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OF THE PROVINCE OF  
BRITISH COLUMBIA.  
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Thursday, 20th February, 1902.

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THREE O'CLOCK, P.M.

This being the first day of the third meeting of the Ninth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable Sir HENRY GUSTAVE JOLY DE LOTBINIERE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the ninth day of January, 1902.

His Honour the Honourable SIR HENRY GUSTAVE JOLY DE LOTBINIERE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Honourable Mr. *Prentice*, Acting 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 Member to preside over your Honourable Body, on account of the severe illness of the Speaker, who cannot attend. 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. *Price Ellison*, Member for *East Yale*, addressing himself to the Clerk of the House, moved, seconded by Mr. *Joseph Martin*, Member for *Vancouver*, that *Charles Edward Pooley*, Esquire, second Member for *Esquimalt District*, do take the Speaker's Chair and preside over the meeting of this Assembly, and it was so Resolved.

Mr. *Fell*, Clerk of the House, having declared *Charles Edward Pooley*, Esquire, duly elected, he was taken out of his place by the mover and seconder and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Presiding Member.

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 Presiding Member elect then spoke to the following effect:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly having elected me as their Presiding Member 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 Mr. *Prentice* then said—

MR. PRESIDING MEMBER:

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 recognize and allow, their constitutional rights.

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:*

I have much pleasure in welcoming you to the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament of British Columbia.

Since you last met the Province has been favoured with a visit from their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. The warm welcome and loyal enthusiasm which everywhere marked their reception demonstrated to them the continued and increasing devotion of his subjects in this part of the Empire to the person of His Majesty, and the very favourable impression produced on their Royal Highnesses was to me exceedingly gratifying.

I have to inform you that the Coronation of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII. will take place on the 20th of June proximo. The Premiers of the several Provinces of Canada have been officially asked to attend, and it has been my pleasing duty to convey to His Excellency, on behalf of my First Minister, an acceptance of this invitation.

It is to be regretted that the war in South Africa unavoidably still continues. There is, however, every indication of hostilities being brought to a satisfactory conclusion at an early date, when an opportunity will be afforded to the citizens of this Province bearing arms there to return to their homes.

In view of the unfavourable conditions which affected the mining industry during 1901, it is especially gratifying to know that the output of the mines considerably exceeded that of any previous twelve months, and that the year closed with several detrimental causes removed, and with prospects of greatly increased activity and development.

Negotiations with the authorities at Ottawa, begun last year, have been continued by my Government, and a conference has been agreed to for the further discussion of matters affecting the relations of the Province of British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada under the Terms of Union.

A report will be laid before you concerning the results of the Commission to enquire into, and adjust where possible, freight rates on agricultural products. It is satisfactory to state, as a consequence, that substantial reductions have been made, and shipping facilities have been improved. It is also a matter of very great satisfaction that the agricultural industry in this Province is so prosperous.

To further the interests of the stock-raisers of the interior, a measure will be submitted providing for the establishment of a system of cold storage in connection with abattoirs.

The subject of fishery development is one which has been receiving greatly increased attention, and the efforts of my Government are in the direction of placing the industry on a more satisfactory footing.

Steps will be taken with a view to the introduction of a fair measure of redistribution.

Measures will be submitted for your consideration having for their object the encouragement of immigration and the settlement of unoccupied lands.

A measure will also be submitted for the purpose of consolidating existing Loan Acts, and of obtaining authority thereunder for the issuance of a new loan.

Under the authority of legislation of last Session, agreements have been entered into with several companies for the manufacture of pulp and paper, and negotiations are now being carried on for the establishment of these industries.

Negotiations are being carried on for the purpose of securing the construction of a railway from Bute Inlet to Yellowhead Pass, to connect with the railway system on Vancouver Island, and for the construction of the Coast-Kootenay Railway.

Legislation will be introduced dealing with taxation and assistance to hospitals.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure have been carefully prepared with a view to strictest economy being exercised, and will be submitted without delay.

I now leave you to your deliberations, with the sincere trust and belief that your efforts will be productive of much good, and earnestly invoke on your behalf the Divine blessing.

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

Prayers by the Lord Bishop of Columbia.

The Presiding Member reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

The following papers and certificates were read :—

Resignation, dated 4th September, 1901, of *John Cunningham Brown*, Esquire, a Member for the *New Westminster City Electoral District*.

The certificate, dated 21st September, 1901, of the Deputy Provincial Secretary, of the election of *Thomas Gifford*, Esquire, a Member for *New Westminster City Electoral District*, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of *John Cunningham Brown*.

Resignation, dated 3rd September, 1901, of *John Herbert Turner*, Esquire, a Member for *Victoria City Electoral District*.

Letter, dated 20th January, 1902, under the hands and seals of *H. Dallas Helmcken*, Esquire, and *A. E. McPhillips*, Esquire, Members for *Victoria City Electoral District*, advising the Hon. the Speaker of a vacancy in the *Victoria City Electoral District*, caused by acceptance of office by *John Herbert Turner*, Esquire.

*Ordered*, To be placed on the Journals of the House.

*Thomas Gifford*, Esquire, Member elect for *New Westminster City Electoral District*, having been duly sworn, was introduced by *R. McBride*, Esquire, and *C. W. Munro*, Esquire, and took his seat.

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

That a Writ do forthwith issue for the election of a Member to fill the vacancy in the Assembly by the resignation and acceptance of office on the 3rd day of September, 1901, by the Honourable *John Herbert Turner*, one of the Members for the *Victoria City Electoral District*.

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

*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.

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*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. *Eberts*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to prevent Priority among Execution Creditors," was introduced and read a first time.

To be read a second time on Monday next.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Dunsmuir*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Prentice*,—

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

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* presented the Public Accounts of the Province for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1901.

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* presented the Thirtieth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province of British Columbia.

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* presented the Sixth Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture of the Province of British Columbia.

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* presented a Return under section 61 of the "Small Debts Act."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:15 o'clock, P.M.

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Monday, 24th February, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Owing to the absence of the Hon. the Speaker from the Chair of the Assembly for forty-eight consecutive hours, the Assembly proceeded to elect another Member to act as Speaker.

Mr. *Price Ellison*, Member for *East Yale*, addressing himself to the Clerk of the House, moved, seconded by Mr. *Joseph Martin*, Member for *Vancouver*, that *Charles Edward Pooley*, Esquire, second Member for *Esquimalt District*, do take the Chair of this House as acting Speaker, and it was so Resolved.

Mr. *Fell*, Clerk of the House, having declared *Charles Edward Pooley*, Esquire, duly elected, he was taken out of his place by the mover and seconder and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their acting Speaker.

The Mace was then laid on the table.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

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

That the seat occupied by the Honourable Member for *Dewdney* be accorded him, being the second seat on the front benches to the left of the Speaker.

Mr. *McInnes* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Gilmour*—

That all the words after "That" be struck out and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—"Honourable Members hold the seats occupied by them last Session until they mutually agree to change same."

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?" and Resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs:

<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Neill,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>
<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Garden—16.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs:

<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Haunter,</i>
<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Mounce—19.</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be inserted stand part of the question?" and carried on the same division.

Resolution, as amended, carried on the same division.

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, 25th February, 1902.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* presented the First Annual Report of the Bureau of Provincial Information and Immigration.

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

By Mr. *Garden*, from the "Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company," for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act. (No. 2.)

By Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*, from *Wm. Hunter* and others, locomotive engineers, asking amendments to the "Steam Boilers Inspection Act."

By Mr. *Murphy*, from *Thomas Woodward* and others, residents of *Nicola Valley*, re route of *Coast-Kootenay Railway*.

By Mr. *McPhillips*, from *B. W. Pearse* and others, ratepayers of the *City of Victoria* opposing amendments to the Municipal Act by Municipal Council without approval of ratepayers.

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

And then the House adjourned at 2:55 o'clock, P. M.

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Monday, 3rd March, 1902.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Fell*, the Clerk of the House, informed the House that during the adjournment the Hon. *J. Paton Booth*, Speaker, had died.

Mr. *Price Ellison*, Member for *East Yale*, addressing himself to the Clerk of the House, moved, seconded by Mr. *Joseph Martin*, Member for *Vancouver*, that *Charles Edward Pooley*, Esquire, second Member for *Esquimalt District*, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, and it was so Resolved.

Mr. *Fell*, Clerk of the House, having declared *Charles Edward Pooley*, Esquire, duly elected, he was taken out of his place by the mover and seconder and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

The Mace was then laid upon the table.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* presented a Return under sub-section (3) of section 2 of the "Probates Recognition Act," cap. 157, R. S. B. C.

The Hon. Mr. *Prentice* 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 regulate Public Aid to Hospitals," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*25th February, 1902.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to regulate Public Aid to Hospitals," and recommend the introduction of the same.

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

Mr. *Ellison* presented a Petition from "The Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway Company," for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act. (No. 3.)  
Laid on the table.

The following Petitions were received:—

From the "Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company," for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act. (No. 2.)

From *Wm. Hunter* and others, locomotive engineers, asking amendments to the "Steam Boilers Inspection Act."

From *Thomas Woodward* and others, residents of *Nicola Valley*, *re* route of *Coast-Kootenay Railway*.

From *B. W. Pearse* and others, ratepayers of the *City of Victoria*, opposing amendments to the Municipal Act by Municipal Council without approval of ratepayers.

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. *Clifford* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hall*,—

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

1. It is very gratifying to be informed that the warm welcome and loyal enthusiasm which everywhere marked the reception of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York upon their visit to this Province during the autumn of last year produced a most favourable impression upon their Royal Highnesses, as it demonstrated to them the continued and increasing devotion of His subjects in this part of the Empire to the person of His Majesty.

