

Monday, 18th February, 1895.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* presented a Petition from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of B. C. (as to the appointment of Police Matrons).  
Ruled out of order.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1891.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Helmcken* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act respecting Distress for Rent."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Whereas a Commission has been appointed by the Dominion Government, acting conjointly with a Commission appointed by the Government of the United States, for the purpose of delimiting the boundary line between the Territory of Alaska and that of the Dominion of Canada;

And whereas, owing to the contiguity of the territory in dispute, the interests of the Province of British Columbia are materially affected by the settlement to be arrived at;

And whereas the Government of the Province of British Columbia have in the past taken active steps in bringing about the measures adopted by the Dominion Government for the location of the line of demarcation, and its early and expeditious determination; and have repeatedly brought to the attention of the authorities at Ottawa the great importance of obtaining all the territory rightfully that of Canada within the terms and meaning of the treaty governing the same;

Therefore be it enacted, That a respectful Address be presented from this House to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to move His Excellency the Governor-General to consider the great desirability of British Columbia being directly represented in the negotiations for the settlement of the boundary line between Canada and the Territory of Alaska, and that no effort may be spared to secure for this Province all that was originally contemplated under the terms of the treaty of Great Britain with Russia.

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

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

At what point actual construction was commenced on the Canadian Western Central Railway, as stated in preamble to Bill No. 91, "An Act respecting the Canadian Western Central Railway." What was the nature of this work? And what was the amount of money actually expended in this work?

The Report on Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act respecting the Canadian Western Central Railway," was considered.

Mr. *Sword* moved to insert the following as a new section:—

"Section 8 of the 'Canada Western Subsidy Act, 1889,' is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:—

"8. The lands acquired by the Company shall not be subject to taxation, unless and until the same are used for other than railway purposes, or leased, occupied, sold, or alienated, or until the lapse of a period of five years after the same are acquired, whichever shall first happen; but after the expiration of such five years, the Company may select such lands as they wish to

retain, which shall then be subject to taxation, and such lands as they do not wish to retain shall be open to pre-emption or purchase under as liberal provisions as the lands of the Province, the Company receiving the proceeds of the same; and the capital stock and all property other than the lands aforesaid shall be exempt from Provincial and Municipal taxation until the expiration of ten years from the completion of the railway, or ten years from the date fixed by Statute for such completion, whichever may first happen."

Ruled out of order.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved to insert the following as section 4:—

"4. This Act is passed upon the express understanding that no Chinese or Japanese shall be employed in or about or concerning any works or services authorized by this Act, or required by the Company to be done or performed. In the event of any Chinese or Japanese being employed by the Company, the Company shall be liable, upon summary conviction before any two Justices of the Peace, or functionary having the power of two Justices of the Peace, upon the oath or affirmation of one or more credible witness or witnesses, to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars, nor less than ten dollars, for every Chinese or Japanese employed; and in default of the immediate payment of the penalty, the same may be levied by distress and the sale of the goods and chattels of the Company; and in the event of any Chinese or Japanese being employed by any of the Company's contractors or sub-contractors, contrary to the provisions of this Act, then any such contractor or sub-contractor shall be liable, on summary conviction as aforesaid, to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars, nor less than ten dollars, for every Chinese or Japanese employed; and in case of default in immediate payment of such last-mentioned penalty, the same may be recovered by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender; and in default of sufficient distress the offender may be committed to any gaol or place of confinement situate within the territorial jurisdiction of the convicting Justices, and there imprisoned for any term not exceeding thirty days; and any Director or officer of the Company who causes or procures any Chinese or Japanese to be employed, contrary to the provisions of this Act, or permits or connives at such employment, shall be liable, upon summary conviction as aforesaid, to the like penalties as hereinbefore in this section provided, recoverable in manner secondly hereinbefore mentioned.

