
Wednesday, 3rd March, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *Scriven*.

Mr. *McTavish* presented a Petition from *G. W. Anderson* and others, residents of *Lake* and *Saanich* Districts, in favour of the passing of the *Victoria and Saanich* Railway Bill.
Read and received.

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Sumas Dyking Act, 1878,' and to repeal the 'Sumas Dyking Amendment Act, 1883.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. *McTavish*, seconded by Mr. *Helgesen*, it was *Resolved*,—
That this House desires to impress upon the Government the desirability of establishing a school for practical instruction in agricultural and other kindred pursuits, being convinced that such an establishment would ultimately yield great benefit to the country.

Moved by Mr. *Orr*, seconded by Mr. *Helgesen*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will take immediate steps to induce the Dominion Government to define the limits of the lands granted to them, under the 11th clause of the Terms of Union, for Railway purposes.
A debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

Mr. *John* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following question:—

Is there an established legal rate of interest in this Province; if so, what is the rate?

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* replied as follows:—

"There is none. And where the rate is not ascertained by contract or course of dealing between the parties, the local Statute (No. 91, Consolidated Statutes) authorizes the Court or jury, in certain cases, to award reasonable interest, not exceeding one per cent. per month."

According to Order, Mr. *Orr* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver Gas Company, and for other purposes."

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

Thursday, 4th March, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *Scriven*.

Mr. *Martin* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, reporting the preamble proved of Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Victoria and Saanich Railway Company."

Received,

Moved by Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Semlin*,—

Whereas the Government, in January last, sold land at *English Bay* as town and suburban lots which had not been surveyed as such; and

Whereas the Government have not the power to dispose of land in any other manner than is conferred upon them by the Statute;

And whereas the Land Acts in force, whilst giving instructions as to the survey of land into townships and sections, do not give any authority to survey the same into town or suburban lots;

And Whereas ordinary prudence would dictate the survey of land before disposing of it in lots of small dimensions;

Be it therefore Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the Government in dealing with these lands have exceeded the power conferred upon them by the Statutes, and have acted improperly in selling this land as town and suburban lots before obtaining the authority to survey in that manner, and making a proper survey on the ground.

Upon the question being proposed the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Semlin,
Grant,

Galbraith,
Beaven,

McLeese,

Helgesen—6.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Cowan,

Pooley,

Dingwall,

Robson,

Orr,

Smithe,

Wilson,

Duck,

Davie, *Theo.*,

Davie, *A. E. B.*,

Cunningham,

Dunsmuir,

John,

Allen,

Drake,

Raybould—17.

Martin,

So it passed in the negative.

The Honourable Mr. *Duck* presented the Balance Sheet of the Province of British Columbia, as per Treasury account, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1885.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p. m.

Friday, 5th March, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *Scriven*.

Mr. *Martin* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, reporting the preambles proved of the following Bills:—

An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver Electric Light Company.

An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver Street Railways Company.

Received.

Pursuant to Order the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver Gas Company, and for other purposes," was resumed.

Ordered to be referred back to the Private Bills Committee.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the New Westminster and Port Moody Telephone Company, Limited," was read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Martin*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Coquitlam Water Works Company," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Fire Insurance Company," was read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *T. Davie*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver Water Works Company, 1886," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nanaimo Water Works Act, 1885,'" was read a second time.

Ordered To be committed on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55, p. m.

Monday, 8th March, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Percival*.

Mr. *Martin* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, recommending the extension of the time limited for receiving reports on Private Bills to the 15th instant.

Received.

Moved by Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Galbraith*,—

Whereas the Act respecting the electoral franchise passed by the Parliament of Canada at its last sitting, curtails the political rights of some of the people of this Province;

Be it therefore Resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to urge the Dominion Government either to repeal the Act altogether, or exempt this Province from its operation.

A debate arose, which was adjourned to Thursday next.

Mr. *Pooley* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into all matters relating to lands, reporting the evidence taken before the Committee. (*See Appendix*).

Received.

Moved by Mr. *T. Davie*, seconded by Mr. *Allen*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a return showing all public business transacted, from the date of the last general election, between the Government of British Columbia, or any of its members, or any one acting in their behalf, and *R. L. T. Galbraith*, Esq., M.P.P., or *Galbraith Bros.*, of *Kootenay*; *John Grant*, Esq., M.P.P., or *Callbraith, Grant & Cook*, or *Fletcher & Co.*, of *Cassiar*; and *R. McLeese*, Esq., M.P.P., of *Cariboo*.