2. We learn with great pleasure that an invitation to be present at the coronation of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII. on the twentieth of June next has been extended to His Honour's First Minister.

3. It is to be regretted that the war in South Africa still continues. It is most reassuring that there is every indication that hostilities will be brought to a satisfactory conclusion at an early date, and that an opportunity will thus be afforded to the citizens of this Province bearing arms there to return to their homes.

4. In view of the unfavourable conditions which affected the mining industry during 1901, it is especially gratifying to be informed that the output of the mines considerably exceeded that of any previous twelve months, and that the year closed with several detrimental causes removed, and with prospects of greatly increased activity and development.

5. It is most satisfactory that the negotiations between His Honour's Government and the Dominion authorities have resulted in an agreement that a conference shall be held for the further discussion of matters affecting the relations of the Province of British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada under the Terms of Union.

6. We shall carefully consider the report to be laid before us concerning the results of the Commission to enquire into, and adjust where possible, freight rates on agricultural products. We are pleased to be assured that as a consequence of the labours of the Commissioners substantial reductions have been made in freight rates. It is also a matter for very great satisfaction that the agricultural industry in the Province is in a prosperous condition.

7. Any measure submitted to us to further the interests of the stock-raisers of the interior by providing for the establishment of a system of cold storage in connection with abattoirs, shall receive our most careful consideration.

8. We are pleased to be informed that the subject of fishery development has been receiving greatly increased attention, and that His Honour's Government are making efforts to place the industry on a more satisfactory footing.

9. We recognize the necessity for a measure of redistribution which will ensure the fair representation of all parts of the Province.

10. We trust that the legislation of last Session, under which agreements have already been entered into with several companies for the manufacture of pulp and paper, will result in the successful establishment of this industry in the Province.

11. We have received with great satisfaction the assurance that negotiations are being carried on for the purpose of securing the construction of a railway from Bute Inlet to Yellow-head Pass, to connect with the railway system on Vancouver Island, and for the construction of the Coast-Kootenay railway.

12. Measures dealing with the encouragement of immigration, the settlement of unoccupied lands, the consolidation of existing Loan Acts, the issuing of a new loan, and with taxation and assistance to hospitals, shall have our most careful attention.

13. We thank His Honour for informing us that the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the ensuing fiscal year will be submitted to us without delay. We are confident that they will be found to have been framed with every regard for economy, consistent with the efficiency of the public service.

14. His Honour may rest assured that the measures which may be brought before us shall receive our earnest consideration, and we trust that our deliberations, under the Divine guidance, will conduce to the prosperity and welfare of the people of the Province.

Mr. *McBride* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *R. G. Tatlow*,—

To strike out paragraph 9 and substitute the following therefor:—

“A Bill will immediately be introduced providing for a fair measure of redistribution, and will be put through its various stages with all celerity, and the House will be asked to give it precedence over all other Bills, so that it may be finally passed and assented to before any other Bills are read a second time.”

A debate arose, which was adjourned until 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.



Tuesday, 4th March, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

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

The adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the contract between the Provincial Government and Messrs. *Mackenzie & Mann* for the construction of the Canadian Northern Railway, which is stated to have been signed.

A point of order being taken, after some debate, the motion was withdrawn, with leave.

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 amend the 'Public Dyking Act, 1898,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*3rd March, 1902.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Dyking Act, 1898,'" and recommend the introduction of the same.

Mr. *Hunter*, 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. *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 respecting the Measurement of Timber," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*3rd March, 1902.*

*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. 9) intituled "An Act respecting the Measurement of Timber," and recommend the introduction of the same.

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

The Petition from "The Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway Company," for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act (No. 3), 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, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *McBride* on the 3rd inst.

The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented a copy of the Agreement entered into by His Majesty the King in right of the Province of British Columbia and the Canadian Northern Railway Company.

And then the House adjourned at 5:50 o'clock, P. M.

### Wednesday, 5th March, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

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

That the Return made yesterday of the draft railway contract between the Canadian Northern Railway Company and the Government be printed forthwith and distributed in the House.

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, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *McBride* on the 3rd inst.

The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:40 o'clock, P. M.

### Thursday, 6th March, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

On a question of privilege, Mr. *McBride* moved, seconded by Mr. *McPhillips*,—

That, in the opinion of this House, a writ should forthwith issue for the holding of a bye-election in the District of *North Victoria*, and that the same be made returnable at the earliest possible date.

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

*Smith, E. C.,*  
*Hawthornthwaite,*  
*Neill,*  
*Gifford,*

*Hayward,*  
*Garden,*  
*Fulton,*  
*Curtis,*

*Munro,*  
*Tatlow,*  
*Green,*  
*McBride,*

*Murphy,*  
*McPhillips,*  
*Taylor,*  
*Helmcken—16.*

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Mounce—19.</i>
<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	

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

That the House adjourn, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of the production of all telegrams or other communications between the Government, or any member thereof, and any person or persons, relating to any alterations in the draft agreement, laid on the table yesterday, with the Canada Northern Railway Company.

Mr. Speaker *Pooley*: I must rule the motion out of order. No definite matter of urgent public importance is disclosed in the motion, upon which a discussion can proceed. See decisions, Journals, 1901, pages 52 and 82; *May*, 240, 826.

Mr. *Houston* presented a Petition from the *Nelson* Board of Trade, *re* mineral exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition.

Ruled out of order, the same not being addressed to the House.

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, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *McBride* on the 3rd inst.

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

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

That the House do adjourn to discuss the necessity for the Government bringing down, by three o'clock to-morrow, all correspondence and telegrams which have passed between any member of the Government and the Canadian Northern Railway Company and any person, and particularly the letters and telegrams received from or sent to Mr. *Greenshields* and relating to the proposed contract with the Canadian Northern Railway Company for the building of a line of railway from *Bute Inlet* eastward; the matter being urgent and pressing and of great public importance in discussing the proposed contract, and in order that it be properly discussed and understood in this House and by the electorate of the *City of Victoria*, where an election is now being held, in which a Minister of the Crown is a candidate, and claims that the proposed contract is his sole justification in being a candidate, and is sufficient reason why the electorate should elect him, and because there is grave doubt of the draft contract submitted to the House not having been materially modified by or through such correspondence.

A debate arose.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock.

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

Debate resumed.

The motion was negatived.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Prentice*—Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Children's Protection Act of British Columbia.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*—Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*—Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 33 of the Statutes of 1899, being the 'Judgments Act, 1899.'"

By Mr. *Curtis*—Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act respecting Actions against Trade Unions and Kindred Associations.”

By Mr. *Curtis*—Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act, 1897.’”

By Mr. *Curtis*—Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Companies Clauses Act, 1897.’”

By Mr. *Martin*—Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Legal Professions Act.’”

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be laid before this House all correspondence between the Government of the Province of British Columbia, or any member thereof, and the Federal Government, or any member thereof, *re* the *Songhees Indian Reserve*.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor requesting him to be laid before this House all correspondence between the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, and the Federal Government, or any member thereof, with reference to the Provincial Statutes of 1901, together with any report on the same.

The Hon. the Premier moved—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o’clock on Tuesday next.

Mr. *McBride* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Murphy*,—

That the words “Tuesday next” be struck out, and the words “to-morrow afternoon” be inserted in lieu thereof.

Amendment negatived.

Original motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 9:40 o’clock, P. M.

Tuesday, 11th March, 1902.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*.

The following election return was read and *Ordered* to be placed upon the Journals:—

“PROVINCIAL SECRETARY’S OFFICE,  
“VICTORIA, 11TH March, 1902.

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by the acceptance of office by *John Herbert Turner*, a member for *Victoria City Electoral District*:

“And whereas on the 21st day of February, 1902, a writ for the election of a Member to represent such Electoral District was duly issued to *James Eliphalet McMillan*, the Returning Officer of the said Electoral District:

“Now I do hereby certify that on the 11th day of March, instant, the said writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate endorsed thereon, whereby it appears that, under and by virtue of the said writ, the Honourable *Eduard Gaubler Prior* has been elected a member to represent the said *Victoria City Electoral District*.

“A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,

“Deputy Provincial Secretary.

“To the Clerk of the

“Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.”

The Hon. *Edward Gawler Prior*, being duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Premier and the Hon. *W. C. Wells*, and took his place.

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, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *McBride* on the 3rd inst.

Mr. *Curtis* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*,—

That paragraph 11 of the motion in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:—

“11. The proposed contract signed by the Canadian Northern Railway Company for the construction of a railway from *Bute Inlet* to *Yellowhead Pass* is not satisfactory, but efforts will not be relaxed to get this projected railway built.

“We hope, also, that a satisfactory arrangement will be soon made for the building of a railway to the north end of *Vancouver Island*, with a branch to *Alberni*, in which case proper control of all rates from *Victoria* to the northern terminus shall be conceded to the Province. The building of the *Coast-Kootenay* railway, either as a Government work or as a competitive line, will be arranged for, and the work of construction, if at all possible, will be begun during the coming summer.”

And that the following new paragraph be added to the said motion in reply:—

“15. Measures for the re-enactment of the provisions contained in the Acts disallowed by the Dominion authorities, and known as the ‘British Columbia Immigration Act, 1900,’ and the ‘Labour Regulation Act, 1900,’ will be brought forward, and will contain additional safeguards for the protection of desirable residents of British Columbia.”

And that a further new paragraph be added to the said motion in reply, as follows:—

“16. A measure will be introduced making provision that where assistance in land or money, or by valuable franchise beyond a certain estimated value, is proposed to be given by the Province to any private enterprise, such proposal shall not become effective until after the lapse of a certain time, during which the electorate of the Province, if a certain percentage thereof shall petition for a referendum, shall have such proposal submitted to the votes of the electors, and shall by a majority vote have approved of the same.”

