

Monday, 17th February, 1896.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Hon. *D. W. Higgins*, Speaker of the House, being absent, the Hon. the Premier moved, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*,—

That Mr. *Booth*, the Member for *North Victoria* District, do preside at this meeting of the House as Speaker, and the Question being put by the Clerk of the House, was unanimously *Resolved* in the affirmative.

Mr. *Semlin* presented Petitions from *Samuel Halman* and others, *Samuel Moore* and others, and *Dan Currie* and others, residents of *Nicola District*, *re stud-horses* running at large.

Laid on the table.

On the motion of Mr. *Kidd*, seconded by Mr. *Forster*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the amount of arrears of taxes at 31st December, 1895, under the following headings, viz. :—

1. Real Property : (a) Wild Land ; (b) Improved Land.
2. Personal Property Tax.
3. Timber Areas or Leases.
4. Any other holding of land not in use by the Crown.
5. The names of owners of land whose holdings are 480 acres or more, and on which taxes are in arrears on the 31st December, 1895 ; the location of each such holding ; the amount for which it is now assessed ; the description of the tax levied, and the years in which arrears accrued.

Mr. *Rogers* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act respecting the Royal Cariboo Hospital."

Introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time at next sitting of the House.

On the motion of Mr. *Sword*, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to send down to this House a copy of the Order in Council on which one year's interest on the \$118,400 (deposited by the *Nakusp & Stocan Railway Company* with the Government) was paid to the Railway Company; and also a copy of any opinion which may have been given by His Honour's Attorney-General as to the construction to be placed upon the agreement between His Honour's Government and the *Nakusp & Stocan Railway Company*, which justified the payment of this money.

On the motion of Mr. *Sword*, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to send down to this House a statement showing in what areas east of the Cascades pre-emptions have been limited to 160 acres, under the powers conferred by section 8 of the "Land Act Amendment Act, 1895."

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

What precautions have the Department taken to secure that logs on which royalty is leviable are measured by the Official Scalers ?

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

"The Provincial Timber Inspector issued instructions to the Official Scalers to carry out the provisions of the 'Official Scalers Act, 1894,' and the Official Scalers have each subscribed to the oath of office required by the Act."

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

Did the Government, or any member thereof, receive a report of the state of the road between *Hope* and *Popcum* from Mr. *Dodd* or Mr. *Kirkcup* during the year 1895 ?

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

“Yes.”

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act to provide a Fund for Educational Purposes by sale of Public Lands,” was resumed.

Question resolved in the affirmative on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	<i>McGregor—14.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Graham—9.</i>
<i>Hume,</i>			

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

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public School Act, 1891,’” was resumed.

Question proposed.

Mr. *Sword* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Graham*—To strike out the word “now” and insert the words “this day six months.”

The amendment was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Graham—10.</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McGregor—19.</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	

Bill read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, as follows :—

E. DEWDNEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Assessment Act’ and amending Acts,” and in accordance with the provisions contained in section 54 of the “British North America Act, 1867,” he recommends the Bill to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*17th February, 1896.*

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended and the Message considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Hunter* in the Chair.

The Committee reported the following Resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Assessment Act’ and amending Acts,” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Thursday next.

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

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Inferior Courts Practitioners Act’ and amending Act.”

Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Royal Inland Hospital.”

The adjourned debate on Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to further amend the ‘Fire Insurance Policy Act, 1893,’” was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Thursday next.

Mr. *Rogers* presented Petitions from *Oppenheimer Bros.* and others, “The William Hamilton Manufacturing Co.” and others, in favour of Bill to operate traction engines on the *Carboe Road*.

Laid on the table.

Bill (No. 39) intituled “An Act to preserve the Trunk Road between Ashcroft and Barkerville,” was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5:10 o'clock, p. m.

## Thursday, 20th February, 1896.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Wilson*.

The Petitions from *Samuel Halman* and others, *Samuel Moore* and others, and *Dan. Currie* and others, residents of *Nicola District*, re stud-horses running at large, were received.

The following Petitions were presented and received:—

By Mr. *Kennedy*, from the Corporation of the *City of New Westminster*, opposing “An Act to amend ‘An Act to Incorporate the Consolidated Railway and Light Company,’” &c.

By Mr. *Williams*, from the Mayor and Council of the *City of Vancouver*, on the same subject.

By Mr. *Williams*, from the ratepayers of the *City of Vancouver*, on same subject.

By Mr. *Williams*, from the Reeve and Council of the Corporation of *South Vancouver*, on same subject.

By Mr. *Kidd*, from the Municipality of *South Vancouver*, on same subject.

By Mr. *Kidd*, from the ratepayers of the District of *Burnaby*, on same subject.

By Mr. *Kidd*, from the Corporation of *Burnaby*, on same subject.

By Mr. *Kidd*, from the Municipality of *Richmond*, on same subject.

Mr. Booth presented the Second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
20th February, 1896.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

They have considered the various Bills submitted to them, and beg leave to report the preambles proved of—

1. Bill (No. 31), "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Southern Railway Company's Act, 1894.'" The said Bill is herewith submitted without amendment.

2. Bill (No. 36), "An Act to Incorporate the Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company." The said Bill is herewith submitted with amendments.

3. Bill (No. 32), "An Act to Incorporate the Columbia and Western Railway Company." The said Bill is herewith submitted with amendments.

Certain provisions and powers contained in the Bill to incorporate "The Columbia Railway Company," as printed, your Committee considered did not fall within the scope of the powers asked for in the petition, and therefore the same were stricken out, but your Committee report, for the favourable consideration of the House, that section 16 of the Bill be amended by the House so as to read as follows:—

"16. The Company may lay out, construct, acquire, equip, maintain and operate a line of railway of standard or narrow gauge, as the Company may determine, from a point at or near the mouth of Trail Creek, on the Columbia River, extending westerly through or near the Town of Rossland, thence to a point at or near Midway, thence to a point at or near Okanagan Lake, at or near the Town of Penticton, in the Districts of West Kootenay and Osoyoos, British Columbia, with power to construct, maintain and operate branch lines therefrom to all mines lying in the vicinity thereof, and also to construct, maintain and operate extensions of said line within the Province of British Columbia; and the said lines of railway and branches and extensions that shall hereafter be constructed or acquired shall constitute the line of railway herein called the Columbia and Western Railway. The Company may divide its undertaking into six sections or divisions, and such sections or divisions shall respectively be known as the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth sections or divisions, as shown in the Schedule hereto annexed. The Company shall complete the first and second sections within two years from the date of this Act becoming law; the third section within three years from such date; the fourth section within four years from such date; the fifth section within five years from such date, and the sixth section within six years from such date; nevertheless, failure to complete any one or more of the said sections, or portions of any section, within the time so limited for the completion of the same respectively, shall not prejudice the rights, powers, or privileges of the Company in respect of such part or parts (if any) of the section or sections as to which such failure shall be made as shall, at the expiration of such limited time, be made and completed, or in respect of any section or sections as to which the period so limited for the completion thereof shall not have determined. And the Company may build branches from each, all, or any such section or sections, to any mine or mines situate not more than twenty miles from such main line in a direct line."

And that the Schedule to the Act be amended so as to read as follows:—

#### "SCHEDULE.

"The first section shall consist of that portion of the line extending from a point at or near the mouth of Trail Creek, on the Columbia River, thence westerly to a point at or near the Town of Rossland.