Mr. *Semlin* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Holgesen*,—

To add, at the end of the Resolution, the words:—"or any other member of this House, "or any one acting on his behalf."

Amendment put and carried.

Original Resolution as amended put and carried.

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

That a humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity for a more frequent mail service to *Farwell*, and the establishment of a weekly mail service between *Farwell* and *Big Bend*.

Mr. *Drake* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to leases and sales of Settled Estates."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Raybould*, seconded by Mr. *Dingwall*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a copy of the record, in the record book of *Nanaimo* District, which shows the reservation of the so-called *Newcastle* Townsite Reserve to have existed prior to the 5th May, 1865.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1884.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

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

That the time limited for receiving reports from the Select Committee on Private Bills be extended to 15th March, 1886.

Mr. *Martin* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

How many acres have been granted to the *Ainsworth* Company in the *Yale* District, and if any, where situated?

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* replied as follows:—

"Application has been made for a grant of 640 acres situated on *Seymour River*, at the head of *Shuswap Lake*, under the provisions of the 'Eagle Pass Waggon Road Act, 1883.'"

Mr. *Galbraith* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to provide for County and Supreme Courts being held, at stated times throughout the year, at *Farwell* and in other parts of the *Kootenay* District?

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* replied as follows:—

"It is the intention of the Government to appoint Courts as business may require."

Mr. *Raybould* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:—

1. By whom was the so-called *Newcastle* Townsite Reserve made?
2. Is the so-called *Newcastle* Townsite Reserve surveyed within the meaning of sec. 31 of the "Land Act, 1884?"
3. Does the townsite extend beyond the surveyed townsite on the so-called *Newcastle* Townsite Reserve?
4. Do the suburban lots extend beyond the surveyed suburban lots?
5. When was the word "townsite" first used to describe the so-called *Newcastle* Townsite Reserve?

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* replied as follows :—

“ 1. The Hudson Bay Company.

“ 2. There has been no survey of the *Newcastle Townsite Reserve* gazetted, as is required by section 31 of the ‘*Land Act, 1884.*’

“ 3. The whole reserve has been known as the *Newcastle Townsite Reserve.*

“ 4. The whole of the lands in question are either urban or suburban.

“ 5. In 1860.”

According to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 6) intituled “*An Act respecting the profession of Medicine and Surgery.*”

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Raybould*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Thursday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Duck* presented a Return of Revenue collected and brought to account at the Treasury, from 1st July to 31st December, 1885.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 14) intituled “*An Act to establish Liens in favour of Mechanics and others.*”

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Martin*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-day.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented a Return to an Order of the House showing all applications and correspondence in connection with granting ferry charters at *Farwell* and *Upper Kootenay Crossing*. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock, p. m.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 15) intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Nanaimo Water Works Act, 1885.’*”

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cunningham*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 14) intituled “*An Act to establish Liens in favour of Mechanics and others.*”

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Martin*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 22) intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Licences Ordinance, 1885,’*” was read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Grant*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again,

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12 o'clock midnight.

Tuesday, 9th March, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Dowler*.

Mr. *Cunningham* presented a Petition from *E. V. Bodwell*, *R. Ward*, and 687 others (*re* Sunday closing of saloons, &c.).

Laid on the table.

On the motion of Mr. *John*, seconded by Mr. *Dingwall*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence, since January, 1884, between the Provincial Government and any person or persons who have made application for the bonus offered by Statute for the erection of a Woollen Mill within the Province.

Mr. Speaker gave his reserved decision on the point of order raised by Mr. *Beaven* on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting the consolidation of the Statute Laws of British Columbia," which was *Ordered* to be placed on the Journals of the House, and is as follows:—

"The Honourable Senior Member for Victoria City has taken the point of order that the Bill should be brought down by Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and originate in Committee of the Whole.

"When the main object of the Bill is the grant of money, it is invariably brought in upon the resolution of the Committee of the Whole, in the first instance; but when it becomes incidentally necessary to authorize the application of money to a particular purpose, the Bill may be introduced upon motion. The practice and rule require that the money clauses should be considered in Committee of the Whole; and in order to accomplish this object, without any violation of the Standing Orders, the money clauses are originally introduced in italics. Such clauses form no part of the Bill as originally brought in, and are treated as blanks. The object in printing these clauses in italics is to direct the attention of the Chairman that they are money clauses; but as Mr. Speaker Kirkpatrick, in the Canadian House of Commons, in deciding a similar point of order on April 1st, 1884, said,—'I do not think we ought to allow the printer, by using one type or another, to cast a Bill.'

