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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
OF THE PROVINCE OF  
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SESSION 1906.

Thursday, 11th January, 1906.

THREE O'CLOCK, P.M.

This being the first day of the third meeting of the Tenth 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 HENRI GUSTAVE JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 28th day of November, 1905.

His Honour the Honourable Sir HENRI GUSTAVE JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :*

It is with much gratification that, in meeting you again at the opening of another Session of this Parliament, I am able to congratulate you on the prosperity which has marked the year just closed, and on the favourable prospects for the period on which we are entering.

The hope expressed by me when releasing you from your labours at the close of last Session, that the legislation you had passed would prove beneficial to the Province, has been fulfilled, as you will learn from the reports that my Ministers will present to you.

The measures passed at the last two Sessions in connection with the finances of the Province have achieved what was desired. The stability of the finances has been restored; the revenue has increased satisfactorily, and the Accounts that will be submitted to you will show a substantial surplus. The credit of the Province in the London money market has been completely re-established with great benefit to British Columbia as a field for the profitable employment of capital.

The changes made at your last Session in the laws respecting the administration of the timber lands of the Crown have led to a great extension of the lumbering industry in all parts of the Province, resulting in advantage to those engaged in it and in a great augmentation of the revenue derived from it.

The efforts made by the Department of Agriculture to develop fruit-growing have been crowned with success, and British Columbia fruit has again beaten all competitors in the exhibition of the Royal Horticultural Society in London. The area of land in orchards has been largely increased, and new markets have been opened for the disposal of their products.

My Government has been engaged in negotiations with that of the Dominion in regard to the administration and control of the fisheries of the Province and with a view to the permanency and development of this important industry, and it is hoped that an arrangement mutually satisfactory to the two Governments, and calculated to advance the interests of the industry, will be reached.

The increase in the revenue, and the prospect of that growth being continued, it is hoped will enable the Government to make larger appropriations for Public Works, designed to open up the country and to make easier the means of communication with districts towards which the attention of intending settlers is being directed.

You will be gratified to learn that the mining industry is showing signs of great activity throughout the Province. While the older mining districts are steadily increasing their output, new mineral areas are being opened in the Interior and along the Coast, some of which give promise of great mineral wealth. With the reduction which is steadily going on in the cost of the treatment of ores, the importance of the mining industry in the Provincial economic situation is rapidly increasing, and large additions are being made to the capital invested in smelting and allied industries.

There has been great activity in railway construction during the past year, and the indications are that this will continue for some time. Two great corporations are now engaged in building lines that will open up rich mineral, agricultural and timber areas in the Similkameen and adjacent districts and bring them into easy communication with the Coast and with the great railway systems of this Continent. It is to be hoped that the time will soon come when the economic conditions and the potentialities of traffic are such as will secure the construction of railways without the necessity of imposing additional burdens on the people, or any further alienation of the public domain in the form of grants or subsidies to railway corporations.

The extension of local self-government and the decentralisation of administration by the creation of municipal bodies is calculated to promote the interests of the people, and a measure for the further consolidation of the "Municipal Clauses Act" will be submitted for your consideration for the furtherance of that object.

The Act passed by you at your last Session for the protection of the game of the Province has been effective to a considerable extent in the protection of what is a valuable Provincial asset, and a Bill to further achieve that object will be laid before you.

You will also be asked to consider measures for the amendment of the "Land Act," so as to make more effective the laws for the administration and settlement of the public domain and the more rapid development of the vast natural resources of the Province.

The Estimates for the ensuing fiscal year, that will be submitted to you, have been framed with due consideration for economy, while recognising the necessity that exists for the development of this great Province and efficiency in every branch of the administration.

I trust that your deliberations will tend to advance the interests of British Columbia, and promote the happiness and welfare of all sections of the community.

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

Prayers by the Lord Bishop of Columbia.

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

The certificate of the election of *William Manson*, Esquire, for Alberni Electoral District, was read and *Ordered* placed on the Journals of the House.

"PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
"VICTORIA, 11th August, 1905.

"Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the resignation of *William Wallace Burns McInnes*, a Member thereof for the Alberni Electoral District; and

"Whereas, on the twenty-ninth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and five, a Writ for the election of a Member to represent such Electoral District was duly issued to *Andrew L. Smith*, the Returning Officer of the said Electoral District;

"This is to certify that on the eleventh day of August, one thousand nine hundred and five, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate

attached, whereby it appears that the electors of the said District have chosen *William Manson*, of the City of Nanaimo, to represent the said Alberni Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,

“Deputy Provincial Secretary.

“To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.”

*William Manson*, Esquire, Member-elect for Alberni Electoral District, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. Mr. *McBride* and the Hon. Mr. *Green* and took his seat.

*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.

*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.

*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.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*, Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Clauses Act,’” was introduced and read a first time.

Bill read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

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

(No. 1) An Act to amend the “Municipal Clauses Act.”

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

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

“In His Majesty’s name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to this Bill.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*, Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Securities Company Act, 1905,’” was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading on Monday next.

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

The following Reports were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Tatlow*—Public Accounts of the Province for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1905.

By the Hon. Mr. *Green*—Return of Minute of Council and agreement relative to a grant of land made to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company for terminal purposes.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

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Monday, 15th January, 1906.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

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. *Manson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macgowan*,—

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. We are pleased to be assured that prosperity has prevailed throughout the Province during the past year, and that the prospects for the year to come are very bright.

2. It is gratifying to learn that the legislation passed at the last Session of the Legislature has proved beneficial to the Province.

3. It is a source of great satisfaction that the measures passed at the last two Sessions of the Legislature in connection with the finances of the Province have had the effect of restoring the stability of the finances, and of re-establishing the credit of the Province in the London money market.