A point of order arose, as to whether the amendment could be moved at this stage.

Mr. Speaker *Pooley* reserved his decision.

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

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended, and the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be extended to the 15th March, instant.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Fifth Annual Report of the Provincial Board of Health, A. D. 1901.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:59 o'clock, P. M.

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Wednesday, 12th March, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*.

Mr. *McBride* moved, seconded by Mr. *Murphy*,—

That the writ for the election for the vacancy in the Electoral District of *North Victoria* do forthwith issue, and that the return day for the said writ be fixed at the earliest possible date.

Negatived.

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, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *McBride* on the 3rd inst., and the amendment moved by Mr. *Curtis* on the 11th inst.

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

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

By Mr. *Helmcken*—Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act relating to the employment on Works carried on under Franchises granted by Private Acts.”

By Mr. *Tatlow*—Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to regulate Immigration into British Columbia.”

By Mr. *Oliver*—Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Highway Traffic Regulation Act.’”

By Mr. *Martin*—Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to prohibit Aliens from Voting at Municipal Elections.”

By Mr. *Curtis*—Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Wills Act.’”

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

Whereas resolutions have been passed by this Honourable House, praying the Dominion Government to enact such legislation as will prevent the immigration into this Province of citizens of the Empires of Japan and China:

And whereas the Dominion Government has disallowed the Acts known as the “British Columbia Immigration Act, 1900,” and the “Labour Regulation Act, 1900”:

And whereas the Dominion of Canada and the Province of British Columbia have shown their loyalty and devotion to the cause of the Empire, and His Majesty the King has had signal proofs of such loyalty:

And whereas the people of the Province of British Columbia have an admitted grievance by reason of their attempts to protect themselves against the immigration of citizens of the Empires of Japan and China into this Province being frustrated:

And whereas the Right Honourable the Premier of the Dominion of Canada has accepted an invitation to be present at the coronation of Our Most Gracious Sovereign King Edward VII., and it is also proposed by the Colonial Premiers to hold a conference in the *City of London*, England, after the coronation:

Be it therefore Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to communicate with the Right Honourable the Premier of Canada, asking him at such conference to bring to the attention of the Colonial Premiers this question of the admission into Canada of the citizens of the Empires of Japan and China, and to use their influence to cause the Imperial Government to take such steps with the Governments of Japan and China as will enable the question to be governed in such manner as will best accomplish this object.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Tatlow*, seconded by Mr. *Green*, 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, 1901.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a return of copies of the Orders in Council passed since the first day of September, 1901, appointing Honourable *J. D. Prentice* Acting Provincial Secretary, and Honourable *D. M. Eberts* Acting Minister of Mines, and copies of the notices of such appointments appearing in the Official Gazette.

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

That a Return be made to the House of the decision given by Mr. *John Keen* in the matter of the assessment and taxation of the ore output of the *Le Roi* and other mines at *Rossland*, British Columbia, together with a copy of the evidence given before Mr. *Keen*.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all correspondence between the Attorney-General's Department and any person, with regard to the escape of one *Jessop* from a small-pox quarantine at *Vancouver City*, and the refusal of the Attorney-General's Department to allow said *Jessop* to be prosecuted, including all reports received from Dr. *Fagan* in connection with the same.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Helmcken*:—

“That a Writ do forthwith issue for the election of a Member to fill the vacancy in the Assembly by the resignation and acceptance of office on the 3rd day of September, 1901, by the Honourable *John Herbert Turner*, one of the Members for the *Victoria City Electoral District*.”

The motion was withdrawn, with leave.

On the motion of Mr. *Stables*, seconded by Mr. *McInnes*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return setting forth the following information:—

1. The number of hydraulic leases granted in the *Atlin District* since the 9th of August, 1900.
2. The number of applications for hydraulic leases refused since the 9th of August, 1900, with reasons for refusal.
3. The amount of revenue derived from leases granted since 1st of January, 1898.
4. The number of leases cancelled since 1st January, 1898.
5. The number of lay-overs granted since 1st January, 1898, with reasons for granting such lay-overs, and amount of revenue derived from same.
6. The number of extensions of time applied for (if any), and reasons advanced for asking same.
7. The names of all leases upon which assessment work has been done.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—The Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages of the Province.

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—

Statement of the names and places of residence of Collectors of Revenue paid by commission, rate of same, and date of authority therefor.

Statement of Commons established, showing the revenue collected for the year ended 30th June, 1901.

Statement of Bonds deposited in the Provincial Secretary's Office of civil officers of the Province, for the due performance of their duties, under the “Civil Service Act.”

And then the House adjourned at 5:45 o'clock, p. m.

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Thursday, 13th March, 1902.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*.

Mr. *McBride* proposed to move the adjournment of the House, for the purpose of discussing a matter of urgency relating to the bringing down of all papers relating to the Canadian Northern Railway contract.

Mr. Speaker *Pooley*: I must rule the motion out of order at this stage. Such motions can only be made when all the questions to members upon the notice paper have been disposed of, and before the commencement of public business. *See May*, 240 (10th ed.).

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, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *McBride* on the 3rd inst., and the amendment moved by Mr. *Curtis* on the 11th inst.

Mr. Speaker *Pooley* gave the following decision on the point of order raised on the amendment moved by Mr. *Curtis*:—

The practice of dealing with the reply to the King's Speech has been varied in recent years, and it is desirable to have a definite practice laid down.

I therefore suggest to your honourable body that the following practice should be adopted upon the consideration of the reply to the Speech:—

The Speech should be dealt with as a whole.

Any member who has only spoken to an amendment may speak to the main question, and to any further amendment that may be proposed.

Only one amendment can be before the House at one time.

After an amendment to any paragraph of the reply has been put to the House, no amendment can be made to a previous paragraph.

Any member who has spoken to an amendment only may (if he has not moved or seconded a previous amendment), upon speaking to the main question, move an amendment.

The amendment moved by Mr. *Curtis* is, therefore, out of order at this stage.

Leave was given Mr. *Curtis* to move his amendment at a later stage.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved the following amendment:—

That this House regrets that in Your Honour's Speech no indication is given of the attitude of Your Honour's Ministry on the question relating to Mongolian and Oriental immigration, and in the absence of any protest on the part of Your Honour's advisers against the disallowance by the Dominion Government of the "Labour Regulation Act, 1900," and "British Columbia Immigration Act, 1900," which Acts should be re-enacted during the present Session.

Mr. Speaker: The amendment cannot be moved at this stage. There can only be one amendment before the House at one time.

The amendment moved by Mr. *McBride* was withdrawn, with leave.

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented a Return to an Order of the House for an abstract of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Province for the six months ending 31st December, 1901.

*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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Friday, 14th March, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*.

Mr. *McBride* moved, seconded by Mr. *Murphy*,—

That the writ for the bye-election in *North Victoria* do forthwith issue, and that the return to same be made within the next two weeks.

Ruled out of order, as being substantially the same as a motion negatived by the House on the 12th instant.

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.

Mr. Speaker *Pooley* gave the following ruling regarding proposed motions to adjourn the House to discuss matters of urgency, etc :—

I beg to suggest the following Rule with regard to motions to adjourn the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance :—

Rule 17 of the English House of Commons should be adopted as hereinafter amended :—

(1.) That no motion for the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance shall be made until all the questions to Members on the notice paper have been disposed of, and no such motion shall be made before the orders of the day or the notices of motions have been entered upon, except by the unanimous leave of the House, unless a Member rising in his place shall propose to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose before mentioned, and not less than nine (9) Members shall thereupon rise in their places to support the motion.

(2.) A Member who desires to move such motion shall, before rising in his place, deliver to the Speaker a notice in writing of the definite matter of urgent public importance he proposes to discuss.

(3.) And that Rule 20 of the Standing Rules and Orders of the House be amended as follows :—

20. The ordinary daily routine business in the House shall be as follows :—

Presenting Petitions.

Reading and Receiving Petitions.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees.

Questions put by Members.

Motions.

The Order of Business for the consideration of the House day by day, after the above routine, shall be as follows :—

MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

Public Bills and Orders.

Private Bills.

WEDNESDAY.

Private Bills.

Public Bills and Orders.

THURSDAY.

Public Bills in the hands of Private Members.

Public Bills and Orders.

Private Bills.

FRIDAY.

Public Bills and Orders.

Private Bills.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved, seconded by Mr. *Murphy*, to add to the end of the Address:—

That this House regrets that in Your Honour's Speech no indication is given of the attitude of Your Honour's Ministry on the question relating to Mongolian and Oriental immigration, and in the absence of any protest on the part of Your Honour's advisers against the disallowance by the Dominion Government of the "Labour Regulation Act, 1900," and "British Columbia Immigration Act, 1900," which Acts should be re-enacted during the present Session.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Martin*, Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act," was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading on Monday next.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any person, and of all reports with regard to the employment of Provincial special constables on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway during the trackmen's strike in the months of June and July, 1901.

Mr. *Curtis* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*, to add to the Resolution the words following:—"and for a statement of the sums of money paid by the Province for the services of such special constables."

Amendment carried.

Resolution, as amended, carried.

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

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

## Monday, 17th March, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

Mr. *Curtis* rose and proposed to move as a question of privilege a motion making certain charges against the Members of the Government.

Mr. Speaker *Pooley* ruled the motion out of order, as not disclosing any matter of privilege that could be taken up at this stage without notice.

The Hon. the Minister of Mines presented a copy of the Regulations issued under the "Coal Mines Regulation Act Amendment Act, 1901."

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, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Helmcken* on the 14th inst.

