Wednesday, 4th March, 1908.

Two o'clock, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Saml. J. Thompson.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day-after Questions.

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

1. What water records have been issued to the municipalities of Kaslo, Nelson, Vancouver and Victoria, under the provisions of the "Water Clauses Act," for water other than for power purposes?

2. What are the respective quantities of water held under such records, and the amounts

charged for rentals under same?

3. Is it the intention of the Government to exempt municipalities from rentals on water records for consumption for domestic use? And for power or light purposes?

The Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:—

"1. One record issued to City of Kaslo for 250 inches for domestic and fire protection purposes; no rental charged therefor. One record issued to City of Nelson for 100 inches for household, fire and general domestic purposes; annual rental of \$3 charged. Two records issued to City of Vancouver, for 1,500 and 1,400 inches, respectively; annual rentals of \$41 and \$38 charged therefor. No records issued to City of Victoria.

"2. Answered by reply to question 1.

"3. The matter will be taken into consideration."

 $\operatorname{Mr.}$ Oliver asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question :—

What public works have been carried on in Dewdney during the present financial year, with the amount expended in each case, and the names of the foremen under whom the work has been carried on?

The Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:-

"DEWDNEY DISTRICT.—VOTE 131. Expenditure. Foreman. (J. Blancy. W. Hampton. "Road, Dewdney Trunk......\$4,963 96 J. Laity. S. J. Yeomans. A. Youmans.H. W. Bonson. 182 70 . . Ford, Pitt Meadows Newton Harrison Hot Springs..... 245 40 243 40 839 62 F. Cyr, D. Clifton. 300 95 R. Fletcher. 26 05 H. W. Bonson. Stave Lake Wharnock Main
Bonson-Port Hammond
Sharpe-Port Hammond 56 50 320 70 J. Blaney. 397 44 D. Edge. 426 05 J. Blancy. McKamey-Port Hammond..... Port Haney-Wharnock

 169 74
 S. Edge.

 820 10
 D. Clifton.

 250 00
 S. Smith.

 472 25 S. J. Yeomans, A. You-McKamey . 53 00 S. Smith. Imans. 362 18 H. Gunn. Pitt River Nicomen Island Main.... 296 60 G. Curtis. 64 00 DeRoche Landing Combe, Nicomen Island 151 86 507 77 F. Cyr.

Roads and Streets, Mission City " Port Moody. Street, Washington Wharf, Bonson Ferry, Pitt River (installing new engine, etc.) Roads, general Road Superintendent	1,504 2,590 169 412 559 358 338	85	D. H. D. L.	Gunn. Clifton. F. Bonson,	H. W.	
	5,000	\$17,901	90			

"DEWDNEY DISTRICT-CONTINGENCIES VOTE No. 197.

	Expenditure.	Foreman.
"Road, Dewdney Trunk	\$ 729 24	S. J. Yeomans,
" Pitt River	266 57	H. Gunn.
Asylum	531 60	H. Gunn.
Ferry, Pitt River (installing new engine, etc)	930 60	
Gravelling dyke and building bridge approach, Lot 281,		
near Port Hammond	190 00	
	\$2,648 01	

"DEWDNEY DISTRICT—BRIDGE VOTE No. 172.

		Expend	iture.		Foreman.
"Bridge,	Coquitlam-Westminster Junction	\$ 519	71	J.	Bonson.
"	" Pitt River Road	138	23		"
11	Nicomen Slough	468	36		"
	Dewdney				
. 11	Hatzie Slough				
"	and fill, Hicks-Gulch (Wharnock)				Parker.
11	Wharnock Main Road				
	DeRoche				
//	Bonson-Higginson Road	92	75	H.	W. Bonson.
		\$4.313	93 ''		

Mr. McGuire asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to grant aid this year for the establishment of an agricultural exhibition in the City of Vancouver?

The Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows:—

"The Estimates do not include a grant in aid of an agricultural exhibition at Vancouver. In view of the grant to the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society of British Columbia in aid of an exhibition at New Westminster, the Government does not feel justified in giving a grant to a second exhibition that would practically embrace the same district."

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

Who was Caretaker on Matsqui Dyke from October 1st, 1906, to September 30th, 1907?
2. What salary was paid to Caretaker for said period?

The Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:—

"1. C. J. Payne from 1st October, 1906, to 31st January, 1907. D. Duguid from 1st February, 1907, to 30th September, 1907.

" 2. C. J. Payne, \$155. D. Duguid, \$478.50."

Mr. Kergin asked the Hon, the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:—

As a condition upon which the Bella Coola Development Company holds its lease—

1. Does the Company have to spend a stated sum upon buildings by a stated time? If so, what sum and by what time?

- 2. Does the Company have to begin construction of mills by a stated time? If so, what time ?
- 3. Does the Company have to have in operation mills of a stated capacity by a stated time? If so, what mills and by what time?

The Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:—

- "I. No, except as set out in answer to question 3.
- "2. No, except as set out in answer to question 3.
- "3. The Company must erect, equip and maintain a pulp or paper mill, the capacity of the mill to have a daily output of one ton of pulp or half a ton of paper for each and every square mile of limits included in lease. Such mill must be kept in operation for six months in each year, unless the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works shall, for good and sufficient reason, release the Company from operating said mill for the whole or any part of the said period of six months in each and every year."
- Mr. Kergin asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

On what condition, other than the payment of royalty, may the Oriental Power and Pulp Company log timber other than pulp wood?

The Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:-

"The lease to the Oriental Power and Pulp Company does not authorise the Company to cut any timber, except for pulp wood purposes."

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Third reading at next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to provide for the Maintenance of Provincial Parks, was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Timber Measurement Act, 1906," was considered.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act with respect to the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia and to make provision for the Superannuation and Retirement of Persons employed in such Public Service," was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Liquor Licence Act, 1900,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to Increase the Revenues of the Crown," was committed. Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. Hawthornthwaite, Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act relating to the Island Railway, the Graving Dock, and Railway Lands of the Province, 1884," was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Bowser, Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Special Surveys Act, 1899,'" was introduced, read a first time, Ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway," a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock to-night.

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

Pairs for the Day.

Messieurs

Tatlow.

Munro.

Wednesday, 4th March, 1908.

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

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Electors and Elections in Municipalities," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer Mining Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1898,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway."

Bill read a second time on the following division:-

YEAS:

Messieurs

Munro, King, Naden, Brewster. Hall, Tatlow, McBride, Jones. Bowser, Yorston, Kergin, Cotton, Ellison, Oliver, Ross.Macdonald, Shatford, Henderson,

McPhillips,
Hunter,
Fulton,
Young,
Taylor,
Macgowan,
Gifford,
Grant,

Behnsen,
Manson,
Hayward,
McGuire,
Mackay,
Parson,
Davey,
Schofield—34.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Williams,

Hawthornthwaite,

McInnis-3.

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Thomson, Garden,

Jardine, Eagleson.

To be committed to-morrow.

The following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow:—Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act respecting Dentistry."

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Special Surveys Act, 1899."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Bowser the following Bills were introduced, read a first time and Ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904."

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act regarding a Certificate issued to the Greenwood City Water-Works Company under the provisions of the Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897."

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

And then the House adjourned at 1:25 A.M., 5th March.

PAIRS FOR THE DAY.

Messieurs

Thomson, Garden,

Jardine, Eagleson.

Thursday, 5th March, 1908.

Two o'clock, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day—after Questions.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to enable the City of Nelson to borrow Eighty-five Thousand Dollars for Electric Light and Power purposes," was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Persons employed in Factories," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled An Act to Regulate Employment in Dangerous Industries."

Negatived on the following division :-

		Y	EAS	
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		Messieurs	
Henderson, Jardine,	Williams,	Haw thorn thwaite,	McInnis-5.
		NAYS:	
		Messieurs	
King,	Munro,	McPhillips,	Grant,
Naden,	Brewster,	Thomson,	Behnsen,
Hall,	Tatlow,	Hunter,	Manson,
Eagleson,	McBride,	Fulton,	Hayward,
Jones.	Bowser,	Young,	McGuire,
Yorston,	Cotton	Taylor,	Mackay,
Kergin,	Ellison,	Garden,	Parson,
Oliver,	Ross,	Macqowan,	Davey,
Macdonald.	Shatford,	Gifford,	Schofield—36.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897.'"