4. It is also a source of great satisfaction to us that the changes made at the last Session of the Legislature in the laws respecting the administration of the timber lands of the Crown have led to a great extension of the lumbering industry in all parts of the Province, resulting in advantage to those engaged in it, and in a great augmentation of the revenues derived therefrom.

5. We are pleased to learn that the efforts made by the Department of Agriculture, to develop fruit-growing, have been crowned with success; that British Columbia fruit has again beaten all competitors in the exhibition of the Royal Horticultural Society in London; that the area of land in orchards in this Province has been largely increased, and that new markets have been opened for the disposal of their products.

6. We trust that the negotiations entered into with the Dominion in regard to the administration and control of the fisheries of the Province, and with a view to the permanency and development of this important industry, will result in an arrangement mutually satisfactory to the Government of the Dominion and of this Province.

7. We join in the hope that the increase in the revenue will enable the Government to make a larger appropriation for public works, designed to open up the country, and to make easier the means of communication with districts towards which the attention of intending settlers is being directed.

8. We are gratified to learn that the mining industry is showing signs of great activity throughout the Province, and that while the older mining districts are steadily increasing their output, new mineral areas are being opened in the Interior and along the Coast, some of which give promise of great mineral wealth. We agree with the view that with the reduction which is steadily going on in the cost of treatment of ores, the importance of the mining industry is rapidly increasing.

9. We are pleased to be informed that there has been a great activity in railway construction during the past year, and that the indications are that this activity will continue for some

time. The two great railway corporations which are now engaged in building lines in the Similkameen and adjoining districts will, doubtless, by the construction of such lines open up rich mineral, agricultural and timber areas, and will bring them into easy communication with the Coast and the great railway systems of this continent. It is to be hoped that the time will soon come when the economic conditions and the potentialities of traffic will be such as will secure the construction of railways without the necessity of imposing additional burden on the people, or of requiring any further alienation of the public domain in the form of grants or subsidies.

10. The extension of local self-government, and the decentralisation of municipal administration by the creation of municipal bodies, will no doubt promote the interests of the people.

11. It is satisfactory to know that the Act passed at the last meeting of the Legislature for the protection of the game of the Province has been effective to a considerable extent in the protection of what is a valuable Provincial asset.

12. We shall be pleased to give our serious attention to the measures which it is proposed to submit to us, consolidating the Municipal Clauses Act and effecting further amendments in the Game Protection Act and Land Act.

13. We are glad to be assured that the Estimates for the ensuing fiscal year that will be submitted to us have been framed with due consideration for economy, while recognising the necessity that exists for the development of this great Province, and efficiency in every branch of the administration.

14. We join with His Honour in hoping that our deliberations will result in promoting the welfare of the people of the Province.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* presented Papers relating to the Acts passed by the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia during the Session 1905.

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

By Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘General Trusts Corporation Act, 1905.’”

By Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act respecting the County Court of Atlin.”

By Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to declare the Law with respect to Ancient Lights.”

By Hon. Mr. *McBride*—Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Bureau of Mines Act.’”

By Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*—Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to extend the Franchise to Women.”

By Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*—Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Provincial Elections Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return forthwith of copies of all Orders in Council, agreements, grants, maps, letters, telegrams or other papers in possession of the Government relative to the acquisition by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company of lands at Kaien Island, or elsewhere in British Columbia, whether for right of way, terminal or town-site purposes, or by way of subsidy.

Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Securities Company, 1905,’” was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Tuesday, 16th January, 1906.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Fraser* presented a petition from the West Kootenay Power and Light Company, for a Private Bill amending the corporate Act.

Laid on the table.

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

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. *Macgowan* presented a petition from *T. C. Livingston* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Royal Canadian Life Insurance Company.

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 P. M.

Wednesday, 17th January, 1906.

Prayers by the Rev. *Baugh Allan*.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The following petitions were laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Clifford*—From *Edgar Dewdney* and *A. P. Luxton*, for a Private Bill to incorporate the Bella Coola and Telkwa Railway Co.

By Mr. *Bowser*—From *Henry Blitz*, for a Private Bill to incorporate the B. C. Northern Railway Co.

The following petitions were read and received:—

From *T. C. Livingston* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Royal Canadian Life Insurance Co.

From the West Kootenay Power and Light Co., for a Private Bill amending their corporate Act.

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

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

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

By Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*—Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act by providing for the Registration of Companies’ Mortgages.’”

By the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to render ineligible as Members of the Legislative Assembly persons accepting or holding offices, contracts or employment under the Dominion Government.”

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any other person relative to alleged defective cattle guards along the line of the New Westminster Southern Railway.

On the motion of Mr. *Drury*, seconded by Mr. *Henderson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all letters or telegrams that have passed between the Government of British Columbia and the Dominion Government since the passing of the "Songhees Reserve Act, 1905," relating to the said Songhees Indian Reserve, or the removal of the Indians therefrom.

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

1. What amount was spent in Greenwood Riding from January 1st, 1905, to January 1st, 1906, on roads, trails and bridges?
2. What amount was paid to *Joseph Wilmshurst, Jr.*, Road Foreman, during the same period?

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

"1. \$2,484.08.

"2. Wages, \$544.23; travelling expenses, \$33.45; total, \$577.68."

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

1. Has the Government issued Crown grants of lands at Kitimaat to *A. I. Church*, *T. M. Magnesen* or *M. E. Oliver*, for lands at Kitimaat?
2. If not, why not?

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

"1. No.

"2. The matter is still under consideration."

The following Members were appointed on the Standing Committees—

Committee on Agriculture—Messrs. *Ellison*, *A. McDonald*, *Shatford*, *Manson*, *Tanner*, *Munro* and *Evans*.

Committee on Public Accounts—Messrs. *Shatford*, *Bowser*, *Macgowan*, *Manson*, *Hall*, *Cameron* and *Henderson*.