The debate was adjourned until 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.

Tuesday, 18th March, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

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, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Helmcken* on the 14th inst.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Helmcken—15.</i>
<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	<i>Mounce—18.</i>
<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>		

Debate resumed on the main question.

Resolution agreed to.

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

That the Resolution to present an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Honour for His Gracious Speech, be referred to a Select Committee, composed as follows:—

The Honourable the President of the Council, the Honourable the Attorney-General, the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, and the Honourable the Minister of Mines.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance, from the Select Committee, reported an Address which read as follows:—

*To the Honourable Sir HENRI GUSTAVE JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia:*

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for your gracious Speech at the opening of the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament, and assure Your Honour that:—

It is very gratifying to be informed that the warm welcome and loyal enthusiasm which everywhere marked the reception of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York upon their visit to this Province during the autumn of last year produced a most favourable impression upon their Royal Highnesses, as it demonstrated to them the continued and increasing devotion of His subjects in this part of the Empire to the person of His Majesty.

We learn with great pleasure that an invitation to be present at the coronation of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII. on the twentieth of June next has been extended to Your Honour's First Minister.

It is to be regretted that the war in South Africa still continues. It is most reassuring that there is every indication that hostilities will be brought to a satisfactory conclusion at an early date, and that an opportunity will thus be afforded to the citizens of this Province bearing arms there to return to their homes.

In view of the unfavourable conditions which affected the mining industry during 1901, it is especially gratifying to be informed that the output of the mines considerably exceeded that of any previous twelve months, and that the year closed with several detrimental causes removed, and with prospects of greatly increased activity and development.

It is most satisfactory that the negotiations between Your Honour's Government and the Dominion authorities have resulted in an agreement that a conference shall be held for the further discussion of matters affecting the relations of the Province of British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada under the Terms of Union.

We shall carefully consider the report to be laid before us concerning the results of the Commission to enquire into, and adjust where possible, freight rates on agricultural products. We are pleased to be assured that as a consequence of the labors of the Commissioners substantial reductions have been made in freight rates. It is also a matter for very great satisfaction that the agricultural industry in the Province is in a prosperous condition.

Any measure submitted to us to further the interests of the stock-raisers of the interior by providing for the establishment of a system of cold storage in connection with abattoirs, shall receive our most careful consideration.

We are pleased to be informed that the subject of fishery development has been receiving greatly increased attention, and that Your Honour's Government are making efforts to place the industry on a more satisfactory footing.

We recognize the necessity for a measure of redistribution which will ensure the fair representation of all parts of the Province.

We trust that the legislation of last Session, under which agreements have already been entered into with several companies for the manufacture of pulp and paper, will result in the successful establishment of this industry in the Province.

We have received with great satisfaction the assurance that negotiations are being carried on for the purpose of securing the construction of a railway from Bute Inlet to Yellowhead Pass, to connect with the railway system on Vancouver Island, and for the construction of the Coast-Kootenay railway.

Measures dealing with the encouragement of immigration, the settlement of unoccupied lands, the consolidation of existing Loan Acts, the issuing of a new loan, and with taxation and assistance to hospitals, shall have our most careful attention.

We thank Your Honour for informing us that the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the ensuing fiscal year will be submitted to us without delay. We are confident that they will be found to have been framed with every regard for economy, consistent with the efficiency of the public service.

Your Honour may rest assured that the measures which may be brought before us shall receive our earnest consideration, and we trust that our deliberations, under the Divine guidance, will conduce to the prosperity and welfare of the people of the Province.

The Report was adopted.

On the motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Honourable the Attorney-General, it was *Resolved*,—

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

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

By Mr. *McInnes*—Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Liquor Licence Act, 1900.'"

By Mr. *Curtis*—Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Assessment Act.'"

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

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

1. Amount of royalties collected on timber cut within the *Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Belt* in the years 1899, 1900 and 1901?
2. From whom such royalties were collected?
3. Amount of timber cut within said limits in the years 1899, 1900 and 1901?
4. How much of same has been exported not manufactured?
5. How much timber cut within said limits in each of said years paid no royalty whatever?
6. By whom it was cut?

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this House copies of the proposed contract and all correspondence and letters and other material which have passed between the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, and any person or persons or corporations, touching the securing of the construction in British Columbia of a railway from *Bute Inlet* to *Yellowhead Pass* with the railway system on *Vancouver Island*.

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith, E. C.</i> ,	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Helmcken—16.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Prentice</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	<i>Mounce—18.</i>
<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>		

*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, 19th March, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

On a question of privilege, Mr. *Curtis* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*,—

Whereas *Smith Curtis*, member of the Legislative Assembly for the *Rossland Riding* of the *West Kootenay Electoral District*, has upon the floor of this House, on the 18th day of March, 1902, charged "the Honourable *James Dunsmuir*, Premier of the Province of British Columbia, with negotiating to give an excessive subsidy—and without the proper safeguards

which he himself has heretofore declared to be necessary in the public interest—out of Provincial moneys and lands to the Canadian Northern Railway Company in aid of its building a line of railway from *Bute Inlet* to *Yellowhead Pass*, with a view either to the sale at a greater price than could otherwise be got of the *Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway* and *Comox & Cape Scott Railway Companies'* railways and rights, or to the bringing of a much larger traffic over the last-mentioned railway lines, such lines being intended under such negotiations to be utilized in making *Victoria City* the western or Pacific Coast terminus of said Canadian Northern Railway, and the said Premier *Dunsmuir* being a large shareholder in the said *Esquimalt & Nanaimo* and *Comox & Cape Scott Railway Companies*, whereby the said Premier *Dunsmuir*, as a shareholder in said last-mentioned railway companies, would reap a large advantage:

“And also charged the said Premier *Dunsmuir* and his colleagues, the Hon. *D. M. Eberts*, Attorney-General, the Hon. *W. C. Wells*, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and the Hon. *J. D. Prentice*, Finance Minister, members of the Executive Council of the Province, with grave misconduct and gross and wilful neglect of their official duty to the Province in having Mr. *J. N. Greenshields* appointed and continued as solicitor and accredited agent of the Province in the above-mentioned negotiations, and in the preparation and approving of the proposed contract between the said Canadian Northern Railway Company and the Province while he was at the same time acting in a similar capacity for the said Canadian Northern Railway Company and its chief promoters, Messrs. *Mackenzie & Mann*, and also acting as their and said Canadian Northern Railway Company's solicitor and agent in negotiating with and through the said Premier *Dunsmuir* for the purchase of the said *Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway* and the said Premier *Dunsmuir's* charter rights in the *Comox & Cape Scott Railway Company*:

“And also charged the Hon. *E. G. Prior*, Minister of Mines, with grave misconduct and gross and wilful neglect of his official duty to the Province after he became a Member of the Executive Council of the Province, and having a knowledge of the negotiations of said Premier *Dunsmuir* for the said sale of the *Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway*, and of the dual capacity in which the said *Greenshields* had been, and was then, and is still, acting,—in agreeing to said negotiations being continued with his (the said *Prior's*) active co-operation, and to the continuance of the employment of the said *Greenshields* to act in said negotiations on behalf of the Province.

“And also charged, lastly, that in the foregoing negotiations and matters the said Premier *Dunsmuir* has wilfully and grossly neglected his duty to the Province, as above set forth, and for no other apparent good reason except that he would thereby reap a personal benefit through the sale of the said *Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway* and of his charter rights in the *Comox & Cape Scott Railway Company* to, or by the user of such lines of railway as the western connection or link of, the said *Canadian Northern Railway*, whereby great loss is likely to result to the Province and grave discredit is being brought upon the Legislative Assembly, and the credit and good name of the Province is being greatly injured”:

And whereas such charges involve the honour of said Premier *Dunsmuir* and his colleagues in the Government, and should, in the public interest, be investigated:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of five members of this House, to wit: Messrs. *Martin, Ellison, McPhillips, Tatlow* and *Hawthornthwaite*, be appointed to investigate the said charges, with power to said Committee to send for persons, papers, records and documents, and to examine witnesses under oath, and to report the result of such investigation to this House.

Mr. *Clifford* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Ellison*,—

That all the words after “Resolved” be struck out, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof:—

“That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire into the truth or falsity of the above accusation and report.”

Question proposed—“Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?” and Resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Hawthornthwaite*,

*Curtis*—2.

NAYS :  
Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Mounce—33.</i>
<i>Garden,</i>			

Amendment put and carried.

Resolution, as amended, put and carried.

On the motion of Mr. *Gilmour*, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Master and Servant Amendment Act, 1899,'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of the correspondence between any Members of the Government and other persons which led to the appointment of *Frank Walker* as a Police Commissioner for the *City of Rossland*.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the agreements entered into with several companies, and referred to in the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, for the manufacture of pulp and paper, and also the areas of timber set aside for the respective companies.

On the motion of Mr. *E. C. Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Oliver*, 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 copies of all Orders in Council and correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any other person or company, relating to the reservation of lots 4,593 and 4,594, *South-East Kootenay District*, and to the granting of such lots, or any portion thereof, to the Columbia and Western Railway Co. or Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all papers, documents, reports and correspondence in any way relating to the survey made by the Hon. *Edgar Dewdney* over the route of the proposed *Coast-Kootenay Railway*.

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

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return showing the names of those paying fees, and the amount paid by each of them, under the provisions of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act."

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all the correspondence between the Government or any member thereof, and any other persons, with regard to the appointment of the Hon. *T. Mayne Daly* as King's Counsel in the prosecution of one *Collistro* and one *Beamish* at *Rossland* last summer for intimidation.