"The second section shall consist of that portion of the line or extension thereof extending from the point at or near the mouth of Trail Creek aforesaid, in an easterly or south-easterly direction, not more than twenty miles in a direct line.

"The third section shall consist of that portion of the line extending from such point at or near the Town of Rossland to a point at or near Christina Lake.

"The fourth section shall consist of that portion of the line extending from such point at or near Christina Lake to a point at or near the Town of Midway.

"The fifth section shall consist of that portion of the line extending from a point at or near the said Town of Midway to a point half-way or more to the Town of Penticton.

"The sixth section shall consist of that portion of the line extending from such half-way point to a point at or near the Town of Penticton."

Your Committee also recommend to the favourable consideration of the House that the following sections be added to the Bill:—

“Section 37. Notwithstanding anything contained in section 16 of this Act, the Company shall be allowed to select any route which it may deem desirable between Trail Creek and Penticton, on Okanagan Lake; and if such alternative route differ from the route indicated in section 16 of this Act, then the question of determining what are the five sections or divisions of the railway line shall be determined and established by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council; and upon such determination upon the whole or any part of said railway line, the sections or divisions so established and determined by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall in all respects have the same force and effect as if the same had been embodied in this Act or a Schedule to this Act, both as to times of construction and in all other respects.

“Section 38. The Company may acquire all the property of the Trail Creek Tramway Company, Limited, including its franchises and real, personal, and mixed property of every nature whatsoever, and assume all its obligations in connection therewith and make provision for payment thereof in such manner as the Company may deem expedient; and after the acquisition thereof by this Company it shall be entitled to own, operate, and deal with the same in all respects as if the said tramway had been constructed by the Company under the provisions of this Act, and may, at its option, adopt the same as one of the sections or divisions of its line of railway as authorized by this Act.

“Section 39. The Company may purchase, build, charter, or otherwise acquire, maintain, sell and dispose of, navigate and work, steamers, ferries, and other vessels in and upon the waters of British Columbia in connection with the said undertaking, and generally do all acts and things necessary, usual, or incidental in and to the exercise of the powers, rights and privileges granted by this Act, in so far as the Legislature of this Province has power to grant the same; and the generality of the latter part of this clause is not to be deemed to be restricted by the specific mention of any of the rights and privileges by this Act conferred, or to impair or derogate from the same; and shall be deemed and taken to include any right and privilege required by the Company incidental to the exercise of the powers by this Act granted.”

J. P. BOOTH,

*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

Mr. *Hunter* presented the Sixth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 20th, 1896.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The preamble proved of an Act intituled “An Act to amend the ‘New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Company’s Incorporation Act, 1884,’” and the Bill complete with amendments.

The preamble proved of an Act intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company Act, 1891,’” and the Bill complete with amendments.

The preamble proved of an Act intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Nelson Electric Light Company, Limited, Act, 1892,’” and the Bill complete with amendments.

The preamble proved of an Act intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Alberni Water, Electric and Telephone Company, Limited,” and the Bill complete with amendments.

Your Committee recommend that the time for receiving Reports from this Committee be extended for seven days.

JOSEPH HUNTER,

*Chairman.*

The Report was received, the Standing Rules and Orders suspended, and the Report adopted.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented the First Report of the Provincial Board of Health.

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

And then the House adjourned at 2:30 o’clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 25th February, 1896.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The following papers and reports were presented :—

Return of the reports of the Provincial Auditors in reference to the accounts of *W. H. Faulding* and *James Charles Prevost*.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Police respecting the police and prisons of the Province, for year ending 31st October, 1895.

Twenty-second Annual Report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

Return showing in what areas east of the Cascades pre-emptions have been limited to 160 acres, under the powers conferred by section 8 of the "Land Act Amendment Act, 1895."

Return showing—

(a.) The amount received as fees for log scaling up to 31st December, 1895.

(b.) The localities where such logs were scaled, the amounts of each boom so scaled, and the names of the Scalers in each case.

Return of a copy of the Order in Council on which one year's interest on the \$118,400 (deposited by the *Nakusp & Slocan Railway Company* with the Government) was paid to the Railway Company; and also a copy of any opinion which may have been given by His Honour's Attorney-General as to the construction to be placed upon the agreement between His Honour's Government and the *Nakusp & Slocan Railway Company*, which justified the payment of this money.

On the motion of Mr. *Hume*, seconded by Mr. *Kitchen*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

1. How many Crown grants have been granted in *Kootenay* under the "Mineral Act" up to 31st December, 1895.

2. How many Crown granted claims that have paid taxes thereon, the amounts so paid, and names of owners and amounts when taxes are not paid.

On the motion of Mr. *Sword*, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*, it was *Resolved*,—

That in the opinion of this House the Government should insist on all logs on which royalty is leviable being scaled by Official Scalers.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of any correspondence or reports in the Lands and Works Department on the state of the road between *Hope* and *Popcum*, during 1895.

On the motion of Mr. *Sword*, seconded by Mr. *Kitchen*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to send down to this House copies of any correspondence with the Dominion Government relating to the proposed joint action of his Government with that of the Dominion, as regarded a survey of the *Fraser River*, as preliminary to a possible system of protection.

On the motion of Mr. *Hume*, seconded by Mr. *Graham*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

The number of Provincial and foreign joint stock companies registered under the "Companies Act" and amendment Acts; name of each company; the capital stock of each; the date of registration, and the registered office of each company.

On the motion of Mr. *Sword*, seconded by Mr. *Macpherson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be sent down to this House a Return showing—

- (a.) Total area of lands at present under reserve in *East Kootenay District* :
- (b.) Date when reserved, area and location, and reason why, of each such reserve.

On the motion of Mr. *Sword*, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the grounds of appeal by the Bank of British Columbia against the amount assessed against them by the Provincial Assessor; any report or judgment on such appeal by Mr. *Mills*, who acted as a Court of Revision, and the reasons on which the Finance Minister acted in withdrawing the claim of the Province.

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

1. Is the Department of Lands and Works in possession of any correspondence in relation to the improvement of the *Cowichan River* or protection of the banks thereof?
2. Is it the intention of the Government to introduce legislation at the present Session on the subject?

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

- “1. Yes; with Major Mutter and others.
- “2. The Government have the matter under their consideration.”

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

What action has the Government taken relative to the Petition of *Hans Paul Brentzen*, presented at the last Session of this House? If none, what action, if any, do they propose to take?

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

“The land upon which Mr. Brentzen has squatted is situated within and forms part of the 100-acre reservation of the Hudson's Bay Company at Fort Simpson, which was granted to them in 1861 in part settlement of their land claims in this Province. It is, therefore, not in the power of the Government to take any measures for the relief of Mr. Brentzen in respect of the land in question.”

Major *Mutter* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question :—

In view of the adverse decision *re* the taxation of the timber lands of the *Victoria Lumber Company*, at *Chemainus* and elsewhere, is it the intention of the Government to carry the matter to the higher Court?

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

“Yes. Notice of appeal to the Full Court has already been given.”

Major *Mutter* asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions :—

1. To what individual or company was power given to clear the *Cowichan River* of obstructions, or otherwise make it available for floating or transmitting saw-logs and timber?
2. What improvements have been made on the said river, or river banks, or mouth, by a company or individual?
3. Was a lease or charter granted to any company or individual for such purposes, and what terms, and under what obligations?