Committee on Mining—Messrs. *Clifford*, *Young*, *Taylor*, *Wright*, *Grant*, *Shatford*, *A. McDonald*, *Fraser*, *Ross*, *Williams*, *Davidson*, *Tanner*, *J. A. Macdonald*, *Oliver*, *Jones*, *Murphy*, *Brown*, *King*, *Henderson*, *McNiven* and *Wells*.

Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders—Messrs. *Young*, *Bowser*, *Ross*, *Garden*, *Drury*, *Murphy* and *Paterson*.

Committee on Printing—Messrs. *Houston*, *Clifford*, *Grant*, *McNiven* and *Cameron*.

Committee on Railways—Messrs. *Macgowan*, *Clifford*, *Garden*, *Taylor*, *Ellison*, *Bowser*, *Wright*, *Shatford*, *Grant*, *Evans*, *Paterson*, *Henderson*, *J. A. Macdonald*, *Munro*, *King*, *Wells* and *Hall*.

Committee on Municipal Matters—Messrs. *Ross*, *Macgowan*, *Garden*, *Manson*, *Bowser*, *Gifford*, *Fraser*, *Hawthornthwaite*, *Oliver*, *Evans*, *Cameron* and *Tanner*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

Thursday, 18th January, 1906.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. H. Sweet*.

The following petitions were read and received:—

From *Edgar Dewdney* and *A. P. Luxton*, for a Private Bill to incorporate the Bella Coola and Telkwa Railway Co.

From *Henry Blitz*, for a Private Bill to incorporate the B. C. Northern Railway Co.

The following petitions were presented:—

By *Mr. Manson*—From the B. C. Permanent Loan and Savings Co., for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the same.

By *Mr. Bowser*—From the Lightning Creek Gold Gravels and Drainage Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend their corporate Act.

By *Mr. Ross*—From *Thomas Davis* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the South-East Kootenay Railway Company.

By *Mr. Macgowan*—From *D. H. Wilson* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the National Plate Glass Company.

The Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works presented a Return of copies of all Orders in Council, agreements, grants, maps, letters, telegrams or other papers in possession of the Government relative to the acquisition by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company of lands at Kaien Island, or elsewhere in British Columbia, whether for right of way, terminal or townsite purposes, or by way of subsidy.

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

Resolution agreed to.

On the motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance, 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 mover and seconder of the Address.

The Honourable the Premier, 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 thank Your Honour for Your Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session, and assure Your Honour that:—

We are pleased to be assured that prosperity has prevailed throughout the Province during the past year, and that the prospects for the year to come are very bright.

It is gratifying to learn that the legislation passed at the last Session of the Legislature has proved beneficial to the Province.

It is a source of great satisfaction that the measures passed at the last two Sessions of the Legislature in connection with the finances of the Province have had the effect of restoring the stability of the finances, and of re-establishing the credit of the Province in the London money market.

It is also a source of great satisfaction to us that the changes made at the last Session of the Legislature in the laws respecting the administration of the timber lands of the Crown have led to a great extension of the lumbering industry in all parts of the Province, resulting in advantage to those engaged in it, and in a great augmentation of the revenues derived therefrom.

We are pleased to learn that the efforts made by the Department of Agriculture to develop fruit-growing have been crowned with success; that British Columbia fruit has again beaten all competitors in the exhibition of the Royal Horticultural Society in London; that the area of land in orchards in this Province has been largely increased, and that new markets have been opened for the disposal of their products.

We trust that the negotiations entered into with the Dominion in regard to the administration and control of the fisheries of the Province, and with a view to the permanency and development of this important industry, will result in an arrangement mutually satisfactory to the Government of the Dominion and of this Province.

We join in the hope that the increase in the revenue will enable the Government to make a larger appropriation for public works, designed to open up the country and to make easier the means of communication with districts towards which the attention of intending settlers is being directed.

We are gratified to learn that the mining industry is showing signs of great activity throughout the Province, and that while the older mining districts are steadily increasing their output, new mineral areas are being opened in the Interior and along the Coast, some of which give promise of great mineral wealth. We agree with the view that with the reduction which is steadily going on in the cost of treatment of ores, the importance of the mining industry is rapidly increasing.

We are pleased to be informed that there has been a great activity in railway construction during the past year, and that the indications are that this activity will continue for some time. The two great railway corporations which are now engaged in building lines in the Similkameen and adjoining districts will, doubtless, by the construction of such lines, open up rich mineral, agricultural and timber areas, and will bring them into easy communication with the Coast and the great railway systems of this continent. It is to be hoped that the time will soon come when the economic conditions and the potentialities of traffic will be such as will secure the construction of railways without the necessity of imposing additional burden on the people, or of requiring any further alienation of the public domain in the form of grants or subsidies.

The extension of local self-government, and the decentralisation of municipal administration by the creation of municipal bodies, will no doubt promote the interests of the people.

It is satisfactory to know that the Act passed at the last meeting of the Legislature for the protection of the game of the Province has been effective to a considerable extent in the protection of what is a valuable Provincial asset.

We shall be pleased to give our serious attention to the measures which it is proposed to submit to us, consolidating the Municipal Clauses Act and effecting further amendments in the Game Protection Act and Land Act.

We are glad to be assured that the Estimates for the ensuing fiscal year that will be submitted to us have been framed with due consideration for economy, while recognising the necessity that exists for the development of this great Province, and efficiency in every branch of the administration.

We join with Your Honour in hoping that our deliberations will result in promoting the welfare of the people of the Province.

The report was adopted.

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

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

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return forthwith of copies of all letters, telegrams or other papers in possession of the Government relative to offers received between December 1st, 1903, and April 30th, 1904, for the construction of railways in northern British Columbia.

