an express or abstract opinion of the House, recommending the expenditure of public money. See Rule 45.

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

Whereas lead mining in British Columbia has grown into a most important industry, giving employment to a large number of men at high wages, supporting the population of an extensive area in the *Kootenay Districts*, and adding much to the general prosperity of the country; and

Whereas the increase and development of the industry are certain under favourable conditions, which conditions mainly depend on the miners being able to get their ore smelted at a reasonable charge for freight and treatment; and

Whereas the demand for these lead ores by smelters in the United States has almost ceased, and the capacity of the smelters now operating in British Columbia is totally inadequate to treat the output of these mines, some of which have already lessened their output and others have closed down on account of this difficulty; and

Whereas no means of refining base bullion exists to-day in Canada, thereby necessitating the shipment to United States refineries of the lead product of Canadian smelters, and a much higher rate for refining lead than formerly is now being demanded by the American Smelting and Refining Trust; and

Whereas there is no tendency observable to increase the smelting capacity in the districts now suffering, while the danger of having to pay excessive rates for refining continues; and

Whereas the establishment of a lead refinery readily accessible to the lead-producing districts would undoubtedly lead to the erection of more furnaces, and thus afford the lead mining industry the relief it now so urgently stands in need of:

Therefore, be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to communicate with the Dominion Government that the establishment of a lead refinery in an accessible portion in Canada is the surest and best means of fostering and encouraging the lead mining industry of British Columbia, and respectfully urging upon that Government that to aid this industry and assist it until fully established a bounty be granted for five years of \$5 per ton of pig lead, the product from ores mined, smelted and refined in Canada.

Be it further Resolved, That if a bounty be granted, the Government should retain the power of interfering in case more than fair and profitable rates were charged.

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* presented a Return to an Address for copies of all reports made by a member of the Provincial Government to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and any report made by any member of the Dominion Government, upon the Statutes passed by the Legislature of this Province at the last Session, together with all correspondence relating to all of the reports.

The Report on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was considered.

Mr. *Martin* moved to strike out section 4.

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*McInnes,*  
*Gilmour,*  
*Stables,*

*Smith, E. C.,*  
*Oliver,*  
*Hawthornthwaite,*

*Brown,*  
*Martin,*

*Curtis,*  
*Garden—10.*

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Neill,*  
*Kidd,*  
*Green,*  
*Houston,*  
*Hall,*  
*McPhillips,*

*Helmcken,*  
*Turner,*  
*Dunsmuir,*  
*Eberts,*  
*Smith, A. W.,*  
*Ellison,*

*Clifford,*  
*Tatlow,*  
*Hayward,*  
*Fulton,*  
*Prentice,*  
*Wells,*

*McBride,*  
*Murphy,*  
*Rogers,*  
*Taylor,*  
*Dickie,*  
*Mounce—24.*

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Upper Columbia Navigation and Tramway Subsidy Act, 1892,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* presented a Return to an Address for a copy of the memorial presented by the committee of the salmon-canning industry of British Columbia to the Government.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting the Inspection of Steam Boilers and Engines, and the Examination and Licensing of Engineers in charge of Steam Boilers and Engines," 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.

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

Wednesday, 17th April, 1901.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Wilson*.

Mr. *Martin* presented a Petition from *Geo. F. Pound* and others, *re* Government ownership of railways.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wells*, Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896," was introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Fulton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ellison*,—

Whereas there are considerable areas of land in the dry belt of the Interior of this Province, which, if a sufficient water supply were obtainable, could be irrigated and brought under cultivation, and prove of great value:

And whereas, every year, large quantities of water run to waste down the streams in the dry belt, which, if some practicable system of storing same were devised, could be conserved and utilized for irrigating the aforesaid lands:

Be it therefore Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government of this Province should take immediate steps to investigate fully the question of irrigation in this Province, and, if possible, to devise means of bringing the arid lands of the dry belt under cultivation.

Ruled out of order. *See* Rule 45.

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

Was any sum deducted from the salaries of teachers during the time agricultural shows were being held in their districts last year? If so, why, and from what teachers?

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

“The following sums were deducted from the salaries of the teachers of the undermentioned schools during the months of August, September, October and November (these being the months in which agricultural fairs are usually held), 1900, in conformity with the provisions of clause 3, article 4, of the Rules and Regulations. The Education Department is unable to furnish information showing in what instances such deductions were made on account of teachers attending agricultural fairs :—