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Munro,

Third reading at next sitting of the House.

McPhillips,

The second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to Establish a General Eight-Hour Day," was negatived on the following division:—

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		Messieurs	
Jardine,	Williams,	Have thorn threaite,	McInnis-4.
		NAYS:	
	,	Messieurs	
Naden,	Brewster,	Thomson,	Grant,
Hall,	Tatlow,	Hunter,	Behnsen,
Eagleson,	McBride,	Fulton,	Manson,
Jones,	Bowser,	Young,	Hayward,
Yorston.	Cotton,	Taylor,	McGuire,
Kergin,	Ellison,	Garden,	Parson,
Oliver,	Ross,	Macgowan,	Davey,
Macdonald.	Shatford,	Gifford.	Schofield-34.

The second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to Regulate the Procuring or Employment of Workmen," was negatived on the following division:—

Y_{EAS} :

Messieurs

Jardine, Williams, Hawthornthwaite, McInnis,

Ross, Young,

NAYS:

Messieurs

King,
Naden.
Hall,
Eagleson,
Jones,
Yorston,
Kergin,
Oliver,
Macdonald,

Munro,
Brewster,
Tatlow,
McBride,
Bowser,
Cotton,
Ellison,
Shatford,
McPhillips,

Thomson, Hunter, Fulton, Taylor, Garden, Macgowan, Gifford, Grant, Behnsen,
Manson,
Hayward,
McGuire,
Mackay,
Parson,
Davey,
Schofield—34.

Henderson-7.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act,'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The second reading of Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to Regulate the Hours of Labour in Marine and Shipbuilding Works," was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Jardine, Williams. Haw thorn thwaite,

McInnis, $Henderson_5.$

NAYS:

Messieurs

King,
Naden,
Hall,
Eagleson,
Jones,
Yorston,
Kergin,
Macdonald,
Munro,

Tatlow,
McBride,
Bowser,
Cotton,
Ellison,
Ross,
Shafford,
McPhillips,

Brewster,

Thomson,
Hunter,
Fulton,
Young,
Taylor,
Garden,
Macgowan,
Gifford,
Grant,

Behnsen,
Manson,
Hayward,
McGuire,
Mackay,
Parson,
Davey,
Schofield—35.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Labour Regulation Act, 1907,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read third time and passed.

The second reading of Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Health Amendment Act, 1903-4.'" was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

 $egin{aligned} Naden, \ Hall, \ Eagleson, \ Jones, \end{aligned}$

Yorston, Kergin, Oliver, Macdonald, Henderson, Munro, Jardine, Brewster,

Williams, Hawthornthwaite, McInnis—15.

NAYS:

Messieurs

McBride,	McPhillips,	Garden,	Hayward,
Bowser,	Thomson,	Macgowan,	Metinire,
Cotton,	Hunter,	Gifford,	Mackay,
Ellison,	Fulton,	Grant,	Parson,
Ross,	Young,	Behnsen,	Davey
Shatford,	Taylor,	Manson,	Schofield—24.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 P.M.

Thursday, 5th March, 1908.

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

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897,'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act,' " was committed. Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act relating to the Island Railway, the Graving Dock, and Railway Lands of the Province, 1884," a point of order arose, upon which Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Home Act,'" a point of order arose, upon which Mr. Speaker *Eberts* gave the following ruling:—

On the motion by the Hon. Member for Rossland for the second reading of this Bill, the Hon. the Premier raised a point of order that the Bill could not be introduced by a Private Member.

Section 2 of the Bill purports to amend sub-section (a) of section 7 of the Provincial Home Act (Revised Statutes, B. C.).

The principal Act was passed in the year 1893, and empowers the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to erect, establish and maintain a Home for the support of destitute residents of the Province under the conditions therein prescribed by the Act.

The conditions of admission to the Home are set out in section 7 and sub-sections. Among others who may be admitted to the Home are adults, other than Indians or Asiatics, who—

"(a.) has been a bonâ fide resident of the Provence for at least fifteen years immediately preceding the time of application for admission and are domiciled elsewhere than in a municipality."

By the Bill before the House it is sought to amend sub-section (a) by adding the following words, after "municipality," "or has been a bonâ fide resident of the Province and actually engaged as a workman in industries in the Province for a period of at least five years immediately preceding the time of application for admission."

No consent of a Member of the Government has been obtained authorising the introduction of the Bill by the Member in charge of same. Each year, upon a Message, an item appears in the Estimates to be expended towards the maintenance of the Home and its inmates.

King.

The passage of the amendment would create a new class of persons participating in the comforts of the Home, and whose support will be taken from the fund, which is a part of the Public Revenue, and no appropriation of same, directly or indirectly, can lawfully be made without first being recommended by Message, which has not been done. I therefore am of opinion that the Bill should go no farther in its present shape.

D. M. EBERTS,

Speaker.

Hawthornthwaite,

Eagleson.

The second reading of Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to Regulate the Hours of Labour of Telegraphers and Signalmen," was negatived on the following division :-

YEAS:

		Messieurs	
King, Naden, Hall, Kergin,	Oliver, Macdonald, Henderson, Munro,	Jardine. Brewster, Williams, Nays:	Hawthornthwaite, McInnis, Schofield—14.
		Messieurs	
Tatlow, McBride, Bowser, Cotton, Ross, Shatford,	McPhillips, Thomson, Hunter, Fulton, Young,	Taylor, Garden, Macgowan, Gifford, Behnsen,	Manson, Hayward, McGuire, Mackay, Davey—21.
Sharfora,		Pairs:	
		Messieurs	
	$Grant, \ Parson, \ Ellison.$		Jones, Eagleson, Yorston.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904," a point of order arose, upon which Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

The second reading of Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act respecting the Payment of Wages," was negatived on the following division:

YEAS: Messieurs

Munro,

Kergin,

Parson,

Naden,	Oliver,	Jardine,	McInnis,
Hall,	Macdenald,	Brewster,	Ross,
Yorston,	Henderson,	Williams,	Schofield-15.
		NAYS:	
		Messieurs	
Tatlow,	McPhillips,	Taylor,	Manson,
McBride,	Thomson,	Garden,	Hayward,
Bowser,	Hunter,	Macgowan,	McGuire,
Cotton,	Fulton,	Gifford,	Mackay,
Ellison,	Young.	Behnsen,	Davey—21.
Shat ford,		PAIRS:	
		Messieurs	
	Grant,	Jos	nes,

On the second reading of Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act for the Better Securing of certain Mine Workers' Wages," a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," was read a third time and passed.

The report on Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act,' " was considered.

Mr. McPhillips moved in amendment to add as a new clause:-

"All that part of section 31 of the said chapter 23 after the word 'conducted,' in the ninth line thereof, and section 32 of said Act, shall not apply to any tax sale to be held or that has heretofore been held of lands for overdue taxes in the City of Victoria, in cases where the tax deeds have not been registered at the time this Act comes into force.

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the motion of Hon. Mr. Bowser, Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Interpretation Act,'" was introduced, read a first time and Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Liquor Licence Act, 1900," was considered.

Mr. Hall moved in amendment to insert after the word "business," the following: "And provided, also, that section 3 of chapter 26 of the Liquor Licence Act Amendment Act, 1906,' shall apply so as to give the right of appeal from the Superintendent of Provincial Police in manner provided for from commissioners."

Negatived on the following division:

YEAS:

		Messieurs	
King, Naden, Hall, Yorston,	Kergin, Oliver, Macdonald, Henderson,	Munro, Jardine, Brewster,	Williams, Hawthornthwaite, McInnis—14.
,		NAYS:	
		Messieurs	
Tatlow, McBride, Bowser, Cotton, Ellison, Ross,	Shutford, McPhillips, Thomson, Hunter, Fulton, Young,	Taylor, Garden, Macgowan, Gifford, Behnsen, Manson,	Hayward, McGuire, Mackay, Davey, Schofield—23.