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

“1. The Cowichan Improvement Company were authorized to remove obstructions from the Cowichan River, under the provisions of the ‘Rivers and Streams Act, 1890.’

"2. Subjoined is a statement showing amount of expenditures on Cowichan River and Bay made by the Cowichan Improvement Co. (Limited):—

"Sawing up drift-wood from lake, about seven miles down river. . . . .	\$ 356 53
Cutting new channel three miles above falls . . . . .	482 00
Blasting rock above falls . . . . .	180 00
Cutting road from head of river to falls, six miles . . . . .	350 00
Blasting rock at falls . . . . .	426 00
Cutting road from falls to lake road and cleaning out old road through canyon . . . . .	400 00
Sawing and blasting stumps at McIntosh's place . . . . .	150 00
Work done by W. C. Duncan below R. R. bridge . . . . .	1,200 00
Sawing drift-wood below R. R. bridge . . . . .	1,000 00
"BOOM WORK.	
Boom timber used . . . . .	813 82
Piling " . . . . .	561 40
Boom chains " . . . . .	574 53
Labour, driving piles and stringing booms . . . . .	2,520 86
Cash paid Fry, surveying, &c . . . . .	150 00
Labour . . . . .	389 20
Piling and booms, additional . . . . .	495 00
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"3. A lease or charter was not granted, merely an authorization to proceed with the work of removing obstructions, as provided by the Act."

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

Subsequent to the passage of what is commonly known as the "Settlement Act," and prior to the transfer of the administration of the Island Railway Reserve to the E. & N. R. R. Co., were any Crown grants (in accordance with the Land Laws then in force) for any portion of these reserved lands given to any person? And if such Crown grants have been given, to whom?

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

"No."

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to provide a Fund for Educational Purposes by sale of Public Lands," was committed and progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

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

Wednesday, 26th February, 1896.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Kellie* presented a Petition from *W. M. Newton* and others, residents of *Rossland*, re incorporation under the Municipality Acts.

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Kellie*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

1. Amount of money advanced by the Government to purchase feed and seed for settlers in *New Westminster District* during the year 1894.



2. The amount that has been repaid to the Government by those settlers, on account of such advances.
3. The amount of money advanced by the Government to purchase feed and seed for settlers in *New Westminster District* during the year 1895.
4. The number of settlers to whom such advances were made during 1895.
5. At what date were such advances to be repaid to the Government.
6. What amount has been repaid to the Government by such settlers.

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1895.'"

Introduced and read a first time.

Second reading on Tuesday next.

The following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed on Friday next:—

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nelson Electric Light Company, Limited, Act, 1892.'"

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Company's Incorporation Act, 1886.'"

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company Act, 1891.'"

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Southern Railway Company's Act, 1894.'"

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Columbia and Western Railway Company."

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company."

On the motion of Mr. *Kellie*, seconded by Mr. *Graham*, it was *Resolved*,—

That it be an instruction to the Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Columbia and Western Railway Company," to consider the following amendments:—

That section 16 be struck out and the following be inserted in lieu thereof:—

"16. The Company may lay out, construct, acquire, equip, maintain and operate a line of railway of standard or narrow gauge, as the company may determine, from a point at or near the mouth of Trail Creek, on the Columbia River, extending westerly through or near the Town of Rossland, thence to a point at or near Midway, thence to a point at or near Okanagan Lake, at or near the Town of Penticton, in the Districts of West Kootenay and Osoyoos, British Columbia, with power to construct, maintain and operate branch lines therefrom to all mines lying in the vicinity thereof, and also to construct, maintain and operate extensions of said line within the Province of British Columbia; and the said lines of railway and branches and extensions that shall hereafter be constructed or acquired shall constitute the line of railway herein called the Columbia and Western Railway. The Company may divide its undertaking into six sections or divisions, and such sections or divisions shall respectively be known as the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth sections or divisions, as shown in the Schedule hereto annexed. The Company shall complete the first and second sections within two years from the date of this Act becoming law; the third section within three years from such date; the fourth section within four years from such date; the fifth section within five years from such date, and the sixth section within six years from such date; nevertheless, failure to complete any one or more of the said sections or portions of any section within the time so limited for the completion of the same respectively shall not prejudice the rights, powers or privileges of the Company in respect of such part or parts (if any) of the section or sections as to which such failure shall be made as shall, at the expiration of such limited time, be made and completed, or in respect of any section or sections as to which the period so limited for the completion thereof shall not have determined. And the Company may build branches from each, all, or any such section or sections to any mine or mines situate not more than twenty miles from such main line in a direct line."

That the Schedule be struck out and the following be substituted in lieu thereof:—

“SCHEDULE.

“The first section shall consist of that portion of the line extending from a point at or near the mouth of Trail Creek, on the Columbia River, thence westerly to a point at or near the Town of Rossland.

“The second section shall consist of that portion of the line or extension thereof extending from the point at or near the mouth of Trail Creek aforesaid, in an easterly or south-easterly direction, not more than twenty miles in a direct line.

“The third section shall consist of that portion of the line extending from such point at or near the town of Rossland to a point at or near Christina Lake.

“The fourth section shall consist of that portion of the line extending from such point at or near Christina Lake to a point at or near the Town of Midway.

“The fifth section shall consist of that portion of the line extending from a point at or near the said Town of Midway to a point half-way or more to the town of Penticton.

“The sixth section shall consist of that portion of the line extending from such half-way point to a point at or near the Town of Penticton.”

That the following new sections be added:—

“Section 37. Notwithstanding anything contained in section 16 of this Act, the Company shall be allowed to select any route which it may deem desirable between Trail Creek and Penticton, on Okanagan Lake; and if such alternative route differ from the route indicated in section 16 of this Act, then the question of determining what are the five sections or divisions of the railway line shall be determined and established by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council; and upon such determination upon the whole or any part of said railway line, the sections or divisions so established and determined by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall in all respects have the same force and effect as if the same had been embodied in this Act, or a Schedule to this Act, both as to times of construction and in all other respects.

“Section 38. The Company may acquire all the property of the Trail Creek Tramway Company, Limited, including its franchises and real, personal and mixed property of every nature whatsoever, and assume all its obligations in connection therewith, and make provision for payment thereof in such manner as the Company may deem expedient; and after the acquisition thereof by this Company it shall be entitled to own, operate and deal with the same in all respects as if the said tramway had been constructed by the Company under the provisions of this Act; and may at its option adopt the same as one of the sections or divisions of its line of railway, as authorized by this Act.

“Section 39. The Company may purchase, build, charter, or otherwise acquire, maintain, sell and dispose of, navigate and work steamers, ferries and other vessels in and upon the waters of British Columbia in connection with the said undertaking, and generally do all acts and things necessary, usual, or incidental in and to the exercise of the powers, rights, and privileges granted by this Act, in so far as the Legislature of this Province has power to grant the same; and the generality of the latter part of this clause is not to be deemed to be restricted by the specific mention of any of the rights and privileges by this Act conferred, or to impair or derogate from the same, and shall be deemed and taken to include any right and privilege required by the Company incidental to the exercise of the powers by this Act granted.”

Mr. *Hunter* presented the Seventh Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The preamble proved of three Bills:—

Bill (No. 45) intituled “An Act respecting the Incorporation of the Rossland Water and Light Company.” The said Bill is herewith submitted with amendments.

Bill (No. 46) intituled “An Act respecting the Incorporation of the Sandon Water-Works and Light Company.” The said Bill is herewith submitted with amendments.