A point of order arose, upon which Mr. Speaker gave the following decision:—

The amendment of the Honourable Member for Chilliwack to Bill No. 91 goes beyond the subject-matter of the Bill as introduced and disclosed on the second reading. *May*, p. 466, says:—"When the Bill as amended by the Committee, is considered, the entire Bill is open to consideration and new clauses may be added and amendments made. According to former usage the amendments might be wholly irrelevant to the subject-matter of the Bill. This vicious practice was in 1888 rendered impossible by Standing Order No. 41, which prescribes that no amendment may be proposed to a Bill on consideration which could not have been proposed in Committee without an instruction from the House."

The amendment of the Honourable Member for Chilliwack could not have been moved in Committee of the Whole without an instruction from the House, and is therefore not admissible on Report.

D. W. HIGGINS,  
*Speaker.*

The motion was then put and negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>McGregor—14.</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Multer,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Irving—16.</i>

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :—

E. DEWDNEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor returns herewith to the Legislative Assembly Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies' Act, 1890'" and suggests its amendment by the addition thereto of the sections appended hereto.

*Government House,*  
*14th February, 1895.*

*Ordered,* That the said Message and enclosure be referred to a Committee of the Whole forthwith.

Message committed, with Mr. *Eberts* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report the following amendments to the House :—

"And whereas doubts and difficulties have been occasioned by the fact that in deeds and other instruments of transfer and in other documents and proceedings the name, or a portion of the name, of the Company in such deeds, instruments of transfer, or other documents or proceedings, appears mis-spelt or otherwise not in exact conformity with the name as it appears in the Memorandum of Association or Certificate of Incorporation, and it is expedient to provide a remedy for the avoidance of such doubts and difficulties:

"Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows :—

"5. Upon the receipt of an application for the rectification of the corporate name of a Company signed by the President and Secretary, or any two of the Trustees or Directors of the Company, or by any two persons assuming to act as such Trustees or Directors, and verified by an affidavit of execution, the Registrar shall make the required rectification of the name or style of the Company and endorse a memorandum of such rectification on the Certificate of Incorporation or Memorandum of Association of the Company on file in his office as the case may require, and cause notice of such change to be published in at least one issue of the British Columbia Gazette, and forthwith on such publication the corporate name or style of the Company so rectified shall be, and be deemed to have been, the corporate name of the Company as and from the date of its incorporation, and all assets, property (real and personal), estates, rights, titles, duties, powers, obligations, remedies, and privileges whatsoever theretofore devolving on or vested in or possessed or enjoyed by such Company, under any name or style, shall thenceforth devolve on or vest in or be possessed or enjoyed by the Company, by the name and style so rectified as aforesaid.

"A fee of ten dollars shall be payable on every such application to the Registrar for the use of Her Majesty, and such fee shall include the cost of publication of the notice in the British Columbia Gazette.

"6. Any Company incorporated under the 'Companies' Act, 1890,' may, by instrument in writing under its common seal, empower any person, either generally or in respect of any special matters, to execute deeds on its behalf in any place, whether within or without British Columbia; and every deed signed by such attorney on behalf of the Company and under his seal shall be binding on the Company and have the same effect as if it were under the common seal of the Company."

Report adopted.

Bill *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Act' and amending Acts," was committed, with Mr. *Kidd* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act respecting Lands granted to the Dominion Government," was again committed, with Mr. *Kidd* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1891,'" was further considered.

The debate on the amendment moved by the Honourable Mr. *Davie*, to add the following to the Honourable Colonel *Baker's* new clause :—

"But nothing in this section shall apply in case of an adverse claim, where the Court, upon reference to it, shall declare that such adverse claim is just and equitable," was resumed.

Amendment carried.

Original question, as amended, negatived.

Mr. *Kellie* moved that clause 4 be struck out.