PAIRS:

Messieurs:

Grant, Jones, Parsons, Eagleson.

The Report on Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to Increase the Revenues of the Crown," was considered.

The Hon Mr. Bowser moved to strike out all the words after the word "salmon," in fourth last line of section 2.

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Electors and Elections in Municipalities," was considered.

Mr. Naden moved in amendment to strike out all the words after the word "year," in the fifth line of the definition of the word "Householder," in section 2.

Negatived on the following division:—

King,

Hall,

Naden,

Yorston,

Kergin,

Oliver,

Macdonald,

Henderson,

Shattord

YEAS: Messieurs Williams, Munro. Hawthornthwaite, Jardine, McInnis-14. Brewster, NAYS: Messieurs Taulor Hayward, McGuire,

Mackay,

Davey,

Schofield—23.

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Tatlow,	Shat ford,	Taylor,
McBride,	Mc Phillips,	Garden,
Bowser,	Thomson,	Macgowan,
Cotton,	Hunter,	Gifford,
Ellison,	Fulton,	Behnsen,
Ross,	Young,	Manson,
		Pairs:

Messieurs Jones. Grant. Eagleson. Parson,

Mr. McInnis moved in amendment to strike out the word "January" where it appears in Schedule, Form 2, Declaration 2, of said Schedule, and insert in lieu thereof the word " May."

And to strike out the word "January" where it appears in the definition of the word "Householder," section 2, line 5, and insert in lieu thereof the word "May."

Negatived on the following division:

YEAS: Messieurs Hawthornthwaite, Yorston. Henderson, Brewster, Williams, McInnis—8. Kergin, Jardine, NAYS: Messieurs King, McBride, Hunter, Behnsen, Naden, Bowser, Fulton, Manson, Hayward, Ellison. Young, Hall, Taylor, McGuire. Oliver, Ross,Mackay, Macdonald. Shatford, Garden, Davey, Munro. McPhillips, Macgowan, Schofield—28. Tatlow, Thomson, Gifford, PAIRS:

Messieurs

Jones. Grant. Eagleson. Parsons,

Report adopted. Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," was considered.

The Hon. Mr. Fulton moved to strike out the word "some," and substitute the word "such," in line 24, section 4.

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. Fulton moved to insert after the word "site," in line 2 of sub-section (34b) of section 7, the words: "and so decided by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works upon the report and recommendation of a surveyor or engineer appointed by the Chief Commissioner for the purpose of investigating the same."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the Game Protection Act, 1898," was considered.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The point of order raised on Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act with respect to the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia, and to make provision for the Superannuation and Retirement of Persons employed in such Public Service," when last in Committee having been withdrawn, the Bill was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act respecting Dentistry," was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Special Surveys Act, 1899,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'False Creek Foreshore Act,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act regarding a Certificate issued to the Greenwood City Water-Works Company under the provisions of the Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two P. M. Friday, 6th March.

And then the House adjourned at two A.M. 6th March.

Friday, 6th March, 1908.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Liquor Licence Act, 1900,'" was read a third time on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Tatlow, McPhillips,
McBride, Thomson,
Bowser, Hunter,
Cotton, Young,
Ross, Taylor,
Shatford, Garden,

Gifford, Grant, Behnsen, Manson, Hayward, McGuire, Mackay, Parson, Davey, Schofield—22.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Naden, Hall, Eagleson, Jones, Kergin, Oliver, Macdonald, Henderson, Jardine, Brewster, Williams, Hawthornthwaite, McInnis—13.

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

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to Increase the Revenues of the Crown."

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Electors and Elections in Municipalities."

The Report on Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act respecting Dentistry," was considered.

Mr. Oliver moved that section 68 be amended by striking out the proviso at the end of the section and substitute the following:—"Provided that the provisions of this and the next preceding section shall not apply to any company incorporated and carrying on business in British Columbia previous to the enactment of this Act."

Negatived on the following division:-

YEAS:

Messieurs

King, Jones, Naden, Yorston, Hall, Kergin, Eagleson. Oliver,

Macdonald, Henderson, Munro, Jardine,

Brewster, Williams, Hawthornthwaite, McInnis—16.

NAYS:

Messieurs:

Tatlow, McBride, Bowser, Cotton, Ellison, Ross, Shatford, McPhillips, Thomson, Hunter, Fulton, Young, Garden,
Macgowan,
Gifford,
Grant,
Behnsen,
Manson,

Hayward, McGuire, Mackay, Parson, Davey, Schofield—23.

Report adopted.

Third reading at next sitting.

Mr. Yorston asked the Hon, the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions :---

1. What was paid for material for construction of ferry at Quesnel?

2. What firms supplied the material, and a detailed statement showing amount and prices of same?

3. What was paid for labour?

The Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:—

"1. Material and forwarding charges, \$2,602.84.

"2. F. Darling:

F. Darring:			
Galvanised steel cable ferry traveller with $\frac{2}{8}$ -inch diameter sheaves in steel frame; 6 $1\frac{1}{8}$ Crosby clips; 2 $1\frac{1}{2}''$ galvanised thimbles; eye bolts for anchorage	\$485 222		
1 complete oak steering ferry wheel; 2 gal. diverting sheaves, with	444	00	
screws	88	00	
50 feet $1\frac{1}{8}$ steel rope; 8 $1\frac{1}{8}$ W. R. clips; 2 $1\frac{1}{8}$ thimbles and charges		10	
	\$816	75	
Robertson Iron Works:			
2 C. I. saddles, making patterns for same; cedar for same; 2 \frac{1}{4}-steel covering plates; bending plates to fit saddle, and cartage	\$ 30	83	
James Reid Estate:			
Picks, shovels, lumber and spikes	11	95	
Lumber	457		
m	362		
and tools	219		
screws, washers, nuts, etc	117	51	
de de	1,158	41	
James Seymour:	1,100	TI	
Bolts, hinges, etc.	\$181	00	
A. Carson:			
Drift bolts, rods, etc	208	25	
Hudson's Bay Company:			
Nails, rope and hammer\$1,797.41.	9	23	

[&]quot;Note. -- All the above Vouchers have not yet been passed by the Department."

Mr. Jones asked the Hon, the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question :--

Is it the intention to build a trail or road from Eight-Mile Lake, near Barkerville, to Bear Lake?

The Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:-

"The matter will receive consideration."

The Report on Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the False Creek Foreshore Act,' " was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act with respect to the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," was again committed. Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed on the following division:

YEAS:

Messieurs

77.	Jardine,
King,	,
Naden,	Bvevoster,
Hall,	Tatlow,
Eagleson.	McBride,
Jones.	Bowser,
Yorston,	Cotton,
Kergin,	Ellison,
Oliver,	Ross,
Munro,	Shat ford,

ssieurs
McPhillips,
Thomson,
Hunter,
Fulton,
Young,
Taylor,
Garden,
Gifford,
Grant.

Behnsen
Manson,
Hayward,
McGuire,
Mackay,
Parson,
Davey,
Schofield 35

NAYS:

Messieurs

Henderson,

Williams.

Hawthornthwaite,

McInnis-4.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments. Report to be considered at next sitting.

Mr. Davey presented the First Report from the Printing Committee, as follows --

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, 6th March, 1908.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Printing beg leave to report as follows:— That the following papers are ordered to be printed:—

1. Report of Commissioner of Fisheries.

- 2. Papers re disallowance of Natal Act last Session.
- 3. Report of Provincial Game and Forest Warden.

4. Correspondence re Natal Act last Session.

- 5. Correspondence re Fisheries, Dominion and Province.
- 6. Correspondence re Indian Reserve Lands, Prince Rupert.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The Report was received.

Fred. Davey, Chairman.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act regarding a Certificate issued to the Greenwood City Water-Works Company under the provisions of the Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments. Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Interpretation Act,'" was read a second time.

To be committed at next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock to-night.