	August.	September.	October.	November.
<b>ALBERNI DISTRICT :</b>				
Clayoquot .....	\$4 85	\$1 65		
Quatsino .....			\$1 60	\$1 65
<b>CARIBOO DISTRICT :</b>				
Quesnel .....	1 30			
Williams Lake .....	5 80			
<b>COMOX DISTRICT :</b>				
Comox .....		\$1 85		
Courtenay .....		1 85		
Cumberland—Principal .....		1 35		
" 1st Assistant .....		1 05		
" 2nd " .....		85		
" 3rd " .....		85		
" 4th " .....		85		
Denman Island .....	\$3 25	1 65		
Grantham .....		1 65		
Puntledge .....		1 85		
Read Island .....		1 65		
Valdez Island .....		4 00		
<b>COWICHAN DISTRICT :</b>				
Chemainus Landing .....		1 85		
Malahat .....			4 00	
Shawnigan .....		85		
<b>ESQUIMALT DISTRICT :</b>				
Goldstream .....			1 60	
<b>EAST, KOOTENAY DISTRICT :</b>				
Elko .....	3 25			
Ferne, 3rd Assistant .....	3 25			
Kimberley .....		1 65		
Peterborough .....	1 60			
<b>WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT :</b>				
Arrowhead .....	3 25			
Comaplix .....	3 25			
Grand Forks, 1st Assistant .....	2 40			
Kaslo, Principal .....		2 35		
" 1st Assistant .....		1 85		
" 2nd " .....		1 65		
Kettle River, North .....			1 60	
Nelson, 3rd Division .....		92		
Rossland, 7th " .....			4 85	
Sandon, Principal .....	1 95		1 95	
" Assistant .....	1 60		3 20	
Silverton .....	1 80			
Ymir .....		4 00		
<b>LILLOET DISTRICT :</b>				
Lac la Hache, South .....			1 60	
<b>SOUTH NANAIMO DISTRICT :</b>				
Alexandria .....	90		1 75	
Cedar, South .....			1 60	
Gabriola, South .....			1 60	
Southfield .....	1 60			
Van Anda .....	1 80			

	August.	September.	October.	November.
<b>NORTH NANAIMO DISTRICT :</b>				
Burgoyne Bay .....		3 65		
Ganges .....		4 00		
<b>SOUTH VICTORIA DISTRICT :</b>				
Saanich, West .....		85		
<b>WESTMINSTER DISTRICT :</b>				
Abbotsford .....		1 65	3 20	
Aldergrove .....			1 60	
Annedale .....			3 20	
Atchelitz .....		1 65		
Beaver .....		1 65		
Belmont .....		1 65		
Brownsville .....			3 20	
Burnaby .....			3 20	
Burton .....		1 65		
<b>WESTMINSTER DISTRICT—Concluded.</b>				
Camp Slough .....		\$1 65		
Centre Road .....			\$0 65	
Cheam .....		1 65		
Chilliwack, East .....		1 65		
"    South, Teacher .....		1 85		
"    "    Monitor .....		1 35		
Clayton .....			3 20	
Cloverdale .....		1 85	3 55	
Delta .....			1 60	
English .....	\$1 60			
Fairfield .....		1 65		
Ferndale .....		1 65		
Glenvalley .....		1 65		
Glenwood .....	1 30	1 35		
Hall's Prairie .....			1 60	
Haney .....			3 20	
"    East .....			2 60	
Harrison Hot Springs .....		1 65		
Hatzic .....		3 35		
Jubilee .....		2 65		
Junction .....			3 20	
Kensington .....		1 65	1 60	
"    East .....		1 35		
Ladner, Principal .....			1 95	
"    1st Assistant .....			1 60	
"    2nd    "    .....			1 60	
Langley .....		1 85		
"    East .....		1 65	1 60	
"    Prairie .....		1 65		
Lillooet, South .....			3 20	
Lochiel .....			3 20	
Lulu .....			1 60	
Matsqui .....		1 35		
Mission, Principal .....		2 00	1 95	
"    Assistant .....		1 65	1 60	
Moodyville .....			3 55	
Mount Lehman .....			1 60	
Mud Bay .....		1 65	3 20	
North Arm .....		1 85		
Port Kells .....		1 65	3 20	
Port Moody .....			1 60	
Prairie .....		1 65		
Rosedale .....		1 65		
Sea Island, Principal .....		2 00		
"    Assistant .....		1 65		
Silverdale .....		1 65		
Steveston .....			1 75	
Sumas .....		1 65		
"    South .....		1 65		
Sunbury .....			2 60	
Surrey Centre .....		1 65	1 60	
Tynehead .....			3 20	