"Although the Bill is in order, and can be read a second time, I think clause 2 ought not to be considered as part of the Bill until it has been reported upon by a preliminary Committee."

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting the consolidation of the Statute Laws of British Columbia," was read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Semlin*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the Honourable Mr. *Robson's* motion relative to the settlement of the lands within the Railway Belt on the Mainland, was resumed, and *Resolved* in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Victoria and Saanich Railway Company," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Smith* presented a Return to an Order of the House for a copy of the record in the record book of *Nanaimo District*, which shows the reservation of the so-called *Newcastle Townsite Reserve* to have existed prior to the 5th May, 1865.

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, 10th March, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Percival*.

Mr. *Semlin* presented a Petition from *F. A. Rivers*, *C. E. Comstock*, and others, Laid on the table.

The Petition from *E. V. Bodwell, R. Ward*, and 687 others (*re* Sunday closing of saloons, &c.), was read and received.

Mr. *Cowan* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to consider amendments to the "Mineral Act, 1884," submitting a draft Bill.

Received.

Mr. *Cowan* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1884.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act granting to T. B. H. Cochrane and James Brady a lease of a portion of the bed of Findlay Creek, and lands contiguous thereto for mining purposes," was read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Helgesen*, Chairman of the Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-night.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock, p. m.

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

According to Order, Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Victoria and Saanich Railway Company," was committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Dingwall*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the 47th year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter 21, intituled 'An Act to amend the Municipality Act, 1881.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 11.45 p. m.

Thursday, 11th March, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Dowler*.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to regulate the practice of Dentistry in the Province of British Columbia," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Victoria and Saanich Railway Company."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Dingwall*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act granting to T. B. H. Cochrane and James Brady a lease of a portion of the bed of Findlay Creek, and lands contiguous thereto, for mining purposes."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Helgesen*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

According to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the New Westminster and Port Moody Telephone Company, Limited."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Martin*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare a clause to be inserted in all Private Bills passed during the present session, to regulate the employment of Chinese in connection therewith; such Committee to consist of the Hon. the Attorney-General, the Hon. the Minister of Finance, the Senior Member for *Victoria City*, Messrs. *Drake* and *T. Davie*, and the mover.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Coquitlam Water Works Company," was committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Raybould*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for 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 p. m.

Friday, 12th March, 1886.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Percival*.

Mr. *Martin* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, reporting "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver Gas Company, and for other purposes," with further amendments.

Received.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act, 1884.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Orr* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to open the lands west of the *North Road*, in the District of *New Westminster*, to sale and settlement?

The Honourable Mr. *Smith* replied as follows:—

"It is intended that those lands shall be sold from time to time as may be deemed expedient."

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Coquitlam Water Works Company."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *McLeese*, Acting Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

Mr. *Pooey* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into all matters relating to lands, reporting the evidence. (*See Appendix*).

Received.

The Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock, p. m.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Fire Insurance Company."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *T. Davie*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

The Order for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Nanaimo Water Works Act, 1885,'" was discharged, and the Bill re-committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Pooley*, Acting Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

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

The Order for the House to go into Committee of the Whole to consider the resolution of Mr. *John* relative to keeping in repair the roads in *Victoria District*, was discharged.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act relating to the Attachment of Debts," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to leases and sales of Settled Estates," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

The Order to resume the adjourned debate on Mr. *Orr's* motion relative to defining the limits of the lands granted to the Dominion Government, under Clause 11 of the Terms of Union, was discharged.

On the motion of Mr. *T. Davie*, seconded by Mr. *Helgesen*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Committee be appointed to enquire the acreage and extent of unimproved land in *Victoria* and *Esquimalt* Districts, and whether such lands are fairly taxed; and, if not, to devise and report to this House some method under which such lands should be taxed. The Committee to consist of Messrs. *Pooley*, *Helgesen*, *McTavish* and the mover.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver Street Railways Company," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver Electric Light Company, Limited," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 9.40 p.m.