And then the House adjourned at 6:20 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, 6th March, 1908.

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

Mr. Speaker laid on the table the Report of the Librarian of the Legislative Library for the year 1907.

Ordered to be printed.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act respecting Dentistry," was read a third time and passed.

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company,"—

Mr. Macdonald moved to amend section 1, line 2, by inserting between the words "confirmed" and "and "the words "as hereinafter varied or added to."

Negatived on the following division:-

YEAS:

Messieurs

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King, Naden, Hall, Jones,	Yorston, Kergin, Oliver, Macdonald,	$Henderson,\ Munro,\ Jardine,\ Brewster,$	Williams, Hawthornthwaite, McInnis—15.
		NAYS:	
		Messieurs	
Tatlow, McBride, Bowser, Cotton, Ellison, Ross,	Shatford, McPhillips, Thompson, Hunter, Fulton, Young,	Taylor, Garden, Macgowan, Gifford, Behnsen, Manson,	Hayward, McGuire, Mackay, Parson, Davey, Schofield—24.

Mr. Macdonald moved to add at the end of section 2: "save and except to mineral, placer or coal locations heretofore lawfully made and now existing."

Negatived on the same division.

Mr. Macdonald moved to strike out the following words in section 3: "in any way he may deem conducive to the interests of the Province," and to insert in lieu thereof the words "at public auction.

Negatived on the same division.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved to strike out section 4.

Negatived on the following division :-

YEAS:

		Messieurs	
Jardine,	Williams,	${\it Hawthorn thwaite},$	McInnis-4.
		NAYS:	
		Messieurs	
King,	Munro,	McPhillips,	Behnsen,
Naden,	Brewster,	Thompson,	Manson,
Hall,	Tatlow,	Hunter,	Hayward,
Jones,	McBride,	Fulton,	McGuire,
Yorston,	Bowser,	Young,	Mackay,
Kergin,	Cotton,	Taylor.	Parson,
Oliver,	Ellison,	Garden,	Davey,
Macdonald,	Ross,	Macgowan,	Schofield—35.
Henderson,	Shat ford,	Gifford,	

Mr. Macdonald moved to amend clause 3 of the Schedule by inserting between the words "station" and "and," in the twelfth line of the said clause, the words "wharves, docks."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

King, Naden, Hall, Jones,	Yorston, Kergin, Oliver, Macdonald,	Henderson, Munro, Jardine, Brewster,	Williams, Hawthornthwaite, McInnis—15.
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NAYS:

Messieurs

Tatlow,	Shatford,	Taylor,	Hayward,
McBride,	McPhillips,	Garden,	McGuire,
Bowser,	Thomson,	Macgowan,	Mackay,
Cotton,	Hunter,	Gifford,	Parson,
Ellison,	Fulton,	Behnsen,	Davey,
Ross,	Young,	Manson,	Schofield—24.

Mr. Macdonald moved to amend clause 4 of the said Schedule by inserting between the words "thousand" and "feet," in the third line thereof, the words "nor more than two thousand."

Negatived on the same division.

Mr. Macdonald moved to amend clause 5 of the Schedule by inserting between the words "thousand" and "feet," in the fourth line thereof, the words: "nor more than two thousand."

Negatived on the same division.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved to strike out section 9 of the Schedule thereto and re-number the following sections.

Negatived on the following division :-

YEAS:

Messieurs

Jardine,	Williams,	${\it Hawthorn} th waite,$	McInnis—4.
		NAYS:	
		Messieurs	
King,	Munro,	McPhillips,	Behnsen,
Naden,	Brewster,	Thomson,	Manson,
Hall,	Tatlow,	Hunter,	Hayward,
Jones,	McBride.	Fulton,	McGuire,
Yorston,	Bowser,	Young,	Mackay,
Kergin,	Cotton,	Taylor,	Parson,
Oliver,	$Ellison_*$	Garden,	Davey,
Macdonald,	Ross,	Macgowan,	Schofield - 35.

Mr. Macdonald moved to amend clause 11 of the Schedule by adding thereto the following words: "nor shall it extend to townsite lots and blocks."

Gifford,

Negatived on the following division :-

Henderson,

Shatford,

YEAS:

Messieurs

King,	Yorston,	Henderson,	Williams,
Naden,	Kergin,	Munro,	Hawthornthwaite,
Hall,	Oliver,	Jardine,	McInnis-15.
Jones,	Macdonald,	Brewster,	

NAYS:

Messieurs

Tatlow,	Shatford,	Taylor,	Hayward,
McBride,	McPhillips,	Garden,	McGuire,
Bowser,	Thomson,	Macgorvan,	McKay,
Cotton,	Hunter,	Gifford,	Parson,
Ellison,	Fulton,	Behnson	Davey,
Ross,	Young,	Manson,	Schofield—24.

Mr. Macdonald moved to amend clause 13 of the Schedule by inserting between the words "construction" and "within," in the first line thereof, the words "on a large scale."

Negatived on the same division.

Mr. Macdonald moved to amend clause 14 of the Schedule by striking out the words "and upon terms equally favourable as those procurable elsewhere."

Negatived on the same division.

Mr. Macdonald moved to amend clause 15 of the Schedule by inserting between the words "to" and "workman" in the third line thereof the word "white."

Negatived on the same division.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved to add the following to section 15:—"Provided always, that the lowest wage paid to any labourer during construction of the said railway shall not be less than two dollars and fifty cents per day."

Negatived on the following division:-

YEAS:

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		Messienta	
Jones, Jardine,	Williams,	Haw thorn thwaite,	Williams-5.
		NAYS:	

Messieurs

King,	Brewster,	Thomson,	Behnsen,
Naden,	Tatlow,	Hunter,	Manson,
Hall,	McBride,	Fulton,	Hayward,
Yorston,	Bowser,	Young,	McGuire,
Kergin,	Cotton,	Taylor,	Mackay,
Oliver,	Ellison,	Garden,	Parson,
Macdonald,	Ross,	Macqoivan,	Davey,
Henderson,	Shatford,	Gifford,	Schofield34.
Munro	McPhillips.	w	

Mr. Macdonald moved to insert a new clause in the Schedule, numbered 3a, to read as follows:—

"The Townsite Company agrees within one month after the approval of the subdivision mentioned in clause 3 hereof, to offer for sale at public auction at least one-quarter of the lots belonging to the Townsite Company in said subdivision, fairly distributed over the whole of said subdivision, on the understanding that a proportionate number of the lots belonging to the Province, distributed in like manner, shall be offered at public auction at the same time by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council."

Negatived on the following division:-

YEAS:

Messieurs

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King,	Yorston,	Henderson,	Williams,	
Naden,	Kergin,	Munro,	${\it Hawthornthwaite},$	
Hall,	Oliver,	Jardine,	McInnis-15.	
Jones.	Macdonald,	Brewster,		

NAYS:

Messieurs

Tatlow,	Shatford,	Taylor,	Hayward,
McBride,	McPhillips,	Garden,	McGuire,
Bowser,	Thomson,	Macgowan,	Mackay,
Cotton,	Hunter,	Gifford,	Parson,
Ellison,	Fulton,	Behnsen,	Davey,
Ross,	Young,	Manson,	Schofield—24.

Mr. Macdonald moved to amend by adding a new clause to the Schedule, to be numbered 3b, to read as follows:—

"The Townsite Company hereby agrees from time to time to offer for sale at public auction any lots or blocks comprised in or referred to in this agreement not being required for railway purposes, which, in the opinion of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, should in the public interest be offered for sale."

Negatived on the same division.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time on the following division:—

Yeas:

		Messieurs	
Kinq	Munro,	McPhillips,	Behnsen,
Naden,	Brewster,	Thomson,	Manson,
Hall,	Tatlow,	Hunter,	Hayward,
Jones,	McBride,	Fulton,	McGuire,
Yorston,	Bowser,	Young,	McKay,
Kergin,	Cotton,	Taylor,	Parson,
Oliver,	Ellison,	Garden,	Davey,
Macdonald,	Ross,	Macgowan,	Schofield—35.
Henderson,	Shat ford,	Gifford,	
		NAVO.	