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

*Kitchen,*  
*Kennedy,*  
*Hume,*

*Forster,*  
*McPherson,*  
*Kidd,*

*Sword,*  
*Williams,*  
*Semlin,*

*Cotton,*  
*Kellie,*  
*Walkem—12.*

NAYS :

Messieurs

*Graham,*  
*Smith,*  
*Mutter,*  
*Helmcken,*  
*Baker,*

*Davie,*  
*Martin,*  
*McPherson,*  
*Eberts,*  
*Rithet,*

*Adams,*  
*Pooley,*  
*Turner,*  
*Bryden,*

*Rogers,*  
*Hunter,*  
*Braden,*  
*McGregor—17.*

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* moved to strike out sub-section (23) of section 3 and insert the following :—

"The owner of a mineral claim shall be entitled to all surface rights, including the use of all the timber thereon, for mining or building purposes, so long as he holds the said claim for the purpose of developing the minerals contained therein, but no longer."

Carried.

Mr. *Hume* moved to strike out section 13.

Carried on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

*Kennedy,*  
*Hume,*  
*Forster,*  
*Kidd,*  
*Sword,*  
*Williams,*

*Smith,*  
*Kellie,*  
*Helmcken,*  
*Baker,*  
*Davie,*

*Martin,*  
*Rithet,*  
*Adams,*  
*Booth,*  
*Turner,*

*Bryden,*  
*Rogers,*  
*Irving,*  
*Braden,*  
*McGregor—21.*

NAYS :

Messieurs

*Kitchen,*

*McPherson,*

*Semlin,*

*Walkem—4.*

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. *Eberts* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the complaint of *W. P. Baker & Sons*.

The Report was received.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :—

E. DEWDNEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend an Act passed in the 57th year of Her Majesty’s Reign, and intituled ‘An Act respecting the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company (Limited Liability),’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*18th February, 1895.*

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

Message committed, with Mr. *Eberts* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill intituled “An Act to amend an Act passed in the 57th year of Her Majesty’s-Reign, and intituled ‘An Act respecting the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company (Limited Liability),’” and recommend the introduction of the same.

The Resolution was reported to the House.

Report adopted.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* then asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 99) intituled “An Act to amend an Act passed in the 57th year of Her Majesty’s Reign, and intituled ‘An Act respecting the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company (Limited Liability).’”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 98) intituled “An Act to further amend the ‘Revenue Tax Act’ (Cap. 111, C. A., and 54 Victoria, Cap. 44).”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 23) intituled “An Act respecting the Vancouver Incorporation Act and Amendment Acts,” was considered.

Mr. *McPherson* moved to strike out section 16 and all its sub-sections.

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

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

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Irving—19.</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	

Mr. *Kitchen* moved to insert the following as sub-section (e.) of section 16 :—

“(e.) In the event of any gas, street railway, or electric light company having any contract with the City of Vancouver, for the supply of gas, electric light, or the construction or operation of any street railway, failing to observe and perform any of the conditions or covenants of such contract, the provisions of this sub-section shall not apply, and the Council of the said City shall not be bound by the provisions thereof.”

Negated on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

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

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Irving—17.</i>
<i>Davie,</i>			

Mr. *Kitchen* moved to insert the following as sub-section (e.) of section 16 :—

“(e.) The provisions of this sub-section shall have no force or effect whatsoever if the Gas Company charge more than two dollars and fifty cents per one thousand cubic feet for all gas supplied by them, or if the Electric Light Company charge any citizen more than one cent per ampere hour per 16 candle power lamp for electricity supplied by such Company for lighting purposes ; and in the event of such Companies making charges in excess of the above, the Corporation shall have the right to construct, purchase, maintain and operate gas or electric light works, and supply the inhabitants of the City therewith, without first offering a price for the works of any Company operating in the City, or expropriating their works under the provisions of this sub-section.”

Carried.

Mr. *Sword* moved to insert, at the end of the amendment introduced in Committee by the Honourable Attorney-General as an amendment to section 142, the following :—

“Notwithstanding anything contained in this sub-section to the contrary, the Council and Corporation of the City of Vancouver shall have the power to pass a by-law authorizing the purchase, construction, operation and maintenance of an electric light plant and works to light the streets, highways, and public places and buildings, the property of the city, and for raising sufficient money on the credit of the city to defray the cost thereof and the purchase of any land necessary therefor, under the provisions of the said Act and amending Acts for creating debts on the credit of the city.”