Bill (No. 38) intituled “An Act respecting the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited.” The said Bill is herewith submitted with amendments. Your Committee, however, beg to point out that in its opinion the provisions and powers contained in sections 8 and 9, as printed, do not fall within the scope of the powers asked for in the Petition, and

therefore the same were stricken out, but your Committee recommends to the favourable consideration of the House that the said sections be inserted in the Bill :—

“8. The Company are hereby authorized and empowered to construct, maintain, complete and operate one or more single or double line or lines of tramway, either surface or aerial, from all or any mines owned by them, whether to convenient points on any railway nearest the mine or mines from which it is desired to build such tramway or tramways, or from any of said mines to the nearest navigable water thereto, and to construct all necessary side-tracks and turnouts for the passage of cars, carriages and other vehicles adapted to the same, and to transport and carry passengers, freight and ores upon the same, by electricity or such other motive power as the Company may deem expedient, and also to erect, maintain and construct all works, buildings, pipes, poles, wires and appliances and conveniences which the Company may deem necessary or proper for the use of the said tramway or tramways, or in connection therewith.

“9. It shall be lawful for the Company, their servants, agents and workmen, from time to time, and at all times hereafter as they shall see fit, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into or upon the land of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, through which it is desired to build such tramway or tramways, and to survey and set out and ascertain such parts thereof as they may require for the said tramway or tramways, and to contract with the owners and occupiers of such lands, and those having any interest in the same, for the purchase of the same, or of any part thereof, or of any privilege that may be required for the purposes of this Act, and for the right to take timber, stone, gravel, sand and other materials from the aforesaid lands or any lands adjacent thereto, for the use and construction of said works, and in case of disagreement between the owners and occupiers of the said lands respecting the amount of the purchase money or value thereof, or as to the damages any such appropriation shall cause to them through the construction of the said tramway or tramways, the same shall be decided in the manner set out in section 20 of the ‘British Columbia Railway Act’ and amendments thereto. The notice mentioned in sub-section (1) of section 20 of the said Act shall be given after the said disagreement has arisen.”

Your Committee further beg to report that it has considered Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act respecting the Incorporation of the Pacific Gold and Silver Mining Company,” and find the preamble not proved, as your Committee are of the opinion that it is not expedient in the public interest to grant the same.

Your Committee further beg to report that it has considered Bill (No. 41) intituled “An Act respecting the Incorporation of the Inland Transportation Company, 1896,” and find the preamble not proved, as your Committee is of the opinion that it is not expedient in the public interest to grant same.

Your Committee further beg to report that it has considered Bill (No. 40) intituled “An Act to authorize the Anglo-Western Pioneer Syndicate, Limited, to construct Water-works and Electrical and other Works in the vicinity of Trail and Rossland,” and find the preamble not proved, as your Committee is of the opinion that proof offered in evidence was insufficient, and that it is not expedient in the public interest to grant same.

JOSEPH HUNTER,

*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

The following Petitions were presented, received, and *Ordered* to be printed :—

By Mr. *McGregor*, from *E. R. Atherton* and others, residents of *Sandon*, *re* water supply.

By Mr. *Braden*, from “The Local Council of Women of Victoria,” *re* children on streets at night.

By Mr. *Rithet*, from “The Local Council of Women of Victoria,” *re* dower.

Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act to provide a Fund for Educational Purposes by sale of Public Lands,” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

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

Thursday, 27th February, 1896.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*.

On the motion of Mr. *Huff*, seconded by Major *Mutter*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of immediate steps being taken to protect the banks of the *Cowichan River*, so as to prevent the great damage caused by overflow.

Mr. *Semlin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kitchen*,—

That it is the opinion of this House—That more than one Commissioner should have been appointed for the revision of the Statutes. That any changes from the law as it at present stands, suggested by the Commissioner, should have been first submitted to this House, and should not have been included in the revision itself, until and only so far as such proposed changes had been adopted by this House. And that proper precaution should be taken by the Government to ensure the work being done at the least expense compatible with the importance of the work.

Negatived on division as follows:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Graham—11.</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McGregor—19.</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	

On the motion of Mr. *Macpherson*, seconded by Mr. *Hume*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

The rate per ton charged on freight for various classes of goods ; rate for carrying Her Majesty's mails ; express rates, and the passenger rates. Also the total sums derived under each of the different heads on the *Nakusp & Stocan Railway*, for the various periods for which returns have been made.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented a Return of the number of complaints which have been entered in the several Small Debts Courts of this Province, the amounts sued for, and the fees taken by the Magistrates.

Also, a Return showing the number of complaints which have been entered in which the fees have not been paid before the hearing of the complaint.

Also, a Return showing the number of complaints which have been settled before hearing, and whether in such cases the fees have been limited to the summons and service, or whether the hearing fee has been included.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act for the benefit of Mechanics and Labourers," was read a second time on the following division:—

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>Huff,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>McGregor—17.</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>			

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Walkem—13.</i>
<i>Forster,</i>			

To be committed to-morrow.

Mr. *Hunter* presented the Eighth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
February 27th, 1896.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend an Act to Incorporate the Consolidated Railway and Light Company, and to consolidate certain Acts relating thereto, and to change the name to the Consolidated Railway Company." Your Committee submit the Bill herewith with amendments.

JOSEPH HUNTER,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

The Hon. Mr. *Martin* presented an extract from the Crown Surveys Report, viz., Mr. *Lee's* Report on the *Big Bend* country, and Mr. *Burnyeat's* Report on *Trinity Valley*.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cattle Act' and amending Acts," was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Line Fences and Water-courses Act,' and Amending Acts," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to preserve the Trunk Road between Ashcroft and Barkerville," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented a Return of a copy of the Report of the Provincial Auditor in reference to accounts of the Road Superintendent of *East Lillooet*.

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

Friday, 28th February, 1896.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. B. Winchester*.

The Order for the further consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to prevent certain Animals from running at large, and respecting Injuries by Animals of a domestic nature," was discharged, and the Bill recommitted.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

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

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Fire Insurance Policy Act, 1893,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at next sitting of the House.

The following papers were presented:—

Return showing—

(a.) Total area of lands at present under reserve in *East Kootenay District* :

(b.) Date when reserved, area and location, and reason why, of each such reserve.

Copies of correspondence and reports in the Lands and Works Department on the state of the road between *Hope* and *Popcum*, during 1895.

Annual Report on the Legislative Library.

On the motion of Mr. *Kitchen*, seconded by Mr. *Hume*, it was *Resolved*,—

That it be an instruction to the Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nelson Electric Light Company, Limited, Act, 1892,'" to consider the following amendments:—

Sec. 1—Strike out word "two," on line 4, and insert the word "three."

And to insert the following as sub-section (a) of section 17 of the "Nelson Electric Light Company, Limited, Act, 1892":—

"(a.) It shall be lawful for the said Company to contract with any person or company for supplying electricity to any such person, or to any streets, ways, lanes, passages, tramways, manufactories, shops, warehouses, public or private houses, buildings and places, and for such purposes may from time to time lay down, carry, fit up, connect and furnish any electric accumulator, storage battery, electric line, cable, wire, pipe, switch, connection, branch, burner, lamp, meter, or other apparatus for or in connection with any electric main, lead or cable, which for such purposes may be required, and to let any such apparatus for hire for such sum as may be agreed upon."