NAYS:

Messieurs

Jardine, Williams, Hawthornthwaite, McInnis-4.

The Report on Bill (86) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act regarding a Certificate issued to the Greenwood City Water-works Company under the provisions of the Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Interpretation Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No 46) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting Crown Lands."

Bill read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

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

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Act,'" was again committed. Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Persons employed in Factories," was considered.

Mr. McPhillips moved that section 6 be amended by inserting after the word "fish," in the second line, the words "fruit packing," and adding after the word "fish," in the third line, the words "and during the respective fruit seasons."

Carried.

Mr. McPhillips moved to add as a new section after section 60, to be numbered section 61

(all the following sections to be re-numbered), the following:

"61. In any case where the Inspector may instruct an employer to make alterations or additions conforming with any section of this Act, and said employer has reason to believe that such changes or additions are needless and not necessary within the spirit of this Act, he, the employer, may appeal from the decision of the Inspector to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, who shall judge and decide whether such alterations or additions are necessary."

Carried.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved to strike out sub-section (a) of section 4. Withdrawn.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved to add a new sub-section to section 40, as follows:—

"(d.) In all cities or rural districts where one or more laundries are established and being operated by steam or other mechanical power, to prohibit work being carried on in any laundry before the hour of 7 A.M. and after the hour of 5 P.M.

Negatived on the following division:

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King,	Kergin,	Henderson,	Williams,
Naden,	Oliver,	Jardine,	Hav thorn thwaite,
Hall,	Macdonald,	Brewster,	McInnis, -12.
		NAYS:	
		Messieurs	
McBride,	Shat ford,	Garden,	McGuire,
Bowser,	McPhillips,	Gifford,	Mackay,
Cotton,	Hunter,	Behnsen,	Parson,
Ellison,	Young.	Manson,	Davey,
Ross,	Taylor,	Hayward,	Schofield—20.
		Pairs:	

Messieurs

Eagleson,

Grant.

Mr. Williams moved to amend section 52 by adding the following as sub-section (f):—

"(f.) Any Inspector who divulges the name, or who does anything tending to disclose the author of any complaint, shall be deemed to have acted in contravention of this Act."

Negatived on the following division: -

YEAS:

Messieurs:

$King, \\Naden,$	$Jones, \ Yorston,$	$Munro,\ Jardine,$	$Williams, \ Hawthorn thwaite,$
Hall,	Henderson,	Brewster,	$McInnis_12.$
		NAYS:	
		Messieurs:	
Kergin,	Ellison,	Young,	Hayward,
Oliver,	Ross,	Taylor,	McGuire,
Macdonald,	Shatford,	Garden,	Mackay,
Tatlow,	McPhillips,	Gifford,	Parson,
McBride,	Thomson,	Behnsen,	Davey,

Bowser, Cotton,

Thomson, Hunter, Fulton,

Behnsen, Manson,

Schofield—26.

Report, as amended, adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act,'" was considered.

6TH MARCH.

Mr. McInnis moved to insert after section 2 the following as section 3 and re-number the following sections:—

3. (1.) Sub-section (a) of section 14 of chapter 32 of the Statutes of 1906, is hereby amended by striking out the words "one thousand" where they appear in the eighth line and insert in lieu thereof the words "seven hundred."

(2.) Sub-section (b) of section 14 of chapter 32 of the Statutes of 1906, is hereby amended by striking out the word "five" from the eighth line and inserting in lieu thereof the word "three."

Negatived on the following division: -

YEAS:

Messieurs

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King, Naden, Hall, Jones,	Yorston. Kergin. Oliver, Macdonald,	Henderson, Jardine, Brewster,	Williams, Hawthornthwaite, McInnis—14.
		Nays:	
		Messieurs	
Munro, Tatlow, McBride, Bowser, Cotton, Ellison,	Ross, Shatford, McPhillips, Thomson, Hunter, Fulton,	Young, Taylor, Garden, Gifford, Behnsen, Manson,	Hayward, McGuire, Mackay, Parson, Davy, Schofield—24.
		Pairs:	
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Messieurs

Eagleson,

Grant.

Mr. Hall moved that sub-section (42b) be struck out and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—

"(42b.) To compel existing telephone, electric light and power companies, whether operating under special or private Acts or otherwise, to place all or any existing wires and means of transmitting electrical current for power, light, heat or energy underground, the municipality paying the cost of removal and replacing of any such means of transmission, due consideration being given to the difference in cost of maintenance of the two systems, such amount to be ascertained prior to commencement of the work, and the provisions of sections 251, 252 and 253 of said chapter 32, shall apply in the same manner, and to the same extent, as if compensation for real property taken were being ascertained. The cost of any such work may be imposed upon the real property benefited, proceedings to be taken as in the case of local improvements under section 256 and sub-sections of said Act."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Naden,	Oliver,	Munro,	Williams,
Hall,	Macdonald,	Jardine,	Hawthornthwaite,
Yorston,	Henderson,	Brewster,	McInnis—13.
Kergin.			

NAYS:

Messieurs

Tatlow, McBride, Bowser, Cotton, Ellison,

Ross,

Shatford, McPhillips, Thomson, Hunter, Fulton, Garden, Gifford, Behnsen, Manson, Hayward,

McGuire, Mackay. Parson, Davey, Schofield—21.

PAIRS FOR THE DAY.

Messieurs:

Young, Taylor, Grant, $Jones, \ King, \ Eagleson.$

The Hon. Mr. Bowser moved to amend sub-section (12) of section 50 by adding the following as sub-section (1):—

"(I.) The municipality of the City of Vernon may acquire by purchase any water record granted under the provisions of any Acts relating to the recording of water and utilise same for any of the purposes mentioned in this sub-section whether such Acts or water record thereunder authorise the use of such water for any such purposes or not and said municipality may deal with or dispose of any water, light, power, heat, or energy obtained or generated thereby for any purpose whatsoever: Provided that before this power is exercised by the municipality the assent of the electors shall be necessary in manner provided by section 75 of this Act."

Carried

The Hon. Mr. Cotton moved as a new clause:—

"Section 258 of said chapter 32 is hereby amended by inserting the words "upon petition" after the word "may," and before the words "by by-law," in the second line thereof, and by

striking out sub-section (2) thereof and substituting therefor the following:-

"2. The proportion of number of owners of lands to be benefited by such local improvements and the proportion of value which the lands owned by them shall bear to the whole of said lands to be benefited necessary to the petition for the said local improvements, and the means of ascertaining and determining the lands to be benefited by such local improvements, or by the acquisition of such works or improvements, and the proportion of benefit received by such lands therefrom, and of ascertaining and determining the proportions in which the assessment of the cost thereof, or any part of the said cost, is to be made on the various portions of real property so benefited may be finally determined in such manner and by such means as are provided by by-law in that behalf."

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned until next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act for the Better Securing of certain Mine Workers' Wages,"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10:30 A.M., 7th March.

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

That the Hon. the Speaker, the Hon. F. Carter Cotton, A. E. McPhillips, Esq., J. A. Macdonald, Esq., John Oliver, Esq., Thornton Fell, Esq., and Parker Williams, Esq., be appointed a Select Committee to prepare a draft consolidation and revision of the Rules of this House, and to submit to this House, with said draft, a report setting out all changes suggested and the reasons for recommending the same at the next Session of this Legislature.

And then the House adjourned at 1:50 A.M., 7th March.

Saturday, 7th March, 1908.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK, A.M.