	August.	September.	October.	November.
<b>WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.—Concluded.</b>				
Vancouver, East.....			1 75	
" South.....			1 75	
Vedder Mountain.....		1 35		
Webster's Corners.....			2 60	
Westham.....			3 20	
Whonnock.....	6 45			
<b>YALE DISTRICT:</b>				
Anarchist Mountain.....	80			
Ashcroft, Principal.....			2 90	
" Assistant.....			2 40	
Blue Springs.....		6 65		
Cache Creek.....			1 95	
Commonage.....		1 65	1 60	
Deep Creek.....		1 85		
Ducks.....		3 35		85
Enderby.....		4 00		
Hope Station.....				\$2 65
Kamloops, Principal.....		1 45		
" 1st Assistant.....		1 05		
" 2nd.....		90		
" 3rd.....		80		
Kelowna.....		4 00		
Lansdowne.....		1 65		
Lumby.....		3 35		
Nicola.....			1 75	
North Thompson.....	\$3 25	3 35		
" West.....	6 15	8 35		
Notch Hill.....	1 60			
Okanagan.....		1 65		
" Landing.....	1 30			
" South.....		1 65		
Otter Lake.....		1 65		
Salmon Arm, East.....		3 65		
" West.....		1 65		
Shuswap.....		3 65		
Spallumcheen.....		1 85		
Tappen Siding.....		1 30	1 30	
Vernon, Principal.....		5 35		2 65
" 1st Assistant.....		3 65		
" 2nd.....		3 35		
" 3rd.....		3 35		

The adjourned debate on the third reading of Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Midway and Vernon Railway Company," and on the amendment thereto moved (3rd April) by the Hon. Mr. Eberts, as follows:—

"That the following be added as new sections:—

"The Company shall, before the railway is opened for the carriage of freight and passengers, give security to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council—

"(1.) That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall have the absolute control of the rates for freight and passenger traffic:

"(2.) That in the event of a charter being granted by the Dominion Government to the promoters herein for a line of railway over or parallel to the route proposed in this Act, the foregoing conditions shall be assumed and carried out by the Company so incorporated, as a contract and obligation of said Company prior to any other charge thereon"—

And the amendment to the amendment moved by Mr. Martin, as follows:—

"That all the words after 'sections' be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:

"This Act shall not come into force or effect until such time as the Company shall give security to the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council:

“(1.) That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall have the absolute control of the rates for freight and passenger traffic :

“(2.) That in the event of Dominion legislation bringing this railway company under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, the foregoing conditions shall be carried out by the company hereby incorporated, as a contract and obligation of said company prior to any other charge thereon.”—

was resumed.

The amendment to the amendment was withdrawn.

Mr. *Martin* moved in amendment to the amendment—

That all the words after the word “sections” be struck out, and the following substituted therefor :—

“This Act shall not come into force or effect until such time as the Company shall give security to the amount of one thousand dollars per mile of the railway, to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council :

“(1.) That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall have the right to fix maximum rates for freight and passenger traffic, and the Company shall not charge rates higher than those so fixed :

“(2.) That in the event of Dominion legislation bringing this railway company under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, the foregoing conditions shall be carried out by the company so incorporated, as a contract and obligation of said company prior to any other charge thereon.”

The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Crawford Bay Railway Company” was considered.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved to strike out the word “to,” in line 6 of clause 3, and insert the following words : “the Kootenay River opposite.”

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted :—

Bill (No. 59) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Comox and Cape Scott Railway Company.”

Bill (No. 57) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company.”

Bill (No. 73) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Yale Northern Railway Company.”

Bill (No. 60) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Victoria Terminal Railway and Ferry Company.”

Bills to be read a third time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 58) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Coast-Kootenay Railway Company, Limited,” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 69) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Crow’s Nest Southern Railway Company” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 70) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Central Railway Company” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

On the third reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'"—

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* moved to amend section 4, sub-sec. (1), by adding after the word "attendance," in the third line thereof, the following: "of pupils attending public schools."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* moved to amend section 4, sub-sec. (2), by adding after the word "attendance," in the third line thereof, the following: "of pupils attending public schools."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* moved to amend section 4, sub-sec. (3), by adding after the word "attendance," in the third line thereof, the following: "of pupils attending public schools."

Carried.

Mr. *Brown* moved—That section 4 be amended by striking out the figures "1,000," in the seventh line (being line 3 of sub-section (1) of section 21, as proposed to be re-enacted by said Bill), and substituting therefor the figures "1,200."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*McInnes,*  
*Gilmour,*  
*Stables,*

*E. C. Smith,*  
*Oliver,*

*Hawthornthwaite,*  
*Brown,*

*Martin,*  
*Curtis—9.*

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Neill,*  
*Munro,*  
*Kidd,*  
*Green,*  
*Houston,*  
*Hall,*  
*McPhillips,*

*Helmcken,*  
*Turner,*  
*Dunsmuir,*  
*Eberts,*  
*Smith, A. W.,*  
*Ellison,*

*Clifford,*  
*Tatlow,*  
*Hayward,*  
*Garden,*  
*Fulton,*  
*Prentice,*

*Wells,*  
*McBride,*  
*Murphy,*  
*Rogers,*  
*Taylor,*  
*Mounce—25.*

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Upper Columbia Navigation and Tramway Subsidy Act, 1892,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting the Inspection of Steam Boilers and Engines, and the Examination and Licensing of Engineers in charge of Steam Boilers and Engines," 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 5:45 o'clock, P. M.