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nelson Electric Light Company, Limited, Act, 1892,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

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

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Company's Incorporation Act, 1884,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

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

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company Act, 1891,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Southern Railway Company's Act, 1894,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Columbia and Western Railway Company," was committed.

Reported progress.

Committee to sit again on Monday next.

Mr. *Graham* presented a Petition from *F. Adrian Meyer*, of *Vernon*, re Columbia and Western Railway Bill.

Laid on the table.

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

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

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## Monday, 2nd March, 1896.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. W. Trotter*.

The Petition from *F. Adrian Meyer*, of *Vernon*, re Columbia and Western Railway Bill, was received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Kitchen* presented a Petition from *A. C. Wells* and others, residents of the Municipality of *Chilliwack*, against clubs selling intoxicating liquor in rural municipalities.

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Smith* presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Mining, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
2nd March, 1896.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

The provisions of a Bill to amend and consolidate the "Mineral Act, 1891," and amending Acts.

A. W. SMITH,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

On the motion of Major *Mutter*, seconded by Mr. *Huff*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause urgent representations to be made to the Dominion Government to have the necessary borings and soundings made of the bar at the mouth of the *Somas River*, *Cowichan-Alberni*, with a view to the early removal of the said bar, so as to enable shipping of the largest class to reach the wharf at the upper Town of *Alberni*.

On the motion of Mr. *Macpherson*, seconded by Mr. *Forster*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all information collected, compiled and tabulated by the Bureau of Statistics, relative to the municipalities of B. C.

On the motion of Mr. *Sword*, seconded by Mr. *Smith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be laid before the House copies of all correspondence between his Government, or any member thereof, and any person or persons, company or companies, in relation to the proposed construction of the British Pacific Railway; also, any papers relating thereto.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Stoddart*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return giving the names of all those Provincial Land Surveyors who applied for employment under the Government during the past year, the dates of applications, and the names of those Provincial Land Surveyors who received or obtained employment under the Government, the date of engagement, and when the engagement ceased.

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

Does the Government intend to take any action for redress of the grievances referred to in the Petition of loggers sent to him, condemning the adoption of the B. C. rule for log scaling?

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

“The Government are now examining into the merits of the case, and will take care that justice will be done to all parties concerned.”

Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act to provide a Fund for Educational Purposes by sale of Public Lands,” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Leave to sit again to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:50 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 3rd March, 1896.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. W. Trotter*.

Major *Mutter* presented the Report of the Select Committee appointed to report on “An Act to encourage Dairying,” as follows :—

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Committee on “An Act to encourage Dairying” have had the whole matter under consideration in all the points presented to us, and beg to submit the following Report:—

During the discussions which have taken place in the Committee and in the evidence submitted to them, three propositions have developed :

1st—That a bonus should be paid by the Government on the butter produced by the creameries :

2nd—That a bonus should be paid to those who would import a certain number of pure bred cows :

3rd—That a loan should be advanced by the Government to assist in the establishment of creameries under the co-operative plan.

As to the first proposition, although it would undoubtedly tend to stimulate the production of butter amongst those who are in the position to take advantage of any provision which might be made for such a purpose, your Committee submit it is open to the serious objection



that it could not apply to those who are anxious to manufacture butter by the creamery process under the co-operative plan, but who, unfortunately, have not the necessary capital to secure machinery, etc.

Your Committee further submit that there is sufficient inducement to those who are in the position to manufacture creamery butter to continue to do so, in the demand of the consumers; and if the object is to largely increase the present supply so as to meet the demand for creamery butter, any assistance by the Government should be rather in the direction of assisting the building of creameries where, by co-operation, the farming interests may be able to reap any advantages which may accrue from the increased production of butter.

These views are embodied in the third proposition, and bearing in mind that the main object of encouraging dairying in this Province is to increase the production of a superior quality of butter and to stop the large importation of butter from other parts, your Committee are of the opinion that a loan advanced under proper precautions would be a more effectual means of stimulating the production of first-class butter than a bonus would.

Your Committee submit the following recommendations as to a loan:—

1st—That 75 % of the actual cost of the creamery be advanced, at a rate of interest not exceeding 5 %, to be repaid in three annual instalments, the first to be due two years from date of loan.

2nd—That as a condition for receipt of such loan, 25 % of the subscribed capital shall be paid up, such 25 % to be sufficient to pay 25 % of the cost of establishing the creamery. That the shareholders in the association guarantee the milk from 300 cows being supplied to the creamery.

3rd—That the Government hold as security the unpaid instalments of the stock of the company and the land, building and plant incidental to the creamery.

4th—That each creamery district shall comprise an area with a radius of at least six miles, and without interfering with the radius of an established creamery district.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the Bill be so amended as to carry out the above recommendations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. MUTTER,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to prevent certain Animals from running at large, and respecting Injuries by Animals of a domestic nature," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1891,'" was committed. Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Fire Insurance Policy Act, 1893,'" was considered.

Mr. *Kennedy* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hume*,—

To insert the following as a new section:—

"Sec. 4. In all cases where a Fire Insurance Company, through an agent or otherwise, issues a policy on a building, or on machinery or fixtures contained in such building, it shall not be open to said company, in the event of the destruction by fire of such building, machinery, or fixtures, to plead any abatement of the claim, on the ground that said building, machinery or fixtures were not of the value stated in said policy."

Negatived.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Kellie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of Telephone and Telegraph Companies."

Introduced and read a first time.

Second reading on Thursday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* moved—That Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Assessment Act’ and amending Acts,” be read a second time now.

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

The Petition from *A. C. Wells* and others, residents of the Municipality of *Chilliwack*, against clubs selling intoxicating liquor in rural municipalities, was received and *Ordered* to be printed.

*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.

Wednesday, 4th March, 1896.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by Rev. *R. W. Trotter*.

The following Petitions were presented and received:—

By Mr. *Walkem*, from *D. R. Ker*, *C. P. Woolley*, *A. C. Flummerfelt*, and others, in favour of the *Alberni* Water-Works Bill.

By Mr. *Booth*, from *C. P. Woolley*, *A. C. Flummerfelt*, and others, on the same subject.

By Mr. *McGregor*, from *W. K. Leighton* and others, on the same subject.

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

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return showing, in detail, the amount of money charged as travelling and incidental expenses during the last year by members of the Provincial Cabinet and members of the Civil Service and employees, giving names of such Ministers and employees, and the amounts in detail expended by each and paid by the Government.

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

For what reason did the Government reserve 480,000 acres at the south-east corner of the Province on 12th August, 1890, and 240,000 acres at *Elk River*, *Mitchell Creek*, and *Coal Creek*, in *East Kootenay*, on 25th February, 1890?

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

“For Government purposes, in connection with railway reserves.”

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

1. Is the Government aware that County Court Judge *Bole* is at present absent from the Province, and that he has gone to *Ottawa*?

2. When did he go, and did he obtain leave of absence before going? If so, is the Government aware of when he left and whether he is absent on business connected with his judicial duties?

3. Who is providing the inhabitants of *New Westminster* and *Vancouver* with judicial service in his absence?

4. Does he intend to return?

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

“1. The Government is aware of the absence of Judge Bole from the Province, but not, otherwise than through the public press, of his present address.

“2. The Government was requested by Judge Bole for three weeks' leave of absence, to attend to urgent private business, and the same was granted on the 4th February, ult., in so far as such matter is under the control of this Government.