The amendment moved by the Honourable the Premier on the 18th February having been withdrawn, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved on said date by Mr. Havethornthwaite, as follows:—

Whereas, a conflict of interests has arisen between the Province of British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada in respect to Oriental immigration into British Columbia; and

Whereas a treaty, known as the Anglo-Japanese Treaty, has been endorsed by the Dominion Government; and

Whereas the said Treaty contained the following section:—

"The subjects of each of the two high contracting parties shall have full liberty to enter, travel or reside in any part of the dominions and possessions of the other contracting party, and shall enjoy full and perfect protection for their persons and property;"

And whereas the industrial and labour interests of British Columbia have been seriously

affected by the abnormal influx of Japanese immigrants under said section; and

Whereas laws enacted by this Province to regulate said immigration have been uniformly

disallowed by the Dominion authorities; and

Whereas the existing condition cannot continue without injuring the various interests referred to, and further endangering the good understanding that has existed between the people of Japan and the people of this Province;

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to request the Governor-General to ask the Imperial Government, through the Colonial Secretary, to appoint a Royal Commission to fully inquire into all the circumstances in connection with these matters.

Mr. Macdonald moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Oliver,-

To strike out all the words after the first word "whereas," in said Resolution, and sub-

stitute the following therefor, viz .:-

"In view of the very strong feeling in this Province against the admission to it of immigrants of Oriental birth or extraction, and of the Imperial and international questions involved in the exclusion, in particular, of natives of India, who are British subjects, and of Great Britain's allay, Japan;

Be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to request the Governor-General to ask the Imperial Government, through the Colonial Secretary, to appoint a Royal Commission to fully consider the broad question of Asiatic immigration into the Colonies and Dominions of Great Britain beyond the

Seas."

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	
Williams,	Ellison,	Garden,	Hayward,
Hawthornthwaite,	Ross,	Macgowan,	McGuire,
McInnis,	McPhillips,	Gifford,	Mackay,
Tatlow,	Thomson,	Grant,	Parson,
McBride,	Hunter,	Behnsen.	Davey,
Bowser,	Fulton,	Manson,	Schofield-26.
Cotton,	Young,		
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INAYS:

King,	Jones,	Oliver,	Munro,
Hall,	Yorston,	Macdonald,	Jardine,
Eagleson.	Kergin,	Henderson,	Brewster-12.

Resolution agreed to.

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

That Rule No. 57 of the Rules of this House be amended by adding thereto the following

sub-section :-

"2. In addition to the fee of \$300 prescribed by sub-section (1) of this Rule, any person seeking to obtain a Private Bill to incorporate a company or to increase the capital stock of a company shall deposit with the Clerk of the House, at the time he pays the said sum of \$300, the following charges in addition to said sum, viz.:—

"(a.) When the proposed capital stock of a company is \$50,000 or under	\$ 50
"(b.) When the proposed capital stock of a company is over \$50,000 and does not exceed \$100,000	
"(c.) When the proposed capital stock of a company is over \$100,000 and does not	
exceed \$150,000	125
exceed \$200,000	
exceed \$250,000	175
exceed \$300,000	200
exceed \$400,000	250
"(h.) When the proposed capital stock of a company is over \$400,000 and does not exceed \$500,000	275
"(i.) When the proposed capital stock of a company is over \$500,000 and does not exceed \$750,000	300
"(j.) When the proposed capital stock of a company is over \$750,000 and does not exceed \$1,000,000	400
"(k.) When the proposed capital stock of a company is over \$1,000,000 and does	
"(l.) When the proposed capital stock of a company is over \$1,500,000 and does	
not exceed $$2,000,000$	650
not exceed \$2,500,000	775 100."
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On the motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance, it was Resolved,—

Whereas the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, by an Address signed by the Speakers of the Senate and Commons of Canada, on the 26th day of April, 1907, did petition the King's Most Excellent Majesty to cause to be laid before the Imperial Parliament a measure to make certain amendments to the scale of payments to be made by Canada to the several Provinces of the Dominion, under section 118 of "The British North America Act, 1867," or by or under any terms or conditions upon which any other Provinces were admitted to the Union, and praying that such amended scale of payments should be a final and unalterable settlement of the amounts to be paid yearly to the several Provinces of the Dominion for their local purposes and the support of their Governments and Legislatures; and

Whereas by "The British North America Act, 1907," passed by the Imperial Parliament to make further provision with respect to the sums to be paid by Canada to the several

Provinces of the Dominion, it is enacted, inter alia, that,—

"An additional grant of one hundred thousand dollars shall be made yearly to the Province of British Columbia for a period of ten years from the commencement

of this Act"; and

Whereas this grant of one hundred thousand dollars a year for ten years was intended by the Dominion Parliament as a settlement of the claim of British Columbia for special treatment at the hands of the Dominion of Canada, as stated by the Prime Minister of Canada in the Dominion House of Commons on March 25th, 1907, and as also appears by the proceedings of the Conference between members of the Government of Canada and of the various Provincial Governments, at the City of Ottawa, in the month of October, 1906; and

Whereas the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, by a Resolution

passed on the 25th day of March, 1907, declared that,-

"The proposed additional allowance of one hundred thousand dollars annually for ten years, as compensation for the recognised claims of British Columbia, is inadequate, and cannot be accepted as a final and unalterable settlement"; and

Whereas said "British North America Act, 1907," does not make final and unalterable said amended scale of payments to the Province, and cannot affect the right of future negotiations between the Province and the Dominion, with reference to said recognised special

claim of British Columbia:

Therefore, be it Resolved, That this House, adhering to the position that said grant of one hundred thousand dollars annually for ten years is inadequate, affirms its right to further urge on the Dominion Government that steps be taken to bring about a fair and adequate settlement of the recognised claim of British Columbia for special treatment at the hands of Canada; and

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor-General in

Council.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved, seconded by Mr. Jardine,-

Whereas Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, formerly Principal of the South Park School, Victoria, B. C., was suspended from public service for the period of three years by decision of the Department of Education; and

Whereas friends of the said Miss Cameron are circulating a petition asking for her

reinstatement; and

Whereas the marked ability as a teacher and educator of Miss Cameron is lost to this Province through said suspension of her certificate; and

Whereas all the ends of justice have been served by the period of said suspension that has

already elapsed:

Be it therefore Resolved, That the Government consider the advisability of restoring at earliest moment to Miss *Cameron* her certificate as teacher in the public schools of British Columbia.

The motion was withdrawn with leave.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved, seconded by Mr. Williams,—

Whereas John Gemmell, owner of certain land on Semiahmoo Bay, has been deprived of all that portion of his land bordering on the bay aforesaid, by action of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and order of Arbitration Court and judgment given by Justice Irving; and

Whereas no Arbitration Court, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works or Justice of the Supreme Court is vested with authority to deprive any subject of his riparian or littoral rights, which include free and unobstructed access to the water, the room for landing boats and drying nets, etc.; and

Whereas it is the duty of the Government to protect the said John Gemmell in all his

rights aforesaid:

Be it therefore Resolved, That the Honourable the Attorney-General be instructed to make due inquiry into all these matters and take such steps as may be necessary as secure the said John Gemmell in possession of all such littoral rights as he is entitled to under the common law of England and statute law of British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker *Eberts* ruled the motion out of order, as involving the expenditure of public money.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division:

YEAS:

Messieurs

Hall, Tatlow, McPhillips. Behnsen, Eagleson, McBride, Thomson, Manson. Jones. Bowser, Hunter, Hayward, Kergin, Cotton, Garden, McGuire. Macdonald, Ellison. Gifford, Parson, Henderson, Ross,Grant. Davey-25. Munro.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Brewster,

Williams,

Hawthornthwaite,

McInnis—4.

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

1. Has the Government paid the Salvation Army three dollars per head for bringing the following persons into Victoria:—

J. A. Avory, Miss Bella Dean, Mrs. A. Mansell, $Mrs.\ Avory,$ Donald Dean, Mrs. R. Percy, J. A. Avory, Jr., F. G. Green, A. Roy, J. Galbraig, T. E. Charlton, W. Thorn, Robt. Dean. $R.\ Keboll.$ Mrs. Ada White, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Richards, 4 children of Mrs. White? Miss Muriel Dean,

- 2. How many of these people were brought from other Provinces of Canada?
- 3. How many of the women in above list were coming to husbands who have been in this Province prior to the Government's agreement with Salvation Army?
 - 4. How many of these people are employed as domestics and as agriculturists?
 - 5. In what occupations are all others of these people employed?