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

1. What position does *David Blair* hold under the Department of Education?
2. Is he appointed by the Superintendent of Education?
3. If not, by whom is he appointed?
4. Does *David Blair* hold any Provincial certificate of competency showing that he is qualified to instruct teachers in the Normal or other schools?
5. Does *David Blair* receive a royalty from the Province from his drawing books?
6. If so, how much?
7. What fee or salary does he receive as examiner?
8. What salary does he receive as instructor of teachers in the Normal School?
9. Are pupils in the High Schools required to continue their studies in drawing?

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

- “1. Drawing Master at Provincial Normal School.
- “2. Appointment held under Council of Public Instruction.
- “3. Answered by reply to No. 2.
- “4. Holds no Provincial certificate.
- “5. No.
- “6. Answered by reply to No. 5.
- “7. \$5 per day.
- “8. \$100 per month.
- “9. Yes.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*, Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Small Debts Act,’” was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act,’” a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

The report on Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Securities Company Act, 1905,’” was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘General Trusts Corporation Act, 1905,’” was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act respecting the County Court of Atlin,” was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Green*, Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act respecting the use and Manufacture, within British Columbia, of Timber cut on Lands of the Crown,” was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

That the names of Messrs. *Gifford* and *Oliver* be added to the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture.

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

That the names of Messrs. *Gifford* and *Brown* be added to the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

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Friday, 19th January, 1906.

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Baugh Allan*.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. *Garden*—From the City of Vancouver, for a Private Bill to amend the “False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904.” (No. 22.)

By Mr. *Garden*—From the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the “Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900.” (No. 12.)

By Mr. *Manson*—From *E. L. Drewry, H. Creve* and *Conrad G. Riley*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company. (No. 18.)

By Mr. *Cameron*—From *J. A. Mara et al.*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Canada Plate Glass Company. (No. 5.)

By Mr. *Evans*—From *E. C. Bagshawe* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Cowichan-Alberni Railway Company. (No. 8.)

By Mr. *Brown*—From the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act. (No. 23.)

By Mr. *Garden*—From *W. A. Anderson* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Kamloops and Yellowhead Pass Railway Company. (No. 4.)

By Mr. *Macgowan*—From the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act. (No. 3.)

By Mr. *King*—From *John Breckenridge* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the St. Mary's Valley Railway Company. (No. 16.)

By Mr. *King*—From *Otis Staples* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the St. Mary's and Cherry Creek Railway Company. (No. 15.)

By Mr. *Garden*—From The Union Steamship Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act. (No. 17.)

The following petitions were read and received:—

From the B. C. Permanent Loan and Savings Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the same.

From the Lightning Creek Gold Gravels and Drainage Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend their corporate Act.

From *Thomas Davis* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the South-East Kootenay Railway Company.

From *D. H. Wilson* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the National Plate Glass Company.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* presented a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any other person relative to alleged defective cattle guards along the line of the New Westminster Southern Railway.

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

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

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

1. How many acres of land has the Columbia and Western Railway Company had Crown-granted to it under its Subsidy Act of 1896?

2. Has any land been given to the Company by Crown Grant during the year 1905?
3. If so, what quantity, and in respect of what section or sections?

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

“1. 794,440 acres.

“2. Yes.

“3. 15.24 acres under section 147 of the Assessment Act, being a re-purchase of the right of way of the Columbia and Western Railway Company through Lot 1,612, Gr. 1, Osoyoos Division of Yale District, which had reverted to the Crown for non-payment of taxes.

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

1. How many licences, under the “Coal Mines Act,” were issued in each Electoral District during the year 1905?

2. What was received for such licences?

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

“1. Yale, 19; Skeena, 85; Fernie, 360; Kamloops, 8; Similkameen, 21; Cariboo, 3; Alberni, 7; Okanagan, 5; total, 508.

“2. \$50,800.”

Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Securities Company, 1905,’” was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘General Trusts Corporation Act, 1905,’” was adopted.

Third reading on Monday next.

Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act by providing for the Registration of Companies’ Mortgages,’” was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act respecting the Use and Manufacture, within British Columbia, of Timber cut on Lands of the Crown,” was read a second time.

To be committed on Monday next.

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

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

Monday, 22nd January, 1906.

TWO O’CLOCK, P.M.

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

The following petitions were presented :—

By Mr. *Macgowan*—From *L. W. Shatford*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Southern Okanagan Railway Company. (No. 24.)

By Mr. *Clifford*—From *E. V. Bodwell* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Copper River and Telkwa Railway Company. (No. 10.)

By Mr. *Ellison*—From *James Ritchie* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the British Columbia Central Railway Company. (No. 21.)

By Mr. *Ellison*—From the Midway and Vernon Railway Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act. (No. 7.)

By Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*—From *Harry Bennett* and many others, *re* game preservation and game licences.

By Mr. *Manson*—From *E. L. Patterson* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to confirm to the British Columbia Northern and Mackenzie Valley Railway Company certain rights granted by the B. C. and Yukon Railway Company Act, 1903. (No. 11.)

The following petitions were read and received:—

From the City of Vancouver, for a Private Bill to amend the “False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904.” (No. 22.)

From the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the “Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900.” (No. 12.)

From *E. L. Drewry*, *H. Crewe* and *Conrad G. Riley*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company. (No. 18.)

From *J. A. Mara et al.*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Canada Plate Glass Company. (No. 5.)

From *E. C. Bayshawe* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Cowichan-Alberni Railway Company. (No. 8.)

From the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act. (No. 23.)

From *W. A. Anderson* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Kamloops and Yellowhead Pass Railway Company. (No. 4.)

From the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act. (No. 3.)

From *John Breckenridge* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the St. Mary's Valley Railway Company. (No. 16.)

From *Otis Staples* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the St. Mary's and Cherry Creek Railway Company. (No. 15.)