“3. The Government was at the time informed that His Lordship Mr. Justice McCreight had consented to assume the performance of the duties of the County Court Judge during his absence.

“4. It is understood that he will return to New Westminster to-morrow.”

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Company's Incorporation Act, 1886.’”

Bill (No. 33) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company Act, 1891.’”

Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Southern Railway Company's Act, 1894.’”

Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Columbia and Western Railway Company,” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Council of the City of *Kaslo*, re clause in Assessment Act taxing metalliferous ores.

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

The following Papers and Returns were presented :—

Copies of the correspondence with the Dominion Government relating to the proposed joint action of the Government with that of the Dominion, as regarded a survey of the *Fraser River*, as preliminary to a possible system of protection.

Supplementary Papers relating to the protection from overflow of the *Fraser River*.

Return giving the names of all those Provincial Land Surveyors who applied for employment under the Government during the past year, the dates of applications, and the names of those Provincial Land Surveyors who received or obtained employment under the Government, the date of engagement, and when the engagement ceased.

Bill (No. 36) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company,” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

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

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Thursday, 5th March, 1896.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. W. Trotter*.

Mr. *Williams* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Vancouver*, re Columbia and Western Railway Bill.  
Received.

Mr. *Rogers* presented a Petition from *H. L. Walters* and others, residents of *Quesnelle Forks* and vicinity, re resident physician.  
Laid on the table.

Mr. *McGregor* presented the Third Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
5th March, 1896.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That in April, 1895, there was paid by the C. P. R. Co. for 1894, as taxes, \$8,250.41; and in June, 1895, for the year 1895, \$8,921.25. This latter sum, through error, was credited as from the City of Victoria, instead of from the C. P. R. Co.

The Committee find that the item of \$8,250.41 paid in April, 1895, for 1894, is the amount received in payment of the C. P. R. Co.'s taxes on the assessment for 1894, and is in place of the amount assessed for 1894, declared invalid by the Court. (*See Public Accounts, 30th June, 1894, page 18.*)

That on 1st June, 1895, when the first proceeds of the loan were received in Victoria, the overdraft at the Bank of B. C. was \$892,946.63.

Your Committee herewith submit the following papers, viz.:—

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure, Province of British Columbia, for the six months ending 31st December, 1895.

Statement shewing details of Sinking Fund Investments in British Columbia Inscribed Stock from 1st July, 1894, to January, 1896.

Timber Leases.

Timber Royalty and Licences.

Statement showing details of expenditure under the headings Discount and Commission and Premium and Exchange, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1895.

JAMES MCGREGOR,  
*Chairman, pro tem.*

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## STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1895.

REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE.	
Dominion Government $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly subsidy	\$121,342 73	Public Debt, Interest . . . . .	\$ 95,248 81
Land Sales . . . . .	29,133 62	" Premium and Exchange . .	1,345 43
Land Revenue . . . . .	3,300 05	" Discount and Commission . .	970 00
Rents (exclusive of lands) . . . . .	12 00	" Sinking Fund . . . . .	34,447 66
Rents, Timber Leases . . . . .	8,486 64	Civil Government (Salaries) . . . .	72,677 92
Free Miners' Certificates . . . . .	23,832 00	Administration of Justice (Salaries) . . .	62,146 18
Mining Receipts General . . . . .	36,749 79	Legislation . . . . .	775 65
Licences . . . . .	20,905 00	Bureau of Mines . . . . .	329 52
Fines . . . . .	6,387 10	Printing Office . . . . .	5,706 70
Assay Fees . . . . .	240 75	Museum . . . . .	915 22
Sale of Government Property . . . . .	1,839 00	Asylum for the Insane . . . . .	8,051 91
Miscellaneous Receipts . . . . .	3,003 00	Hospitals and Charities . . . . .	23,053 68
Marriage Licences . . . . .	1,555 00	Provincial Home . . . . .	2,091 25
Registered Taxes . . . . .	2 10	Administration of Justice . . . . .	27,387 06
Revenue Tax . . . . .	28,929 00	Education . . . . .	105,284 95
Real Property Tax . . . . .	7,702 67	Transport . . . . .	7,227 84
Personal Property Tax . . . . .	2,890 46	Rent . . . . .	24 25
Income Tax . . . . .	147 75	Revenue . . . . .	5,723 62
Printing Office Receipts . . . . .	5,030 28	Works and Buildings . . . . .	38,488 11
Probate Fees . . . . .	2,166 28	Government House . . . . .	1,491 04
Succession Duty . . . . .	5,099 74	Roads, Streets, and Bridges . . . . .	182,007 21
Law Stamps . . . . .	5,005 80	Surveys . . . . .	23,439 23
Registry Fees . . . . .	18,412 66	Miscellaneous . . . . .	49,930 93
Interest . . . . .	11,708 93		
Survey Fees . . . . .	515 18		
Provincial Home . . . . .	175 75		
Revenue Service Refunds . . . . .	5 40		
Sale of Consolidated Statutes . . . . .	94 00		
Commission on Tax Sales . . . . .	3 18		
Wild Land Tax . . . . .	2,838 95		
Chinese Restriction Act . . . . .	17,200 00		
Timber Royalty . . . . .	19,889 98		
Timber Sealers' Fees . . . . .	98 38		
Asylum for the Insane . . . . .	1,111 17		
Reimbursements in aid . . . . .	2,702 72		
	388,517 06		\$748,764 17
Balance in Bank on Special Deposit 1st July, 1895 . . . . .	276,277 39	Expenditure on Parliament Buildings . .	159,792 03
Balance in Bank on Account Current, 1st July, 1895 . . . . .	856,353 27		

## STATEMENT

SHOWING DETAILS OF SINKING FUND INVESTMENTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA INSCRIBED STOCK.

[From 1st July, 1894, to January, 1896.]

## LOAN 1877.

Date.	Stock Purchased.	Rate.	Amount Invested in		Brokerage.
			Sterling.	Currency.	
			£ s. d.	\$ c.	
February, 1895 .....	2,307 15 0	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,264 9 7	10,982 72	28 21
June, 1895 .....	2,393 8 9	94 $\frac{3}{4}$	2,270 15 6	11,013 26	29 22
January, 1896 .....	2,396 15 9	96 $\frac{1}{4}$	2,306 18 1	11,188 48	28 13

## LOAN 1887.

January, 1895 .....	1,385 5 2	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,359 5 8	6,592 52	17 05
June, 1895 .....	1,443 4 6	94 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,369 5 2	6,640 90	17 74
January, 1896 .....	1,445 4 2	96 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,391 0 3	6,746 41	14 77

## LOANS 1891-3-5.

January, 1895 .....	3,014 11 0	98 $\frac{3}{4}$	2,958 0 7	14,346 44	36 75
June, 1895 .....	2,110 16 4	94 $\frac{3}{4}$	2,000 0 0	14,613 19	38 80
January, 1896 .....	1,067 15 0	94 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,013 0 7		
January, 1896 .....	5,356 11 10	96 $\frac{1}{4}$	5,155 14 5	25,005 25	62 99

## TIMBER LEASES.

Of the sum of \$49,544.11 brought to account under Timber Leases during the year ending 30th June, 1895, the sum of \$48,453.61 was arrears.

The amount of arrears under this heading at 31st December, 1895, was \$66,422.95.

## TIMBER ROYALTY AND LICENCES.

Of the sum of \$16,587 brought to account as Timber Royalties and Licences during the year ending 30th June, 1895, the sum of \$3,076.33 was arrears.