The Hon. Mr. Tatlow replied as follows:—

- " 1. No.
- "2, 3, 4, 5. These people were not brought to the Province under the agreement between the Government and the Salvation Army, and the Government has no knowledge of where they came from, nor under what circumstances they came, nor how they are employed."

Mr. McInnis asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions-

1. Has the Government entered into any arrangement with Messrs. Gage & Co., Toronto, to furnish the text-books required for the public schools of this Province?

2. Has the Government arranged with any other firm for school books?

3. What discount is the Government allowed over the regular made price?

4. For what period are these arrangements made?

5. Is there any provision whereby either party can terminate its agreement before the time specified?

The Hon. Dr. Young replied as follows:—

- "1. No. The Government has given Gage & Co. one order.
- "2. No.
- "3. The usual discount allowed to wholesale houses.
- "4. Answered by reply to No. 1.
- "5. Answered by reply to No. 1."

The Report on Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting Crown Lands," was considered.

- Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Naden, to strike out sub-section (1), section 57, and substitute the following:—
- "57. (1.) A special timber licence for logging purposes shall not be granted for a larger area than six hundred and forty acres of land, which shall be in one block bounded by straight lines drawn to the cardinal points, none of which lines shall be less than forty (40) chains in length, except in cases where such a length cannot be obtained; nor shall the licence be granted for a longer period than the first of November next ensuing, and the fees payable for such special licence shall be as follows:—

"For each licence: West of the Cascade Range, at the rate of one hundred and forty dollars per annum. East of the Cascade Range and in the Electoral District of Atlin, at the rate of one hundred and fifteen dollars per annum.

"Such licence may be granted at the discretion of the Chief Commissioner, and shall be subject to such tax and royalty as may be by this Act, or from time to time by any Act of the

Ross,

Cotton,

Schofield-24.

Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, imposed or reserved: Provided that the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works may, before granting any special licence, offer the limits to public competition, when he has reason to believe that the public interests will be served by so doing."

Negatived on the following division :-

YEAS:

Messieurs

King,	Yorston,	$Henderson, \\ Munro,$	Williams, Hawthornthwaite,
$Hall, \\ Eagleson,$	$Kergin, \ Oliver,$	Jardine,	McInnis—15.
Jones,	Macdonald,	Brewster,	
		NAYS:	
		Messieurs	
Tatlow,	Shatford,	Taylor,	Hayward,
McBride	McPhillips,	Garden,	McGuire,
Bowser,	Thomson,	Gifford,	Mackay,
Cotton,	Hunter,	Grant,	Parson,
Ellison.	Fulton,	Behnsen,	Davey,

Mr. Macdonald moved, seconded by Mr. King, to amend section 57, sub-section (3) by adding thereto the following:—

Manson.

"Provided that the holder of any special timber licence in good standing shall, within eighteen months next after the passing of this Act, have the right, upon compliance with the terms and conditions of this Act with regard to the renewal of licences, to obtain a licence renewable from year to year on compliance with the provisions of this Act, and with the further provision that it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council from time to time to make such regulations with regard to the manner of cutting and the preservation of the timber covered by such licence as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may think fit, and further, that whenever, in the opinion of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the lands covered by the licence shall be required for agricultural purposes, it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, after giving to the licence-holder sufficient notice to enable him to remove the timber covered by his licence, to refuse a further renewal of the said licence."

Negatived on the following division :-

Young.

YEAS:

Manson,

Messieurs

King,	Jones,	Oliver,	Munro,
Hall,	Yorston,	Macdonald,	Jardine,
Eagleson,	Kergin,	Henderson,	Brewster—12.
		NAYS:	
		Messieurs	
Williams,	Ellison,	Young,	Hayward,
Haw thorn thwaite,	Ross,	Taylor,	McGuire,
McInnis,	Shatford,	Garden,	Mackay,
Tatlow,	McPhillips,	Gifford,	Parson,
McBride,	Thomson,	Grant,	Davey,
Bowser,	Hunter,	Behnsen,	Schofield-27.

The Report was adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Fulton,

The Report on Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act," was further considered.

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Hall, that the following be added as a new section, as section $8_{\rm A}:$ —

"8a. Chapter 32 of the Statutes of 1906 is hereby amended by adding the following as a new section, as section 50a:—

"50A. Any municipality may have and exercise all such powers, rights and privileges relating to water, water rights and lands incidental thereto, in accordance with and subject to the restrictions and provisions of any Private Act or Acts heretofore passed enabling any such municipality to exercise same within certain territorial limits, whether any such powers, rights or privileges have been heretofore exercised or not in case no time has been prescribed therefor in such Act, notwithstanding the provisions of any Public or Private Act heretofore passed enabling any company or corporation, other than a municipal corporation, to exercise similar rights, powers and privileges in whole or in part within the whole or part of such limits of the Act or Acts of incorporation of any such company or corporation contain provisions purporting to preserve the rights of any such municipality as aforesaid, and any such municipality may expropriate any of the lands, waters or works of any company, subject to observance of the compensation clauses in such Act of such municipality, and in the exercise of such powers, rights or privileges may utilise same for any of the purposes specified in subsection (12), section 50 of Chapter 32, 1906, being the "Municipal Clauses Act."

A point of order was taken by the Honourable Member for Golden, Mr. *Parson*, that the above section was an amendment to a Private Act, and could not be moved at this stage by a Private Member.

Mr. Speaker Eberts gave the following ruling:—

On careful perusal of the proposed amendment before me, I am of opinion that it appears only declaratory of the law already existing on the subject-matters with which the section proposes to deal, altering or amending no Private Acts, but merely declaring that if the powers granted by any Private Acts were intended by previous legislation to be in force, such powers heretofore granted are still effective. The motion is in order.

D. M. EBERTS.

7th March, 1908.

Speaker.

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The motion was withdrawn with leave.

Mr. Jardine moved, seconded by Mr. Brewster, that the following be added as section 50B:—

"50B. That upon request by the Lieut.-Governor in Council and at a rate to be fixed by said Lieut.-Governor, any City Municipality owning a water system of its own must supply water to all residents en route from reservoir to the City limits."

Negatived.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act for the Better Securing of certain Mine Workers' Wages," was committed.

The Committee rose without report.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend An Act relating to the Island Railway, the Graving Dock, and Railway Lands of the Province, 1884," Mr. Speaker Eberts gave the following ruling on the point of order raised thereon:—

A point of order was taken on the motion to read this Bill a second time, that the Bill interfered with a prerogative of the Crown, in attempting to deal with Crown lands by grant in fee.

My attention was called to section 2 of the Bill before the House, which is as follows:—

"2. Sub-section (f) to the preamble to said chapter 14 is hereby struck out and the following sub-section inserted in lieu thereof:—

"(f.) The lands on Vancouver Island to be so conveyed shall be open for four years from the passing of this Act to actual settlers, for agricultural purposes, at the rate of one dollar an

acre, to the extent of one hundred and sixty acres to each such actual settler. All grants to settlers shall be issued by the Government of British Columbia and shall be Crown grants in fee simple, but in any grants to settlers, rights of way for the railway and stations and workshops to its terminal point at Nanaimo shall be reserved. In the meantime, and until the railway from Esquimalt to Nanaimo shall have been completed, the Government of British Columbia shall be the agents of the Government of Canada for administering, for the purposes of settlement, the lands in this sub-section mentioned; and for such purposes the Government of British Columbia may make and issue, subject as aforesaid, pre-emption records to actual settlers, of the said lands. All moneys received by the Government of British Columbia in respect of such administration shall be paid, as received, into the Bank of British Columbia, to the credit of the Receiver-General of Canada; and such moneys, less expenses incurred (if any), shall, upon the completion of the railway to the satisfaction of the Dominion Government, be paid over to the railway contractors."