On the motion of Mr. *Gilmour*, seconded by Mr. *McInnes*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the Royal Commissioners recently appointed by the Dominion Government to enquire into the Asiatic question in this Province have reported strongly against the immigration of Chinese and Japanese into Canada :

Be it therefore Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to communicate with the Dominion Government urging upon that Government the necessity which exists for passing legislation at this Session of the Federal Parliament giving immediate and full effect to the recommendations of the majority report of the said Commissioners.

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

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any person, and of all reports with regard to the employment of Provincial special constables on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway during the trackmen's strike in the months of June and July, 1901, and a statement of the sums of money paid by the Province for the services of such special constables.

The following Members were nominated on the Standing Committees:—

Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders—Messrs. *Hunter, McInnes, Kidd, Dickie, Helmcken, McPhillips* and *Tatlow*.

Committee on Public Accounts—Messrs. *Hall, Stables, Mounce, Green* and *Curtis*.

Committee on Mining—Messrs. *A. W. Smith, Clifford, Dickie, Rogers, Ellison, Stables, Mounce, Hunter, Houston, Neill, Taylor, Green, E. C. Smith, Curtis, Murphy* and *Hawthornthwaite*.

*Resolved*, That the Railway Committee consist of eighteen members, ten of whom shall be nominated by the Government and eight by the Leader of the Opposition.

Committee on Railways—Messrs. *Martin, Clifford, Hall, Smith, Rogers, McInnes, Ellison, Hunter, Gilmour, Houston, McPhillips, Murphy, Fulton, Garden, E. C. Smith, Munro, Gifford*, and *Taylor*.

Committee on Printing—Messrs. *Houston, Gilmour, Mounce, Murphy* and *Tatlow*.

Committee on Agriculture—Messrs. *Ellison, Kidd, Oliver, A. W. Smith, Munro, Hayward* and *Neill*.

Committee on Municipal Matters—Messrs. *McInnes, Houston, Oliver, Kidd, Helmcken, Garden* and *Munro*.

And then the House adjourned at 5:50 o'clock, P. M.

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Thursday, 20th March, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* 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 for the Redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts," and recommends the same to the Legis-Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*20th March, 1902.*



*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. 21) intituled "An Act for the Redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts."

Mr. A. W. Smith, 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. Eberts 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 amend the 'Constitution Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*20th March, 1902.*

*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. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act.'"

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Wells, Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Steam Boilers Inspection Act, 1901,'" was introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Helmcken moved, seconded by Mr. McPhillips—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this House copies of the instructions given to Mr. Greenshields, K. C., the accredited agent of the Provincial Government, in connection with (a) the contract for the construction in British Columbia of the Canadian Northern; (b) in connection with obtaining the signature of the responsible parties to the contract for its construction.

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Helmcken—16.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>	<i>Mounce—18.</i>
<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>		

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, seconded by Mr. *McPhillips*, 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 copies of all correspondence and letters and other material which have passed between the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, and any person or persons or corporations, touching the securing the construction of the *Coast-Kootenay Railway*, but not to include any pending negotiations.

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

That in view of the present depressed condition of the lead market, and the disability under which the producers of lead and silver within the Province labour in not being able to have the product of their mines economically smelted and refined:

Therefore, in the opinion of this House, the public interest requires on the part of the Government the serious consideration of the establishment and operation by them of lead smelting and refining works within the Province.

The Crown having consented, as required by Rule 45, the Hon. Member was allowed to proceed.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *McBride*, seconded by Mr. *Murphy*, 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 Return of all correspondence during 1901 between any member or members of the Government and the Gold Commissioner at *Atlin*, with reference to the operations of the Pine Creek Power Co., Ltd., together with copies of all Orders in Council passed during the same period and relating to said Company.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved on the 12th March by Mr. *Helmcken*, as follows:—

“Whereas resolutions have been passed by this Honourable House, praying the Dominion Government to enact such legislation as will prevent the immigration into this Province of citizens of the Empires of Japan and China:

“And whereas the Dominion Government has disallowed the Acts known as the ‘British Columbia Immigration Act, 1900,’ and the ‘Labour Regulation Act, 1900’:

“And whereas the Dominion of Canada and the Province of British Columbia have shown their loyalty and devotion to the cause of the Empire, and His Majesty the King has had signal proofs of such loyalty:

“And whereas the people of the Province of British Columbia have an admitted grievance by reason of their attempts to protect themselves against the immigration of citizens of the Empires of Japan and China into this Province being frustrated:

“And whereas the Right Honourable the Premier of the Dominion of Canada has accepted an invitation to be present at the coronation of Our Most Gracious Sovereign King Edward VII., and it is also proposed by the Colonial Premiers to hold a conference in the *City of London*, England, after the coronation:

“Be it therefore Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to communicate with the Right Honourable the Premier of Canada, asking him at such conference to bring to the attention of the Colonial Premiers this question of the admission into Canada of the citizens of the Empires of Japan and China, and to use their influence to cause the Imperial Government to take such steps with the Governments of Japan and China as will enable the question to be governed in such manner as will best accomplish this object.”

Mr. *McInnes* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Gilmour* (the Crown consenting)—

That all the words after the word “Whereas,” in the first line, be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:—

“The presence of large numbers of Chinese and Japanese in this Province creates a condition of economic slavery against which it is impossible for the European race to compete, and degrades the standard of British citizenship by odious methods of living:

“And whereas it is the settled conviction of this House that unless the immigration and employment of Chinese and Japanese be promptly and effectively checked, not only will

labourers and artisans of the European race be driven from the Province, but all trades and industries will practically fall into the hands of Chinese and Japanese, and this important portion of the Empire will thereby be filled with an inferior and un-British people:

“And whereas this House, prior to 1900, passed various Acts for the purpose of mitigating the evil consequences of the presence of Chinese and Japanese in this Province, and has repeatedly urged the Dominion Government to legislate on the subject according to its jurisdiction:

“And whereas the Dominion Government, upon representations from the Imperial Authorities, disallowed the said Acts:

“And whereas in said representations by the Imperial Government the Colonial Secretary declared on July 20th, 1898, ‘You should not fail to impress upon them the importance, if there is any real prospect of a large influx of Japanese labourers into Canada, of dealing with it by legislation of the Dominion Parliament, on the lines of the accompanying Natal Act, which is likely to be generally adopted in Australia,’ and on March 23rd, 1899, ‘They (Her Majesty’s Government) hope that your Ministers will be able to arrange for the cancellation of the objectionable provisions, and the substitution of a measure which, while it will secure the desired exclusion of undesirable immigrants, will obtain that result by means of some such general test as that already suggested in my dispatch, No. 214, of the 20th of July, 1898,’ and on April 19th, 1899, ‘There is no difference between Her Majesty’s Government and the Government of British Columbia as regards the object aimed at by these laws, namely, to insure that the Pacific Province of the Dominion shall be occupied by a large and thoroughly British population, rather than by one in which the number of aliens largely predominates, and many of the distinctive features of a settled British community are lacking.’

“And whereas, in compliance with these suggestions and sentiments of the Imperial Government, this House passed the ‘British Columbia Immigration Act, 1900,’ and the ‘Labour Regulation Act, 1900’:

“And whereas the said Acts have, nevertheless, been disallowed by the Dominion Government, for ‘Imperial reasons’:

“And whereas similar and even more drastic legislation has been allowed to go into operation, and is to-day being enforced, for the protection of British subjects in other parts of the Empire:

“And whereas the people of British Columbia have been discriminated against in this matter, and are unable, under the circumstances, to understand what legislation, while effective, would be acceptable to the Imperial authorities:

“And whereas legislation as aforesaid is absolutely necessary, and must be enacted and enforced, if British Columbia is to be developed and occupied by a large British population:

“And whereas the Rt. Hon. the Premier of the Dominion of Canada has accepted an invitation to be present at the Coronation of our Most Gracious Sovereign, King Edward VII., and it is also proposed by the Colonial Premiers to hold a conference in the *City of London*, England, after the Coronation:

“Be it therefore Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to communicate with the Rt. Hon. the Premier of Canada, asking him at such conference to bring to the attention of the Colonial Premiers the necessity, from an Imperial as well as Provincial standpoint, of steps being taken at once to check the employment and immigration of Chinese and Japanese, the circumstances attending the passing and disallowing of the legislation of this House upon the subject, and to urge accordingly that means be adopted whereby suitable legislation by the Dominion Government and this House may be allowed to go into effect without Imperial interference.”

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

On the motion of Mr. *McInnes*, seconded by Mr. *Gilmour*, it was Resolved,—

That the Government take immediate steps to gather all available data relating to the legislation of other countries passed for the purpose of—

(a.) Fixing the minimum wages to be paid wage earners:

(b.) Settling labour disputes by arbitration,

and the operation of such legislation; and that such information be compiled and issued to the members of this House before next Session.

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

Has work been stopped on the Reformatory building at *Vancouver*? And if so, is it the intention of the Government to re-commence same in the near future?

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

“Yes; temporarily. Yes.”

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

1. What was the overdraft at Bank on December 31st, 1901, and on January 31st, 1902, respectively.

2. What amount of cash was on hand at Treasury, or with agents, at those dates?

3. What rate of interest is being paid the Bank on said overdraft?

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

“1. On account current, 31st December, 1901.....	\$1,717,962 02
On dyking account,           “           “ .....	101,578 78
Total.....	\$1,819,540 80

“1. On account current, 31st January, 1902.....	1,648,530 97
On dyking account,           “           “ .....	102,550 06
Total.....	\$1,751,081 03

“2. On hand with agents, 31st December, 1901 ....	65,081 98
On hand at Treasury,           “           “ .....	8,518 46
On hand with agents, 31st January, 1902.....	57,963 46
On hand at Treasury,           “           “ .....	12,841 32

“3. Four (4) per cent. per annum.”