The amount of arrears under this heading at 31st December, 1895, was \$9,892.65.

## STATEMENT

SHOWING DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE UNDER THE HEADINGS DISCOUNT AND COMMISSION AND PREMIUM AND EXCHANGE, FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1895.

## EXCHANGE.

Exchange on remittance of amount of Interest on the various Loans due in London 31st December, 1895, £19,494 12s. @ \$4.90 par = \$4.85 .....	5 cents per £ = \$	974 73
Exchange on remittance of amount of Sinking Fund on the various Loans due in London 31st December, 1895, £6,813 19s. @ \$4.90 = .....		340 70
Exchange on remittance of £500 to Messrs. Glynn, Mills, Currie & Co., London, to meet payments of expenses in connection with the consolidation of Public Debt and commission for inscribing Stock, @ \$4.91 = .....		30 00
		<u>\$1,345 43</u>

## DISCOUNT AND COMMISSION.

Half-yearly payment for commission for inscribing, transferring, and paying interest on Inscribed Stock, due in London 31st December, 1895, £200 @ \$4.85 = .....

\$ 970 00

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Forster*, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing all the evidence taken at the inquest held on the body of *John Rowe*, who was killed by a fall of rock while in the employ of the Union Colliery Company, *Comox*, together with all papers and correspondence in connection with the same, and the verdict of the jury.

Mr. *Macpherson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to amend ‘An Act to Incorporate Benevolent and other Societies, 1891.’”

Introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *McGregor*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the fees and emoluments obtained by or accruing to each and every Sheriff for the year ending 31st December, 1895.

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

Do the Government take any precautions to see that the average actual daily attendance at the public schools in cities on which the Government pay the per capita grant is confined to the average actual daily attendance of pupils of school age?

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

“Yes.”

Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act respecting Co-operative Associations,” was again committed.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act for the benefit of Mechanics and Labourers,” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* presented the Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the year ending 31st December, 1895.

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

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Friday, 6th March, 1896.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *McGregor* presented a Petition from the Miners' Protective Association, *re* School Lands Sale Bill.

Ruled out of order.

The Petition from *H. L. Walters* and other, residents of *Quesnelle Forks* and vicinity, *re* resident physician, was ruled out of order.

Mr. *Walkem* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Printing, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,  
VICTORIA, 6th March, 1896.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Committee was organized on 12th February last, and since that time have held three meetings, during which they have considered and ordered to be printed the following Returns and Reports :—

Copy of Order in Council and all other papers in connection with the appointment of a Commissioner under chap. 50, B. C. Statutes, 1895.

Papers in connection with the matter of the Songhees Reserve.

Return showing moneys received and paid by the Official Administrators of the Province.

Return of correspondence in relation to the dismissal of the teacher at Salmon Arm.

Return of papers in relation to the dispute between the Dominion Government and the Province as to the lands in the Railway Belt.

The Annual Report of the Provincial Superintendent of Police.

Copy of Order in Council empowering payment to Nakusp and Slocan Railway Co. of one year's interest on \$118,400; and also copy of opinion of Attorney-General as to agreement between the Government and Nakusp and Slocan.

Reports of the Auditor in the Falding and Prevost defalcations.

Copy of return of fees in connection with log-scaling, and other information in connection therewith.

Return of leases for fishing stations.

Return of information in connection with the Small Debts Court.

Copy of the Auditor's report on alleged irregularities in vouchers certified to by Thomas Barton, Road Superintendent, Clinton.

Supplement to papers in connection with the floods on Fraser River.

And a Return showing the total area of lands under reserve in East Kootenay.

Your Committee also beg to report that it is unadvisable to allow the publication of Returns or other papers by the public newspapers, before those papers are laid on the desks of the Members of this House.

W. WYMOND WALKEM,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Sword*, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be sent down to this House a Return showing for what reason 480,000 acres were reserved in the south-east corner of the Province, and 240,000 acres at *Elk River*, *Michell Creek*, and *Coa' Creek*, in *East Kootenay*; what the Government purposes in connection with railway reserves, and what the railway reserves were, referred to in the Hon. Chief Commissioner's answer to a question on 4th March. Also, the authority under which such reserves were made.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act relating to Gold and other Minerals, excepting Coal."

Introduced and read a first time.

Second reading on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented a Return showing—

The number of Provincial and foreign joint stock companies registered under the "Companies Act" and amendment Acts; name of each company; the capital stock of each; the date of registration, and the registered office of each company.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act for the relief of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Langley," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.



Mr. *Braden* moved—That Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Alberni Water, Electric and Telephone Company, Limited,” be read a second time now.

Mr. *Huff* moved in amendment—To leave out the word “now” and insert “this day six months.”

The amendment was negatived.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

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

Bill (No. 45) intituled “An Act respecting the Incorporation of the Rossland Water and Light Company.”

Bill (No. 46) intituled “An Act respecting the Incorporation of the Sandon Water-Works and Light Company.”

Bill (No. 38) intituled “An Act respecting the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited.”

On the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled “An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Consolidated Railway and Light Company, and to consolidate certain Acts relating thereto,” being called—

Mr. *Sword* raised a point of order, upon which Mr. Speaker *Higgins* reserved his decision.

Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act for the benefit of Mechanics and Labourers,” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act respecting Wages,” was committed.

Progress reported.

Leave to sit again on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented a Return of copies of all correspondence between his Government, or any member thereof, and any person or persons, company or companies, in relation to the proposed construction of the British Pacific Railway; also, papers relating thereto.

The Hon. Colonel *Baker* presented supplementary papers referring to the *Upper Salmon Arm* School.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:05 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 9th March, 1896.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

Mr. *McGregor* presented a Petition from the "Miners and Mine Labourers' Protective Association of Vancouver Island."

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* presented a Return showing all the evidence taken at the inquest held on the body of *John Rowe*, who was killed by a fall of rock while in the employ of the Union Colliery Company, *Comox*, together with all papers and correspondence in connection with the same, and the verdict of the jury.

On the motion of Major *Mutter*, seconded by Mr. *Huff*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking for a Return of all timber leases granted in the *Cowichan-Alberni District* to date; the acreage of each such lease; the duration of each lease; the terms on which each lease was granted; the names of the original lessees and their successors; how far each lessee has carried out the terms of lease.

Mr. *Helmcken* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustees and Executors Act.'"

Introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act for the relief of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Langley," was considered.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kennedy*,—

To strike out section 5 and insert the following:—

"5. All disputes shall be determined by a Court of Revision, constituted and having the same powers as under the 'Municipal Act, 1892,' and amendments thereto, for the revision of assessment rolls upon a day to be fixed by the Council and published under section 4 of this Act, or by a further notice addressed to all parties who have filed disputes at the address named therein by them for the service thereof; and the roll, as revised and confirmed, shall be the collector's roll of the municipality, subject, however, to the same rights of appeal as in the case of appeals from the Court of Revision on the assessment roll, and the provisions of the 'Municipal Act, 1892,' and amendments thereto, in regard to appeals, shall apply."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Bryden—9.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Rieth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>McGregor—13.</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>			

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of the Rossland Water and Light Company," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. *Helmcken* presented a Petition from *Jno. Meston* and others, opposing imposition of a tuition fee in the *Victoria* High School.

Laid on the table.