From the Union Steamship Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act. (No. 17.)

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*, Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the ‘Municipal Clauses Act’ and amending Acts,” was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Drury*, seconded by Mr. *King*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the number of timber leases and licences granted during the year 1905 on Vancouver Island, with the names of the lessees, the area leased, and the amount of bonus paid in each case.

Dr. *Young* presented the First Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

#### REPORT No. 1.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the time limit for the presentation of petitions for Private Bills be extended until January 26th, 1906.

That the time limited for the presentation of Private Bills be extended until the 1st of February.

That the time limited for the presentation of reports be extended until the 8th of February, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. E. YOUNG,  
*Chairman.*

22nd January, 1906.

The Report was received.

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

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

Has the Government had any correspondence since they took office with the authorities at Ottawa in relation to the granting of a lease of Stanley Park at Vancouver?

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

“Yes.”

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

1. Is Mr. *J. P. Babcock* in the employ of the Government?
2. If so, what remuneration does he receive?
3. Did the Government give permission to Mr. *Babcock* to act as a member of the Dominion Fisheries Commission?
4. How long has the fish hatchery at Seton Lake been in operation?
5. How many salmon eggs have been placed in this hatchery each year?
6. How many young salmon have been released from this hatchery each year?
7. How many men have been employed at this hatchery this season?
8. Were men employed by Mr. *Babcock* this season to prevent Indians taking fish in the vicinity of the spawning grounds?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. \$3,000 per year.

“3. Yes.

“4. Since July, 1903.

“5. 1903, 2,068,000; 1904, 4,852,000; 1905, 45,650,000.

“6. 1903, 1,654,000; 1904, 4,800,000; 1905, 40,000,000. The season's operations not being completed, this is only a safe estimate.

“7. July, 19; August, 21; September, 66; October, 52; November, 22; December, 12.

“8. Day and night watchmen were employed to protect the fish held in the retaining weirs, who were instructed by Mr. *Babcock* not to permit anyone to remove unspawned fish.”

Pursuant to Order, the Resolution that the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session was considered.

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

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘General Trusts Corporation Act, 1905,’” was read a third time and passed.

The report on Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act respecting the County Court of Atlin,” was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Small Debts Act,’” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

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

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Assessment Act, 1903,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
22nd January, 1906.

*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. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.

Bill 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 3:30 P.M.

Tuesday, 23rd January, 1906.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

Dr. *Young* presented the Second Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
23rd January, 1906.

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 Petition (No. 16), being an Act to incorporate the St. Mary's Valley Railway Company, have been complied with:

That the Standing Orders in connection with Petition (No. 15), being an Act to incorporate the St. Mary's and Cherry Creek Railway Company, have been complied with, but with reference to this Petition your said Committee begs leave to call to the attention of the Railway Committee the discrepancy between the prayer of the Petition and the notices of the same as they appear in the newspapers and B. C. Gazette.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. E. YOUNG,  
*Chairman.*

The report was received.

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

1. Was Mr. *Hy. Fry*, C. E., employed and paid for locating and laying out new road from near Cowichan Station to King Solomon Mines, Cowichan District?
2. How much were Mr. *Fry* and party paid for work?
3. Was the road constructed upon the location marked by Mr. *Fry*? If not, why not?
4. How much did said road cost the Government?
5. Why was the road not made full width throughout?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$30.
- "3. Yes, excepting two slight deviations, owing to cost of rock work.
- "4. \$1,523.54.
- "5. Width of road, from 11 to 7 feet; the latter width made in a few places to avoid expense."

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act respecting the County Court of Atlin," was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Act,'" was committed.  
Reported complete without amendment.  
Report to be considered to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" was resumed.  
The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

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

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

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act for the Relief and Disincorporation of the Municipality of Dewdney," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*22nd January, 1906.*

*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. 14) intituled "An Act for the Relief and Disincorporation of the Municipality of Dewdney," and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.  
Bill 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 2:40 P.M.

Wednesday, 24th January, 1906.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

The following petitions were read and received:—

From *L. W. Shatford*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Southern Okanagan Railway Company. (No. 24.)

From *E. V. Bodwell* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Copper River and Telkwa Railway Company. (No. 10.)

From *James Ritchie* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the British Columbia Central Railway Company. (No. 21.)

From the Midway and Vernon Railway Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act. (No. 7.)

From *Harry Bennett* and many others, *re* game preservation and game licences.

From *R. L. Patterson* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to confirm to the British Columbia Northern and Mackenzie Valley Railway Company certain rights granted by the B. C. and Yukon Railway Company Act, 1903. (No. 11.)

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended to enable the following Resolution to be moved:—

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

“That in view of the appalling loss of life caused by the wreck of the steamer *Valencia* on Monday, January 22nd, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, the third accident of a similar nature within the last few weeks, the attention of this House is called to the necessity which exists for the establishment of life-saving appliances on that Coast; and

“That an humble Address be presented by this House to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause to be brought to the attention of the Dominion Government the urgent necessity for the establishment of a life-boat station or stations at suitable points on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, and that a steamer be provided to patrol that coast continuously, particularly during the winter season; and that all possible steps be taken to ensure the protection of life and property on that rough and rock-bound coast.

“And that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Senators and Members of the House of Commons at Ottawa.”

On the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, seconded by Mr. *Fraser*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence between this Government and the Government at Ottawa, in relation to the granting of a lease of Stanley Park at Vancouver.

The report on Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Small Debts Act,’” was considered.

Mr. *Williams* moved to add the following new section:—

“3. Section 5 of the said chapter 13 of the Statutes of 1901 is hereby amended by adding thereto, at the end thereof, the following words: ‘Provided always, that this section shall not apply to any debt not exceeding \$100 due, or accruing due, to a mechanic, workman, labourer, servant, clerk, or employee, for or in respect of wages or salaries.’”