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

What is the present condition of the negotiations between the Provincial and Federal Governments touching the settlement of the *Songhees Indian Reserve*?

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

“The matter is still under negotiation, with every prospect of an early final satisfactory settlement.”

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

How many applications were received in the recent allotment of *Burnaby Small Holdings*? How many small holdings were allotted?

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

“Forty-three applications were received and twenty-two small holdings have been allotted. Two lots yet remain to be allotted, for which applications are pending.”

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

1. Who was the contractor for the construction of the Court House at *Princeton*?

2. Who were the bondsmen for said contractor?

3. What was the original amount for which said contract was let?

4. What was the total amount paid for the construction of said building?

5. In how many instalments was said amount paid?

6. On what date, and to whom, was each instalment paid?

7. If any instalment was assigned, by whom was such assignment made, and to whom? On what date?

8. When was said building taken over by the Government?

9. By whom was it taken over?

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

- “ 1. W. Irving.
- “ 2. James Anderson and John H. Jackson.
- “ 3. \$3,460.
- “ 4. \$3,460.
- “ 5. Four.
- “ 6. 16th July, 26th July, 22nd August, 4th October. Canadian Bank of Commerce.
- “ 7. Each instalment was paid to Canadian Bank of Commerce by order attached to each estimate signed by W. Irving, contractor.
- “ 8. 30th September, 1901.
- “ 9. Accepted by J. W. Murchison, clerk of works.”

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

Has any loan been arranged yet under the provisions of the Loan Act, or any preliminary steps taken to arrange same? If so, what amount has been arranged for, and at what rate of interest, or what preliminaries have been taken?

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

“ No. It was deemed advisable to postpone negotiations on account of the unsettled state of the money markets.”

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

1. Has Mr. *A. C. Shaw*, Road Foreman at *Salmon Arm*, been dismissed?
2. If so, for what reason?
3. Who has been appointed in his place?

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

- “ 1. No.
- “ 2. Answered by No. 1.
- “ 3. No one.”

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

At what price were the Provincial Bonds purchased by the Trustees for the Sinking Fund in January last?

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

“ 92½.”

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

What companies, if any, have availed themselves of the conditions of the “Wood Pulp Act?” If any, where are the works to be built, and the location and extent of the limits granted?

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

“ 1st. The Industrial Power Company of British Columbia, whose limits cover 125 square miles, situated in Range One, Coast District, more particularly described in the Gazette notice of 6th June, 1901.

“ 2nd. The Pacific Coast Power Company, whose limits cover 130 square miles, situated in Range One, Coast District, and described in the Gazette notice of 22nd June, 1901.

“ 3rd. The Cassiar Power Company, whose limits cover 125 square miles, situated at Observatory Inlet, and more particularly described in the Gazette notice of 30th July, 1901.

“ 4th. The Oriental Power Company, whose limits cover 130 square miles, situated in the vicinity of Princess Royal Island, and more particularly described in the Gazette notice of 13th January, 1902.

“ In each case the works are to be erected on some suitable site in this Province.”

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

Will the Government introduce a Bill to convey to the *City of Vancouver* their rights to such portion of the *False Creek Flats* which at the present time have not been granted to the Canadian Pacific Railway?

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

“No such decision has been reached. The subject matter is being considered by the Government.”

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

What amount has been expended to date on the Provincial Reformatory—1st, on the road and clearing of site; 2nd, on the foundation of building; 3rd, and whether it is the intention of the Government to push to completion at an early date this urgent public work?

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

“1. \$5,882.47.

“2. \$5,499.80.

“3. Yes.”

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

Whether the Mr. *S. A. Rogers*, stated by him, the Honourable Chief Commissioner, on the 23rd April, 1901, in answer to a question of Mr. *Martin*, to be the lessee of certain Government lands, is the Mr. *S. A. Rogers* who sits in this House as one of the Members for the *Electoral District of Cariboo*?

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

“Yes.”

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

1. How many special police have been engaged by the Government since March, 1901
2. If any were engaged during the trackmen's strike on the C. P. R., how many?
3. Did any of said special police take the place of the strikers or act as watchmen on the C. P. R. track or bridges?
4. If so, why did the Government take the part of the company against the men?

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

“1. It is almost impossible to answer this question, as the services of special constables are being continuously employed.

“2. During the trackmen's strike on the C. P. R. in the summer of 1901, some thirty-five or forty special constables were sworn in for the protection of the railway by Chief Constable Lister, of New Westminster. When the Department ascertained that this had been done, instructions were given that it was not necessary for the Department to intervene in the matter, and that if the Canadian Pacific Railway authorities required men to look after their property, they should have them sworn in as constables under the “Railway Act,” and pay for their services. This was done. None of the specials appointed were paid by the Government.

“3. I am not aware that any of the said constables, appointed as above, took the place of strikers or acted as watchmen on the C. P. R. track or bridges.

“4. The Government did not take the part of the Company against the men.”

Mr. *Hayward* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:—

Will the Government take steps at once to place the supplying of stumping powder to bonâ fide farmers on a practical basis, thus enabling them to procure the same at all times at actual cost price?

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

“Mr. Palmer was instructed on 3rd March to investigate and report, without delay, the question of the supply and distribution of powder to farmers.”

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

1. What amount of money has been spent by road foremen at *Mara* and *Enderby*, respectively, during the year 1901?

2. To whom were such moneys paid?

3. What amount did each receive during each month of the year?

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

“1. *Mara*, \$872.91; *Enderby*, \$2,477.79.

“2. & 3. See following statements:—

“EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1901.

“*Mara Roads.*

	May.	June.	July.	August.	November.	Totals.
Little, G. E. ....	\$32 25	\$77 12	\$16 12	\$39 37	\$ 4 50	\$169 36
Little, C. W. ....	45 50	89 25	28 00	49 00	17 50	229 25
Houck, A. E. Van .....	3 75	23 75	.....	.....	.....	27 50
Johnson, H. ....	3 75	23 75	.....	.....	.....	27 57
Shannon, D. ....	10 00	15 00	.....	.....	5 00	30 00
Elson, W. ....	10 00	25 62	7 50	26 87	.....	69 99
Gray, F. ....	5 00	5 10	5 00	5 00	.....	20 10
Blurton, H. ....	9 37	13 75	9 37	.....	.....	32 49
Harvey, H. W. ....	.....	15 90	.....	.....	.....	15 90
Hardy, Wright & Co. ....	.....	2 75	.....	.....	.....	2 75
Wallace, G. J. ....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Bell & Jolland. ....	.....	28 05	.....	.....	.....	28 05
Moser, J. ....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	5 75	30 75
Bell, J. ....	.....	62 37	.....	.....	.....	62 37
James, H. ....	.....	4 37	11 87	.....	.....	16 24
Johnson, J. ....	.....	13 12	.....	.....	.....	13 12
Owen, W. ....	.....	3 12	12 50	.....	.....	15 62
Zeltegren, A. ....	.....	.....	5 00	24 37	.....	29 37
Kenny, W. H. ....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	25 00
Roitner, J. ....	.....	.....	.....	7 50	.....	7 50
Lambert, J. ....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00
Vernon Hardware Co. ....	.....	.....	.....	8 05	.....	8 05
Long, W. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	10 00

\$872 91

“EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1901.

“*Enderby Roads.*

	April.	May.	June.	July.	September.	October.	November.	Totals.
Hooper, G. H. ....	\$81 00	\$111 00	\$102 74	\$117 50	\$97 75	\$110 25	\$35 75	\$655 99
Hancock, W. ....	63 00	91 00	87 50	94 50	87 50	94 50	47 25	565 25
Dale, R. ....	.....	60 00	54 37	40 00	.....	.....	.....	154 37
Graham, J. ....	.....	17 50	54 37	62 50	51 25	63 75	.....	249 37
Dale, A. ....	.....	17 50	55 00	35 00	.....	.....	.....	107 50
Smith & McLeod ..	7 92	.....	.....	.....	26 99	.....	26 89	61 80
Fulkird, G. ....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Hartwell, J. L. ....	.....	.....	24 37	26 00	.....	.....	.....	50 37
Johnson, J. ....	.....	.....	10 00	17 50	.....	.....	.....	27 50
Bailey, W. ....	.....	.....	18 74	45 00	.....	.....	.....	63 74
Greyell, P. ....	.....	.....	18 74	35 00	56 25	.....	.....	110 09
Hutchison, W. ....	.....	.....	11 70	.....	.....	19 65	.....	31 35
Bell & Jolland. ....	.....	.....	22 65	.....	2 10	12 25	4 54	41 54
Harvey, H. W. ....	.....	.....	22 50	.....	14 21	2 50	.....	39 21
Paul, A. ....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Dale, J. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78 75	53 50	.....	132 25
Kenny, N. H. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 75	38 50	.....	89 25
Cooke, J. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	15 00
Dale, S. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 50	.....	7 50
Alex. (Siwash). ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 00	3 25	29 25
C. P. Ry. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 04	.....	2 04
Hancock, C. O. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50
Birnie, A. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 92	.....	.....	1 92

\$2,477 79

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

What is the number of Chinese and Japanese (1) working underground, (2) above ground, in each of the coal mines (naming them) of the Province during the year 1901?

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

The following were employed on the 31st December, 1901, the latest date upon which such information is available:—

NAME OF COLLIERY.	UNDERGROUND.		ABOVE GROUND.	
	Chinese.	Japanese.	Chinese.	Japanese.
Nanaimo Colliery.....			148	
Alexandria Colliery.....			28	
Wellington Colliery (Comox).....	102	28	126	34
" (Extension).....			105	2
Michel Colliery, Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company..				
Coal Creek Colliery, " ".....				
Morrissey Colliery, " ".....				

Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Whether, in conformity with section 65 of the Constitution Act, a writ has been issued for an election to be held to fill the vacancy in the *Riding of North Victoria*?

2. If so, when?

3. When the writ is returnable?

4. If not issued, why not?

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

"1. No."

"4. The matter is under the consideration of the Executive."

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

Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill this Session enabling them to carry on draining and sewerage works outside municipalities, and to assess for the same?

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

"No."

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

What answer, if any, has been received from *Ottawa* in reply to a resolution passed in this House on 1st March, 1901, praying the Lieutenant-Governor to urge upon the Dominion Government to take steps to deepen the channel of the *Somas River*?

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

"An acknowledgment was received."

Mr. *Garden* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

Whether any answer to the resolution of this House of May 3rd, 1901, in reference to the *Indian Reserve* within the corporate limits of the *City of Vancouver* has been received from the Indian Department, *Ottawa*, by the Government? If so, what answer?

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

"The receipt of the resolution was acknowledged to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by the Department of the Secretary of State, but no answer has been received from the Department of Indian Affairs."



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

Was there a survey made of the passes through the *Hope Mountain*, with a view of building a railway from *Coast* to *Kootenay*?

If so, is it the intention of the Government to bring down the report of the engineer in charge of such survey? If not, why not?

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

“Yes”—to both questions.

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

1. What was the rate of wages paid to foremen, labourers and rockmen, respectively, on Government roads and trails in the *Revelstoke Riding* during last season?

2. What was the rate of wages paid to foremen, labourers and rockmen, respectively on Government roads and trails in the *Slocan Riding* during last season?

3. If any difference in rates of wages in *Slocan* and *Revelstoke Ridings*, why?

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

“1. Foremen, \$3.50; labourers, \$2.50.

“2. Foremen, \$3.50 and \$4.00; labourers, \$2.75 and \$3.00.

“3. Because the rates of wages were understood to be the current wages in the district mentioned.”

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

1. Who had charge of the *Hope Mountain* survey?

2. What is the total amount of the cost of such survey?

3. What length of time were the survey parties in the field?

4. The amount paid to each person connected with such survey?

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

“1. Hon. Edgar Dewdney.

“2. \$14,071.92.

“3. August 1st to October 9th, 1901.

“4. See list attached.”

“ACCOUNTS PAID BY VOUCHER.

1901.			
July	26—J. Dalby, invoice, pack saddles, etc.....	\$	97 75
"	30—D. E. Campbell, drugs, etc.....		14 20
"	30—F. W. Nolte & Co., level, compasses, etc.....		49 00
"	30—F. Jeune & Bro., tents, etc.....		174 50
"	31—Simon Leiser, groceries.....		917 55
"	31—E. G. Prior & Co., hardware.....		209 62
"	31—T. N. Hibben & Co., surveying tools, etc.....		168 70
"	31— " level for J. W. Balmain.....		35 00
"	31—J. Piercy & Co., blankets and duck.....		50 53
"	31—F. Norris & Sons, saddles and bridles.....		27 88
"	31—A. & W. Wilson, making galvanised cases.....		9 00
"	31—A. Aaronson, 2 clocks.....		2 00
"	31—C. N. Cameron, 3 horses.....		90 00
"	31—J. P. Burgess, levelling rods, etc.....		46 70
August	2—L. W. Paisley, horses, saddles, oats, hay, etc.....		243 25
"	2—S. N. Prosser, 3 pack horses.....		75 00
"	2—Steamer "Beaver," fares, meals, freight, etc.....		239 65
"	2—Brackman-Ker Co., oats.....		4 45
"	3—Jas. Wardle, 2 horses.....		50 00
"	3—Wm. Yates, 2 horses.....		50 00
"	9—E. G. Prior & Co., 2 reflectors.....		3 00
"	12—Thomson Stationery Co., profile paper.....		10 00
"	23— " ".....		10 00
"	14—Brackman-Ker Co., oats.....		41 25
"	17—F. W. Nolte & Co., barometer.....		15 00
"	21—Oppenheimer Bros., groceries.....		78 61
"	27—Eastwood, Smith & Co., sugar, etc.....		41 04
"	31—R. T. Williams, level books, etc.....		32 20

Carried forward ... 2,785 88

		<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$ 2,785 88
August	31	—Jas. Wardle, sundry outfit .....	34 50
September	5	—Brackman-Ker Co., oats .....	40 20
"	"	7—Oppenheimer Bros., groceries .....	110 10
"	12	—Jas. Corrigan, board of Moore, etc. ....	37 50
"	21	—Roland Ryder, horse hire .....	58 00
"	24	—W. J. Bristol, invoice, beef .....	12 15
"	30	—J. Corrigan, meals, etc., to date .....	65 00
"	21	—Baptiste (Indian), horse hire, 5th August to date .....	275 50
"	30	—T. J. McAlpin, " .....	35 40
October	1	—Wm. Allison, " .....	39 00
"	"	1—Chas. Powell, " .....	26 00
"	"	1—G. W. Aldous, meals, Moberly's party .....	12 00
"	"	3—Princeton Meat Co., horse feed, \$7.75; meat, \$28.20 .....	35 95
"	11	—Thos. Bulger, invoice, meat .....	16 56
"	13	—J. Corrigan, meals, etc., to date .....	34 00
"	9	—Jas. Wardle, order T. M. Hickey .....	5 00
"	31	—A. W. Harvey, 100 feet railroad chain .....	7 50
December	21	—H. Carry, account F. W. Nolte (repairs to barometer) .....	3 00
		Petty cash, Hon. Edgar Dewdney, Telegrams, etc .....	\$ 3.75
		Outfit .....	11.05
		Horses .....	120.00
		Travelling expenses .....	84.35
		Provisions and sundries .....	126.54
			345 67

\$ 3,978 91

## " WAGES PAID BY VOUCHER.

September	4	—W. F. McCauley .....	\$ 35 00
"	3	—Geo. Hughes .....	44 04
"	6	—P. H. Brown .....	3 78
"	16	—G. H. Jobson .....	15 02
"	21	—R. Ryder .....	96 00
"	23	—Tommy Joe (Indian packer) .....	72 00
"	23	—Andrew " .....	60 00
"	23	—Baptiste " .....	72 00
October	11	—C. T. Coates .....	60 65
"	11	—C. J. Atkins .....	60 65
"	11	—T. M. Hickey .....	98 05
"	11	—J. Leahy .....	60 65
"	11	—J. Nicholson .....	85 41
"	11	—J. Price .....	103 05
"	13	—T. F. Morgan .....	107 58
"	13	—J. Norman .....	103 33
"	13	—A. F. Smith .....	94 18
"	14	—Chas. Powell .....	28 00
"	14	—Wm. Allison .....	26 26
"	14	—Jas. Hislop .....	150 00
"	15	—W. H. Binns .....	106 11
"	15	—L. O. McEwan .....	113 83
"	16	—W. S. Moore .....	137 15
"	16	—H. H. Brown .....	227 62
"	16	—J. Blackwood .....	75 00
"	16	—J. Dalby .....	226 00
November	26	—N. A. Youdall .....	175 43
"	26	—A. W. Harvey .....	394 35
December	10	—G. H. Dawson .....	740 03
"	11	—F. Moberly .....	610 27
"	11	—F. Moberly .....	84 10
"	21	—H. Carry .....	1,315 00
"	31	—Hon. E. Dewdney .....	1,750 00
"	31	—J. D. Wells .....	337 50
		Hon. E. Dewdney, sundry wages paid, per attached list .....	2,608 23
		J. D. Wells, expenses, Hope and return, Sept. 10th .....	27 00

14,281 92

" Less Cash received from J. Wardle for 17 pack-horses and outfit .... 210 00

" Total cost of Survey .....

" SUMMARY—Accounts paid by Voucher. .... \$ 3,978 91

Wages " .....

" Total .....

\$14,071 92"

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

1. What has been the total cost of *Matsqui* dyke pumps?
2. What is the annual charge for interest and sinking fund in connection with *Matsqui* dyking scheme?
3. What was the charge last year for maintenance of the above works?

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

- "1. \$57,309.59.
- "2. According to plan and assessment roll on file at the Land Registry Office at New Westminster, per annum, \$5,322.29, of which  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  goes to interest account and  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  to sinking fund account. This amount will be materially increased when the amended assessment roll is made out.
- "3. About \$7,000."

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

Has he received any communication from the Mayor and Council of *Vancouver*, or their solicitor, in reference to an action at law which the Council, with the permission of the Attorney-General, wish to institute against the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. for the possession of the foreshore abutting on certain streets in the old *Granville Townsite*? If so, what answer has he given?

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

"A communication has been received from the solicitor for the City of *Vancouver* in the above matter, and the said communication is under consideration."

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

Has the Government taken any action in the matter of securing a County Court Judge for the *Atlin District*?

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

"Correspondence has been carried on with the Dominion Government towards that end. Strong representations have been made that the appointment be made immediately."

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

1. What has been the cost of the *Chilliwack* dyking scheme up to the present time?
2. Upon what terms are the *McLean Bros.* carrying on these works?

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

- "1. Total cost to February 28th, 1902, \$189,150.35.
- "2. Under the terms of their contract."

Mr. *Neill* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions :—

1. Since the general election of 1900 how many voters' names have been added to the list of those entitled to vote in the *Alberni Electoral District*?
2. How many applications to be placed on above-named list at next revision of same are now filed in the office of the Collector of Votes for said District?

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

- "1. 48.
- "2. 10.

"These figures have been furnished by the Collector of Votes."