Clearly this section, if passed, would direct the Government of British Columbia to issue a Crown grant in fee simple to such persons as are designated, which, in my opinion, would be dealing with a prerogative of the Crown, and should be introduced by Message.

For the above reason, the point of order is well taken, and the motion to read the Bill a

second time is out of order.

D. M. Eberts, Speaker.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division:-

YEAS:

Messieurs

Hall,	Jardine,	McPhillips,	Manson,
Eagleson,	Tatlow,	Hunter,	Hayward,
Jones,	McBride,	Fulton,	McGuire,
Yorston,	Bowser,	Young,	Mackay,
Kergin,	Cotton,	Taylor,	Parson,
Macdonald,	Ellison,	Garden,	Davey,
Henderson,	Ross,	Gifford,	Schofield-31.
Munro,	Shat ford,	Behnsen,	

NAYS:

Messieurs

Brevester,	Williams,	Haw thorn thwaite,	McInnis—4.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904," Mr. Speaker *Eberts* gave the following ruling on the point of order raised thereon:—

On motion to read this Bill a second time a point of order was raised, that it dealt with the prerogative right of the Crown as to disposition of Crown lands, and it was not competent

for a Private Member to introduce the Bill, except by consent of the Executive.

In the short time at my disposal I have examined the principal Act, and I find in the preamble a key to the interpretation of same. It is therein declared that a certain class of settlers are entitled to peaceable and absolute possession of certain lands, and entitled thereto in fee simple, and the Statute having declared those rights as a matter of principle requires the persons named (as a matter of detail) to apply for grants within a certain period. (The Bill in question proposes to extend the period within which a person whom the Act declares entitled to a grant may apply therefor.) This is, in my opinion, a matter of procedure by the applicant, as distinguished from the principle of the Act. Under the circumstances, I hold the motion for second reading is in order.

D. M. Eberts, Speaker.

·6th March, 1908.

Debate on second reading continued.

The Honourable the Premier moved the previous question, which was Resolved in the affirmative.

Ross.

The second reading was negatived on the following division:-

YEAS:

Messieurs

Hall.	Oliver,	Munro,	Williams,
Jones,	Macdonald,	Jardine,	Haw thorn thwaite,
Yorston,	Henderson,	Brewster,	McInnis-13.
Kergin.			
		NAYS.	
		Messieurs	
Tatlow,	Shatford,	Taylor,	McGuire,
McBride,	McPhillips,	Garden,	Mackay,
Bowser,	Thomson,	Gifford,	Parson,
Cotton,	Hunter,	Behnsen,	Davey,
Ellison	Fulton	Manson	Schofield—22

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented a Return of a copy of the judgment of the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council on the appeal of McGregor v. the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company from the Supreme Court of British Columbia, delivered the 22nd July, 1907.

PAIRS FOR THE DAY.

Messieurs

Grant, Macgowan,

Young,

 $King, \\Naden.$

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

- Mr. Thornton Fell, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills :-
- (No. 1) An Act to amend the "Supreme Court Act."
- (No. 4) An Act to amend the "Railway Assessment Act, 1907."
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the "Bush Fire Act."
- (No. 14) An Act to Establish and Incorporate a University for the Province of British Columbia.
- (No. 15) An Act for the Protection of Persons employed in Factories.
- (No. 18) An Act to establish a Department of Lands."
- (No. 19) An Act to establish a Department of Public Works."
- (No. 20) An Act with respect to the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia.
- (No. 21) An Act granting to the Corporation of the City of New Westminster certain Lands in said City for Park purposes."
- (No. 22) An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Electors and Elections in Municipalities.
- (No. 24) An Act to amend the "Municipalities Incorporation Act."
- (No. 28) An Act to amend the "Attachment of Debts Act, 1904."
- (No. 29) An Act to amend the "Constitution Act."
- (No. 31) An Act regarding the approval of Cemetery Sites."
- (No. 32) An Act to amend the "Hospital Act, 1902."
- (No. 33) An Act to enable the City of Nelson to borrow Eighty-five Thousand Dollars for Electric Light and Power purposes.
- (No. 34) An Act to further amend the "Railway Assessment Act, 1907."
- (No. 35) An Act to amend the "Municipal Clauses Act."

- (No. 38) An Act to amend the "Companies Act, 1897."
- (No. 40) An Act to provide for the Maintenance of Provincial Parks.
- (No. 41) An Act to amend the "Interpretation Act."
- (No. 42) An Act to amend the "Bills of Sale Act."
- (No. 43) An Act to amend the "Jurors Act."
- (No. 46) An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting Crown Lands.
- (No. 47) An Act respecting the Official Maps of the Bulkley Valley Townships 1A, 2A, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Range 5, Coast District.
- (No. 48) An Act to authorise a Grant to the Corporation of the City of Victoria of certain Crown Lands situate in Rock Bay, Victoria Harbour.
- (No. 49) An Act to amend the "Labour Regulation Act, 1907."
- (No. 50) An Act to Incorporate the Crow's Nest and Northern Railway Company.
- (No. 51) An Act to Incorporate the Hudson Bay Pacific Railway Company.
- (No. 52) An Act to Incorporate the Eastern British Columbia Railway Company.
- (No. 54) An Act respecting the Dominion Trust Company, Limited.
- (No. 55) An Act to authorise the Ladysmith Lumber Company, Limited, to construct and operate a Railway for Logging and Lumbering purposes.
- (No. 57) An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver and Nicola Valley Railway Company.
- (No. 63) An Act to Authorise the Loan of Ten Thousand Dollars to the Canada Zine Company, Limited.
- (No. 67) An Act to amend the "Liquor Licence Act, 1900."
- (No. 68) An Act respecting Dentistry.
- (No. 69) An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Acts respecting Judgments.
- (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Shops Regulation Act."
- (No. 72) An Act to amend the "Settled Estates Act."
- (No. 73) An Act to amend the "Timber Measurement Act, 1906."
- (No. 74) An Act respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.
- (No. 75) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."
- (No. 78) An Act to amend the "Placer Mining Act."
- (No. 80) An Act to amend the "Succession Duty Act."
- (No. 81) An Act to increase the Revenues of the Crown,
- (No. 82) An Act to amend the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897."
- (No. 83) An Act to amend the "Game Protection Act, 1898."
- (No. 84) An Act to amend the "Special Surveys Act, 1899."
- (No. 86) An Act to amend "An Act regarding a Certificate issued to the Greenwood City Water-works Company under the provisions of the Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897."
- (No. 88) An Act to amend the "False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904."
- (No. 89) An Act further to amend the "Interpretation Act."

His Honour was pleased, in His Majesty's name, to give assent to these Bills.

The said assent 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 these Bills."

Then the Honourable Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and

Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act for Granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

To this Bill the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank His Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

Then His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In relieving you from your duties at the close of the Second Session of the Eleventh Parliament of British Columbia, I have much pleasure in congratulating you on the results of your deliberations.

Your ratification of the agreement made between my Government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, which provides for the early construction of the railway eastward from the Pacific Coast, cannot fail to benefit the whole Province, while it ensures the speedy settlement and development of the magnificent territory which the railway will traverse.

It affords me satisfaction to note that you have provided for the establishment of a Provincial University, a step which will, I am sure, meet with approval among all classes of the community, as you have wisely provided for faculties in the industrial arts as well as the equipments necessary to scientific studies.

I observe with satisfaction that my Government has been able to discharge a very considerable portion of the public debt, without embarrassing the regular revenue and expenditure, ta fac which should tend to enhance the credit of the Province abroad.

It is also pleasing to note that the satisfactory condition of the revenue has permitted you to appropriate an increased amount for the prosecution of public works throughout the Province.

I thank you for the supplies granted for the public service, and feel assured that they will

be used with due regard to considerations of economy.

In taking leave of you, I thank you for the careful and zealous manner in which you have attended to the important matters coming before you, and I trust that the results of your labours will greatly conduce to the welfare of the people and the prosperity of the Province.

The Hon. Dr. Young, Provincial Secretary, then said:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:-

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please His Honour to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

D. M. EBERTS, Speaker.