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>King,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Houston,</i>
<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Wright—16.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>
<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Manson—21.</i>
<i>Hall,</i>			

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The report on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act by providing for the Registration of Companies' Mortgages,'" was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to add the following as section 6 :—

"6. Whenever, in any Act, the Act hereby repealed is referred to or cited, then the words 'An Act to provide for the Registration of Companies' Mortgages' shall be struck out, and in lieu thereof shall be inserted the title of this Act."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* moved to add the following as section 5 thereof :

"5. The word 'company' shall include 'extra-provincial company,' and any company carrying on business within this Province."

Carried.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

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

Is it the intention of the Government to construct roads through Lot 540, in order to open up the land towards Point Grey for sale and settlement?

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

"Yes, it is the intention of the Government to open up certain streets in the partial subdivision of Lot 540, lying to the west of the Naval Reserve."

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to declare the Law with respect to Ancient Lights," was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act for the Relief and Disincorporation of the Municipality of Dewdney," 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 P.M.

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Thursday, 25th January, 1906.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

Dr. *Young* presented the Third Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
January 25th, 1906.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

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

Petition (No. 6), being An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Northern Railway Company ;

Petition (No. 7), being An Act to amend the "Midway and Vernon Railway Company, Act, 1901," ;

Petition (No. 9), being An Act to amend the "Lightning Creek Gold Gravels and Drainage Company (Limited Liability) Act, 1896," ;

Petition (No. 10), being An Act to incorporate the Copper River and Telkwa Railway Company ;

Petition (No. 4), being An Act to incorporate the Kamloops and Yellowhead Pass Railway Company ;

Petition (No. 13), being An Act to incorporate the Bella Coola and Fraser Lake Railway Company ;

Petition (No. 18), being An Act to incorporate the Ashcroft, Barkerville and Fort George Railway Company.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. E. YOUNG,  
*Chairman.*

The report was received.

Dr. Young presented the Fourth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
January 25th, 1906

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the time limited for the presentation of Private Bills be extended until the 5th of February.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. E. YOUNG,  
*Chairman.*

The report was received.

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

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return giving the names of the School Districts within the E. & N. Land Belt that come under the head of "Assisted Schools," under the School Act of last year.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the items of expenditure in connection with the maintenance of Chilliwack dyke last year.

On the motion of Dr. *King*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return giving full particulars of election deposits forfeited to the Government under section 64 of the Provincial Elections Act, pertaining to last general Provincial election held in October, 1903. Such Return to specify the names of the candidates concerned, the constituencies for which they were nominated, the amount received by the Government, and the date when such deposits were received by the Government.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier,—  
*Resolved*, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

The Resolution was reported to the House and adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier,—  
*Resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Small Debts Act.’”

Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act by providing for the Registration of Companies’ Mortgages.’”

Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Assessment Act, 1903,’” was committed.  
Progress reported.  
Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to declare the Law with respect to Ancient Lights,” was committed.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Green* presented the following Returns :—

Return of copies of all correspondence between this Government and the Government at Ottawa, in relation to the granting of a lease of Stanley Park at Vancouver.

Return of all letters or telegrams that have passed between the Government of British Columbia and the Dominion Government since the passing of the “Songhees Reserve Act, 1905,” relating to the said Songhees Indian Reserve, or the removal of the Indians therefrom.

The order for the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the ‘Municipal Clauses Act’ and amending Acts,” was discharged, and the Bill referred to the Municipal Committee.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act for the Relief and Disincorporation of the Municipality of Dewdney,” was resumed.

Mr. *Henderson* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*,—

That all after the word “That” be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof :—  
“the statements set out in the recitals and other data obtainable bearing on the matters in question in this Act be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of five Members of this House, to investigate fully the advisability of dealing with the question involved in the way suggested, or in any other way, with power to inquire into the facts, examine witnesses upon oath, *viva voce*, send or call for documents and records, gather evidence, etc., and report the same, with their findings, to this House.”

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

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

*Davidson*,  
*Hawthornthwaite*,  
*Williams*,  
*Tatlow*,  
*McBride*,

*Cotton*,  
*Clifford*,  
*Bowser*,  
*A. McDonald*,  
*Green*,

*Fulton*,  
*Garden*,  
*Wright*,  
*Young*,  
*Gifford*,

*Macgowan*,  
*Shatford*,  
*Grant*,  
*Manson—19.*

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Cameron,</i>
<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Ellison—13.</i>
<i>Jones,</i>			

Bill read a second time on the following division :—

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>Talbot,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>
<i>McBride.</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Young,</i>	<i>Manson—20.</i>

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Cameron—12.</i>

To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 P.M.

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## Friday, 26th January, 1906.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

Hon. Mr. *Green* presented a Return of a statement of the items of expenditure in connection with the maintenance of the Chilliwack dyke last year.

Mr. *Garden* presented a petition from *Arnold E. Keaby* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Municipality of North Vancouver. (No. 25.)

Dr. *Young* presented the Fifth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
January 26th, 1906.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the time for receiving petitions be extended to January 29th (inclusive), 1906.  
All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. E. YOUNG,  
*Chairman.*

The report was received.

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

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

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Green*—Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905.’”

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

By Mr. *Manson*—Bill (No. 67) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Ashcroft, Barker-ville and Fort George Railway Company.”

By Mr. *Clifford*—Bill (No. 62) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Bella Coola and Fraser Lake Railway Company.”

By Mr. *Ellison*—Bill (No. 56) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Midway and Vernon Railway Company Act, 1901.’”

By Mr. *Clifford*—Bill (No. 59) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Copper River and Telkwa Railway Company.”