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

What action (if any) has the Government taken with a view to discouraging or preventing the introduction of Japanese into the *Atlin District*?

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

"The Government have no power to prevent them going into the district, but have written to say that they in no way approve of their introduction there."

The Hon. Mr. *Wells* presented the Report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works of the Province of British Columbia for the year ending 31st December, 1901.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:35 o'clock, P. M.

## Friday, 21st March, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Eberts*—Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act to Amalgamate the Cities of Grand Forks and Columbia.”

By Mr. *A. W. Smith*—Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to provide for the appointment of a Water Commissioner for the Town of Lillooet.”

By the Hon. Mr. *Prentice*—Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver General Hospital.”

By Mr. *Stables*—Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act to amend the Medical Act, 1898.”

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments, or any official thereof, since 1st March, 1901, on the subjects of—

1. The administration of minerals under Indian Reserves;
2. The adjustment and reduction in size of Indian Reserves.

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

That the Rules, Orders and forms of proceeding of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia be amended by striking out Rule and Order No. 110 and substituting the following therefor:—

“110. In all unprovided cases the rules, usages and forms of the House of Commons of Canada shall be followed.”

The motion was withdrawn, with leave.

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

1. Is it a fact that the Dominion Government has intimated to the Provincial Government that unless certain clauses in the Private Acts of last Session referring to the employment of labour be struck out or modified, that the said Acts will be disallowed?
2. When was such report received?
3. What action (if any) has the Government taken with respect thereto?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. February 4th, 1902.

“3. It was not necessary for the Government to take any action upon said report, as within a few days after it was received a second report came, declaring that the said Acts would not be disallowed.”

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

1. Have any offers been made to build the *Coast-Kootenay Railway*? If so, by whom?
2. Has the Government entered into a contract to build said road?

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

"1. There have been negotiations in progress, but these negotiations have not yet assumed sufficiently definite form to submit to the House.

"2. No."

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

1. Upon what date did the Hon. *John Cunningham Brown* tender his resignation as Provincial Secretary?
2. When was his resignation accepted?
3. Has any successor been appointed?
4. If so, who and when?
5. Has such appointment been gazetted, and, if so, when?
6. Upon what date did the Honourable *Richard McBride* tender his resignation as Minister of Mines?
7. When was his resignation accepted?
8. Has any successor been appointed?
9. If so, who and when?
10. Has such appointment been gazetted? If so, when?
11. Has the Honourable *D. M. Eberts* been appointed Acting Minister of Mines?
12. If so, has he been gazetted as such?
13. If not, why not?
14. Is Honourable *J. D. Prentice* now acting as Acting Provincial Secretary?
15. If so, what is the name of the Provincial Secretary in whose place he is so acting.

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

"1. 30th September, 1901.

"2. 30th September, 1901.

"3. No.

"4. No successor has been appointed.

"5. Answered by answer to question 4.

"6. 3rd September, 1901.

"7. Same date.

"8. Yes. 26th February, 1902.

"9. Col. the Hon. *E. G. Prior*. 27th February, 1902.

"10. Yes. 27th February, 1902.

"11. No.

"12. No.

"13. Answered by answers to questions 11 and 12.

"14. He is.

"15. He is not acting in the place of any other Minister."

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

1. How many acres of land is the Columbia and Western Railway Company entitled to have issued to it, and for what sections of the railway line built?
2. Have the Crown grants for the whole or part of this acreage been prepared?
3. Have these Crown grants been completed and issued? And if not, why not?
4. When will they be issued?
5. Why has the reserve not been removed from the alternate blocks adjacent to the blocks selected for subsidy to the Railway Company?
6. When is it intended to cancel the reserve on these alternate blocks?

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

"1. 2,503,312 acres for sections one, three and four.

"2. Yes, for a part.

"3. Yes, for a part.

"4. Answered by previous questions.

"5. The reserve is retained pending a settlement of the landy subsidy to which the Company is still entitled."

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

Is it the intention of the Government to take steps to extend the system of "Small Holdings" during the present year?

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

"Yes, if suitable locations can be obtained."

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

1. Is it the intention of the Government to amend the "Coal Mines Act" so as to provide for the prospecting for petroleum?

2. Is it the intention of the Government to remove the reserve which covers the oil lands in *South-East Kootenay*?

3. Is it a fact that these oil lands are covered by reserves for railways?

4. Have any of these oil lands been Crown granted to any railway company?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes; as soon as it is considered that the public interests will be served by doing so.

"3. Yes.

"4. No."

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

1. Does the Government still maintain the reserve of all Crown lands on *Grahame Island* placed thereon by Order in Council of 30th January, 1901?

2. If so, is it the intention of the Government to cancel this reserve?

3. If so, when?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Not at present.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

The following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to prevent Priority among Execution Creditors,"

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Traffic Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Children's Protection Act of British Columbia'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading on Monday next.

The second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to prohibit Aliens from Voting at Municipal Elections" was moved.

Mr. *McPhillips* raised the point of order: That the Bill proposed to amend a Private Bill, viz., the "Vancouver Incorporation Act," and could not be introduced by a Private Member.

Mr. Speaker *Pooley*: The Bill is a general one. I can only deal with the Bill as it appears before me. It does not propose to amend any Private Bill. I must rule the Bill to be quite in order.

Mr. *McPhillips* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Mounce—22.</i>
<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Helmcken—11.</i>
<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:50 o'clock, P.M.

## Monday, 24th March, 1902.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. P. Hicks.*

Mr. *Kidd* presented the First and Second Reports from the Private Bills and Standing Orders Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 24th, 1902.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the time limited for the reception of Reports from Standing or Select Committees be extended until the 10th day of April next, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS KIDD,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended and the Report was then adopted.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 24th, 1902.

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. 2—Petition of Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company.

No. 3—Petition of Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway Company.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS KIDD,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

Mr. *Hall* presented a Petition from *James N. Greenshields, T. G. Holt, Harold B. Robertson* and *James Mitchell*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate "The Victoria and Seymour Narrows Railway Company."

Laid on the table.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Green* on the 20th March, as follows:—

"That in view of the present depressed condition of the lead market, and the disability under which the producers of lead and silver within the Province labour in not being able to have the product of their mines economically smelted and refined :

"Therefore, in the opinion of this House, the public interest requires on the part of the Government the serious consideration of the establishment and operation by them of lead smelting and refining works within the Province."

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. *Tatlow* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence, reports and other documents in the possession of the Government, that has taken place or been made during the last nine years, in any way relating to the *Squamish-Pemberton Meadows* road or trail.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Garden*, Private Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company Act, 1900,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Railway Committee.

On the motion of Mr. *Ellison*, Private Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway Act, 1900,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Railway Committee.

Mr. *Gifford* moved, seconded by Mr. *Neill*—

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

1. What tenders have been received by the Government for the construction of the substructure of the *Fraser River Bridge*, with particulars of sum tendered, of person or persons, company or companies, tendering, and of the security or securities deposited by the different tenderers.

2. What tenders have been received by the Government for the construction of the superstructure of the *Fraser River Bridge*, with particulars of sum tendered, of person or persons tendering, and of the security or securities deposited by the different tenderers.

3. What tenders have been received for the construction of both substructure and superstructure of the *Fraser River Bridge*, with full particulars asked in 1 and 2.

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

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

1. Is the West Kootenay Power and Light Company in arrears for fees under the provisions of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897?"

2. If so, for what amount?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. The amount to be paid by the Company is a matter which is now under consideration."



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

1. Have any instructions been given by the Hon. Chief Commissioner during the last four months relative to the appointment of a road foreman at *Salmon Arm*?
2. If so, what were such instructions?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. That when such appointment is required to be made, the road superintendent is to communicate with the Chief Commissioner, who will give instructions as to whom the road superintendent is to appoint.”

Mr. *Kidd* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What is the amount of claims still unpaid for cattle killed on account of tuberculosis?
2. Is it the intention of the Government to ask for a sum to be voted during the present Session for the payment of such claims?

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

“1. \$800.

“2. Yes.”

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

In what respect was the tender of *D. F. Adams* for *North Arm, Fraser River, Bridge at Elburne* not in order?

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

“No security cheque accompanied tender.”

Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Children’s Protection Act of British Columbia’” was read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act for the Redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts.”

A debate arose, which was adjourned until 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.

Tuesday, 25th March, 1902.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. P. Hicks*.

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

By Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*—Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act respecting Compensation to Workmen for Accidental Injuries suffered in the course of their Employment.”

By Mr. *Curtis*—Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Shops Regulation Act, 1900.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Clifford*, seconded by Mr. *Ellison*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of any correspondence with the Dominion Government referring to the appointment of a County Court Judge for the *Atlin District*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act for the Redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts."

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>
<i>Gilmour,</i>	<i>Curtis,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>Stables,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Prior,</i>
<i>Smith, E. C.,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Dickie,</i>
<i>Gifford,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Mounce—31.</i>
<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Neill,</i>	<i>Hayward,</i>	<i>Taylor—3.</i>
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To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works presented a copy of the contract between His Majesty the King, in the right of the Province, and "The Edmonton, Yukon and Pacific Railway Company."

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Attorney-General's Department and any person, with regard to the escape of one *Jessop* from a small-pox quarantine at *Vancouver City*, and the refusal of the Attorney-General's Department to allow said *Jessop* to be prosecuted, including all reports received from Dr. *Fagan* in connection with the same.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented a Return of copies of any correspondence with the Dominion Government referring to the appointment of a County Court Judge for the *Atlin District*.

Mr. *Hall* presented a Petition from *J. N. Greenshields* and others, for leave to present a Petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate "The Victoria and Seymour Narrows Railway Co."

Laid on the table.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:50 o'clock, P. M.