On the Order of the Day for the House to consider Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act respecting the Lillooet, Fraser River, and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited," in Committee of the Whole, being called—

Mr. *Rogers* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hunter*, as an instruction to the Committee, to consider the following amendments to the said Bill:—

That the following new sections be added to the said Bill, numbered respectively sections 8 and 9:—

"8. The Company are hereby authorized and empowered to construct, maintain, complete and operate one or more single or double line or lines of tramway, either surface or aerial, from all or any mines owned by them, whether to convenient points on any railway nearest the mine or mines from which it is desired to build such tramway or tramways, or from any of said mines to the nearest navigable water thereto, and to construct all necessary side tracks and turnouts for the passage of cars, carriages and other vehicles adapted to the same, and to transport and carry passengers, freight and ores upon the same by electricity or such other motive power as the Company may deem expedient, and also to erect, maintain and construct all works, buildings, pipes, poles, wires and appliances and conveniences which the Company may deem necessary or proper for the use of the said tramway or tramways, or in connection therewith.

"9. It shall be lawful for the Company, their servants, agents and workmen, from time to time, and at all times hereafter as they shall see fit, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into or upon the land of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, through which it is desired to build such tramway or tramways, and to survey and set out and ascertain such parts thereof as they may require for the said tramway or tramways, and to contract with the owners and occupiers of such lands and those having any interest in the same, for the purchase of the same, or of any part thereof, or of any privilege that may be required for the purposes of this Act, and for the right to take timber, stone, gravel, sand and other materials from the aforesaid lands or any lands adjacent thereto for the use and construction of said works, and in case of disagreement between the owners and occupiers of the said lands respecting the amount of the purchase money or value thereof, or as to the damages any such appropriation shall cause to them through the construction of the said tramway or tramways, the same shall be decided in the manner set out in section 20 of the 'British Columbia Railway Act' and amendments thereto. The notice mentioned in sub-section (1) of section 20 of the said Act shall be given after the said disagreement has arisen."

Carried.

The Bill was then committed.

Reported progress.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Order to resume the adjourned debate on motion of Mr. *Graham* as follows:—

"That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all reports for the year 1895 made by Mr. *Burnyeat* with regard to explorations in *East Yale*"—

was discharged.

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

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

Tuesday, 10th March, 1896.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

The Petition from *Jno. Meston* and others, opposing imposition of a tuition fee in the *Victoria High School*, was read and received.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of the *Rossland Water and Light Company*," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act respecting *Co-operative Associations*," was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* moved—

To strike out Schedule E and insert the following in lieu thereof:—

"SCHEDULE E.

"*Table of Fees to be paid to the Registrar under this Act.*"

Filing application for registration . . . . .	\$10 00
Registrar filing by-laws or rules, or amended by-laws or rules . . . . .	2 50
Every search . . . . .	25
Every cancellation of registry . . . . .	2 50
Filing any document . . . . .	25
Every certificate . . . . .	1 25
Filing change of name . . . . .	2 50
Advertising Certificate, Schedule A, in Gazette 4 weeks, according to the scale of charges as defined in Schedule A of the 'Statutes and Journals Act.'	

Carried on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Hunter—11.</i>
<i>Helmscken,</i>	<i>Walkeu,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Mutter—9.</i>
<i>Hume,</i>			

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed

The following Returns and Papers were presented:—

Return of all timber leases granted in the *Cowichan-Alberni District* to date; the acreage of each such lease; the duration of each lease; the terms on which each lease was granted; the names of the original lessees and their successors; how far each lessee has carried out the terms of lease.

Return showing the grounds of appeal by the Bank of British Columbia against the amount assessed against them by the Provincial Assessor; any report or judgment on such appeal by Mr. *Mills*, who acted as a Court of Revision, and the reasons on which the Finance Minister acted in withdrawing the claim of the Province.

Return showing for what reason 480,000 acres were reserved in the south-east corner of the Province, and 240,000 acres at *Elk River*, *Michell Creek*, and *Coal Creek*, in *East Kootenay*; what the Government purposes in connection with railway reserves, and what the railway reserves were, referred to in the Hon. Chief Commissioner's answer to a question on 4th March. Also, the authority under which such reserves were made.

Supplemental Return of papers showing the terms upon which the settlement of the Railway Lands question between the Provincial and Dominion Governments was completed.

The Order for Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting Wages," to be again committed, was discharged.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cattle Act' and amending Acts," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Eberts* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Sheriffs Act.'"

Introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker *Higgins* gave his reserved decision on the point of order raised by Mr. *Sword* on the order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to Incorporate the Consolidated Railway and Light Company,' and to consolidate certain Acts relating thereto, and to change the name thereof to the Consolidated Railway Company," as follows:—

Upon the motion to read the Bill a second time, the Hon. Member for Dewdney (Mr. *Sword*) raised the objection that the scope of the Bill does not comport with the notice of intention to apply and the preamble, in that while the notice and preamble provide only for a consolidation of the various powers conferred on sundry other companies, and a validation of the conveyances made by those companies to the consolidated company, preserving for the latter company all the rights the other companies had, no provision is made for this company assuming their obligations, while increased powers are asked for by the Bill.

Rule 59 of our Rules and Orders says:—

"All applications for Private Bills \* \* \* whether for the erection of a bridge, the making of a railway, tramway, turnpike road, telegraph or telephone line, the construction or improvement of a harbour, canal, lock, dam, slide, or other like work; the granting of a right of ferry; the incorporation of any particular trade or calling, or of any joint stock company; or otherwise for granting to any individual or individuals any exclusive or peculiar rights or privileges whatever, or for doing any matter or thing which in its operation would affect the rights of property of other parties, or relate to any particular class of the community; or of making any amendment of a like nature to any former Act, shall require a notice, clearly and distinctly specifying the nature and object of the application; and, where the application refers to any proposed work, indicating generally the location of the work, and signed by or on behalf of the applicants, such notice to be published," etc.

I have referred to the notice of application and the preamble, and find a wide divergence between them and the context of the Bill. Powers and rights are asked for that do not exist in the original Bills, and obligations and limitations imposed by the same Bills are not referred to at all in the Bill before the House.

I understand that the Bill was opposed, but that the objectors were satisfied and opposition was withdrawn before the Private Bills Committee. Such being the case, the Bill must be regarded as in the public interest; and as the defects may be removed in Committee, I rule that a careful revision of the measure be made on behalf of the promoters, and that instructions be given to the Committee of the Whole to consider those clauses that do not come within the scope of the Bill as set forth in the notice and the preamble. (Pages 452-3, *May*.)

D. W. HIGGINS,  
*Speaker.*

Mr. *Helmcken* asked leave to introduce a Bill (Bill No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wages Act, 1894.'"

Introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:20 o'clock, p. m.

## Wednesday, 11th March, 1896.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkeu*, seconded by Mr. *McGregor*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return showing the names of the guardians of the infant children of the late *H. M. Cooper*, of *New Westminster*, intestate; the names of the administrators of the estate of the said *H. M. Cooper*, and the dates of their appointment, and by whom appointed.

The Report on Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nelson Electric Light Company, Limited, Act, 1892,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Alberni Water, Electric and Telephone Company, Limited," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to Incorporate the Consolidated Railway and Light Company,' and to consolidate certain Acts relating thereto, and to change the name thereof to the Consolidated Railway Company," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of the Rossland Water and Light Company," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act respecting the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited," was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

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