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

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between any member of the Government and the Government Agent, *Jas. Maitland-Dougall*, in regard to the Victoria and Nanaimo Trunk Road passing through the Municipality of North Cowichan.

Also, of all correspondence between the Government, or any employee of the Government, and the North Cowichan Municipality, in relation to the Municipality taking over and keeping in repair that portion of the said Victoria and Nanaimo Trunk Road within the Municipality of North Cowichan.

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

Is it the intention of the Government to fulfil the promise made by the Hon. Premier that at this Session they would introduce a measure dealing with the Civil Service and Superannuation lists of the Province?

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

“The question of introducing legislation with respect to the Civil Service, including superannuation, is occupying the attention of the Government.”

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

1. Is Mr. *J. P. Babcock*, Provincial Fish Commissioner, a British subject?
2. Is Mr. *L. Ledgerwood*, Fish Culturist at Seton Lake Hatchery, a British subject?

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

- “1. No.  
“2. No.”

The report on Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to declare the Law with respect to Ancient Lights,” was adopted.

Third reading on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Green* presented a Return showing the number of timber leases and licences granted during the year 1905 on Vancouver Island, with the names of the lessees, the area leased, and the amount of bonus paid in each case.

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

And then the House adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

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Monday, 29th January, 1906.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. K. B. Adams*.

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

By Mr. *Bowser*—Bill (No. 55) intituled “An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Northern Railway Company.”

By Mr. *Garden*—Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Kamloops and Yellowhead Pass Railway Company.”

The petition from *Arnold E. Keaby* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Municipality of North Vancouver (No. 25) was received.

The Hon. Mr. *Green* presented a Return of all correspondence between any Member of the Government and the Government Agent, *J. Maitland-Dougall*, in regard to the Victoria and Nanaimo Trunk Road passing through the Municipality of North Cowichan.

Also, of all correspondence between the Government, or any employee of the Government, and the North Cowichan Municipality, in relation to the Municipality taking over and keeping in repair that portion of the said Victoria and Nanaimo Trunk Road within the Municipality of North Cowichan.

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to declare the Law with respect to Ancient Lights,” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Assessment Act, 1903,’” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act for the Relief and Disincorporation of the Municipality of Dewdney,” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* presented a Return giving the names of the School Districts within the E. & N. Land Belt that come under the head of “Assisted Schools,” under the School Act of last year.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

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Tuesday, 30th January, 1906.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. K. B. Adams*.

Dr. *Young* presented the following Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

No. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
January 30th, 1906.

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 Petition (No. 14), being an Act to incorporate the South-East Kootenay Railway Company," have been complied with, except for the fact that the Petition asks for powers to acquire and operate coal and other lands and mines which were not contained in the published advertisements, to which the Committee draws attention.

Your Committee recommends that the Rules be suspended and the Report be received, so that the matter of granting powers not advertised for may be dealt with on its merits by your Committee on Railways.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. E. YOUNG,  
*Chairman.*

The report was received.

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

No. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
January 30th, 1906.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

Petition (No. 1), being "An Act to incorporate the National Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada."

Petition (No. 2), being "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Permanent Loan and Savings Company."

Petition (No. 3), being "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company's Act, 1890.'"

Petition (No. 5), being "An Act to incorporate the Canadian Plate Glass Insurance Company."

Petition (No. 8), being "An Act to Revise, Ratify and Confirm the Cowichan, Alberni and Fort Rupert Railway Company Act."

Petition (No. 17), being "An Act relating to the Union Steamship Company of British Columbia, Limited."

Petition (No. 11), being "An Act respecting the British Columbia Northern and Mackenzie Valley Railway Company."

Petition (No. 20), being "An Act to amend the 'West Kootenay Power and Light Company, Limited, Act, 1897.'"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. E. YOUNG,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received and adopted.

## No. 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
January 30th, 1906.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Standing Orders have not been complied with as to publication of notice and presentation of Petition in connection with the undermentioned Petitions :—

Petition (No. 21), being "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Central Railway Company."

Petition (No. 24), being "An Act to incorporate the Southern Okanagan Railway Company."

Your Committee recommends that Rules 57 and 59 be suspended with reference to the two above-mentioned Petitions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. E. YOUNG,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

## No. 9.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
January 30th, 1906.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Standing Orders have not been complied with as to publication of notice and presentation of Petition in connection with Petition (No. 25), being a special Act for incorporating the City of North Vancouver. Your Committee recommends that Rules 57 and 59 be suspended with reference to the said Petition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. E. YOUNG,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*, Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act respecting Distress," was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

By Dr. *King*—Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to incorporate the St. Mary's Valley Railway Company."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Cameron*—Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Canadian Plate Glass Insurance Company."

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Fraser*—Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'West Kootenay Power and Light Company, Limited Act, 1897.'"

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Dr. *King*—Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to incorporate the St. Mary's and Cherry Creek Railway Company."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Macgowan*—Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate the National Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada."

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Evans*—Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to Ratify and Confirm the Cowichan, Alberni and Fort Rupert Railway Company Act."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Bowser*—Bill (No. 58) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Lightning Creek Gold Gravels and Drainage Company (Limited Liability) Act, 1896.’”

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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

1. How many acres of timber lands have the Fraser River Tannery Company under lease or licence?
2. For what purposes is this timber acquired?
3. Has this Company built a saw-mill or saw-mills in connection with its holdings?
4. What is the annual rate per acre paid by this Company on its holdings?
5. Has the Government any reliable information as to the quantity and variety of timber on the holdings of this Company?

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

- “1. 18,730 under lease.
- “2. For stripping hemlock bark for tanning purposes.
- “3. Have no information on this point.
- “4. Two cents per acre per year for first five years. Five cents per acre per year for remainder of time.
- “5. The Government has no other information than that received from the Company, but the Company cannot cut any timber other than hemlock, except under special timber licences obtained under the Land Act. There is, however, a protest on record from Mr. *C. Miller*, who complains that a certain section of one of the parcels is principally cedar and fir and not hemlock.”

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

1. Was *E. W. Beckett* appointed a clerk in the New Westminster Land Registry Office?
2. If so, when was he appointed?
3. At what salary?
4. Has Mr. *Beckett* been continuously employed in the office since the date of his appointment?
5. If not, has he been represented by proxy?
6. If so, who was his proxy?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. March 1st, 1905.
- “3. \$45 per month.
- “4. Mr. *E. W. Beckett* was, by clerical error, substituted for Mr. *J. M. Beckett*, for whom the appointment was intended.
- “5. Mr. *E. W. Beckett* never entered on the duties of Land Registry Office clerk. The mistake was rectified and Mr. *J. M. Beckett* appointed.”

Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Assessment Act, 1903,’” was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act respecting the Use and Manufacture, within British Columbia, of Timber cut on Lands of the Crown,” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

By Mr. *Macgowan*—Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company’s Act, 1890.’”

By Mr. *Manson*—Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Permanent Loan and Savings Company.”

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act for the Relief and Disincorporation of the Municipality of Dewdney," was again 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 P.M.

## Wednesday, 31st January, 1906.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. K. B. Adams*.

The following petitions were laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Ross*—From *W. J. Beam*, Pacific Box Co. and *Frank N. Trites*, owners of lots abutting on the waters of False Creek, Vancouver, opposing Private Bill (No. 71) of Vancouver City to amend the "False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904." (No. 22A.)

Dr. *Young* presented the following Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

No. 10.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
January 31st, 1906.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders beg leave to present a supplementary report with respect to Petition (No. 14) of the South-East Kootenay Railway Company, and beg to report as follows:—

That as already reported, the Standing Orders were complied with, except for the fact that the Petition asks for powers to acquire and operate coal lands and mines which were not contained in the published advertisements.

Your Committee besides reporting, as they have done, that the Standing Orders be suspended, further beg leave to report that inasmuch as the discrepancy referred to does not appear to be of importance, and that the powers asked for may be refused by your Committee on Railways, double fees be not exacted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. E. YOUNG,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

No. 11.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
January 31st, 1906.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the time limited for the presentation of Reports be extended until the 16th day of February (inclusive), and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. E. YOUNG,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received and adopted.

## No. 12.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
January 31st, 1906.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Standing Orders have not been complied with as to publication of notice and presentation of petition in connection with the undermentioned petitions :

Petition (No. 12), being "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900.'"

Petition (No. 22), being "An Act to amend the 'False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904.'"

Petition (No. 23), being "An Act to amend 'The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1901.'"

Your Committee recommends that Rules 57 and 59 be suspended, with reference to the four above-mentioned petitions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. E. YOUNG,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

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

Mr. *Macgowan* presented a petition from the Cascade Water, Power and Light Co., Limited, opposing Private Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'West Kootenay Power and Light Company, Limited, Act, 1897.'" (No. 20A.)

Laid on the table.

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

By Mr. *Garden*—Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act relating to the Union Steamship Company of British Columbia, Limited."

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

By Mr. *Ellison*—Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Central Railway Company."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Macgowan*—Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Southern Okanagan Railway Company."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Ross*—Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to incorporate the South-East Kootenay Railway Company."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

On the motion of Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act, 1900,'" was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

That a Select Committee of this House, consisting of Messrs. *Ross*, *Taylor*, *Young Henderson* and *Paterson*, be appointed to inquire into all matters relating to an application by Mr. *John Elliott*, as counsel, for a fiat for a petition of right to try certain questions relating to the mineral claim "Pack Train," with power to call for persons, papers and documents and to take evidence under oath, and to report the evidence and their findings to this House.

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

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

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between any Member of the Government, employee of the Lands and Works Department, Member of the Legislative Assembly, manager of a chartered bank, *C. F. Walmsley*, *W. E. C. Koch* and others, in regard to applications for timber leases and timber leases on Little Slokan River, Little Slokan Lake and Slokan River, in West Kootenay District, between the 21st May, 1905, and the 29th of January, 1906.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Government and the New Denver Water-works Company and any other person, in connection with the water record granted to said Company in 1905.

On the motion of Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*, seconded by Dr. *King*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee, consisting of five Members of this House, namely, Messrs. *Garden*, *Young*, *Ross*, *Munro* and the mover, be appointed to inquire into all matters pertaining to the acquisition, or attempted acquisition, by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, or by any other person or persons or bodies corporate, of Crown lands in the vicinity of Tucks Inlet, Kaien Island or other islands, and on the mainland in the vicinity of Kaien Island, with power to summon witnesses, call for papers, documents, letters, telegrams and records, and to take evidence under oath, and procure the printing of said evidence from day to day, and report said evidence from time to time to the House, together with their findings on the same.

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

1. Is it the intention of the Government to provide in the Estimates for the construction of a ferry across the Fraser River at or near the Town of Quesnel?
2. Is it the intention of the Government to provide for repairs to the trail from Quesnel to Nechaco, with a view to rendering it passable as a sleigh road?
3. Is it the intention of the Government to provide in the Estimates for the construction of a bridge across the North Fork, Quesnel River, before high water in April next on the Quesnel Forks-Keithley Creek Trail?
4. Is it the intention of the Government to provide in the Estimates for the completion of the sleigh road from Quesnel Forks to Keithley Creek next summer?

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

- “1. The matter is under consideration.
- “2. Similar to No. 1.
- “3. Will be built before high water.
- “4. Will be completed as soon as possible.”

Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act respecting the Use and Manufacture, within British Columbia, of Timber cut on Lands of the Crown,” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,’” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act respecting Distress,” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4 P.M.