Negated on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

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

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Irving—17.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>			

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

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

House again in Committee on Bill (No 23) intituled "An Act respecting the Vancouver Incorporation Act and Amendment Acts."

Mr. *Hunter* moved to add the following to sub-section (6) of section 16:—

"(e.) Provided, however, that the Council may enter into the lighting of the public streets, highways, public places and buildings with electric light at any time, upon their first acquiring the boilers, engines, dynamos, poles, wires, and all other arc lighting plant then being utilized in the lighting of the streets by any company incorporated and carrying on their business within the limits of the city; the price to be paid for such plant and the preliminary steps to be taken for the acquiring of such are to be the same as hereinbefore provided."

Carried.

Mr. *Cotton* moved to amend section 49, in line 7, by striking out the word "a," and by adding after the word "general" the words "and special," and by adding the letter "s" to "rate."

Carried.

Mr. *Cotton* moved to amend section 49, line 10, by adding after the word "expenditure" the words "and liabilities."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

*Ordered* to be read a third time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation Act, 1894,'" was further considered.

Mr. *Sword* moved to insert the following as a new section:—

"Section 38 of the said Act is hereby amended by adding at the end of the section the words: 'When, however, the Commissioners have complied with the requirements of sections 12, 13 and 14 hereof, the expenses so incurred shall be charged against all the lands assessable.'"

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act for the better observance of Sunday," was committed, with Mr. *Kidd* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Homestead Act' and amending Acts," was committed, with Mr. *Rogers* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of Tramway, Telephone and Telegraph Companies," was considered.

Report adopted.

*Ordered* to be read a third time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to regulate the payment of Wages," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Walkem* in the Chair.

The Committee rose without report.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

TUESDAY, 19th February.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cattle Protection Act, 1891,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.



Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Line Fences and Water-courses Act' and amending Acts," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Booth* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1892,' and amending Acts," was read a second time.

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

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act relating to the extermination of Wild Horses," was read a second time.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 12:50 o'clock, a. m.

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## Tuesday, 19th February, 1895.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1891.'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-day.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act,'" was committed, with Mr. *Kitchen* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

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

Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Revenue Tax Act' (Cap. 111, C. A., and 54 Victoria, Cap. 44)," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Graham* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cattle Protection Act, 1891,'" was committed, with Mr. *McGregor* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

*Ordered* to be read a third time to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Adams*, the third reading of Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of Tramway, Telephone and Telegraph Companies," was discharged and the Bill re-committed, with instructions to consider the following amendment to the Bill:—

"16. This Act shall not empower any company formed hereunder to parallel with its line of tramway in whole or in part the Nakusp and Slocan Railway, or the Kaslo and Slocan Railway, but it shall not be deemed to prevent any such company from constructing works which may act as feeders to either of said railways, and no such feeder shall be deemed a parallel line within the meaning of this section."

Bill committed, with Mr. *Hume* in the Chair.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.



The Report on Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1891,'" was further considered.

Report adopted.

Bill *Ordered* to be read a third time forthwith.

Mr. *Rieth* moved—That the Order for the third reading be discharged, and the Bill be re-committed for the insertion of the following section, as an instruction to the Committee:—

"13. Whereas disputes have heretofore existed between the Province of British Columbia and 'The Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company' with respect to the ownership of the precious metals lying under the lands within what is known as the Railway Belt on Vancouver Island, and steps were taken by the said Railway Company on or about the thirtieth day of November, 1893, to actively assert the rights claimed by them by ejecting free miners who attempted to locate, record, or work claims within said Railway Belt:

"And whereas numerous mineral claims were and have heretofore been located within said Belt, in order to preserve the title to which it was necessary for the holders to do work thereon, in accordance with section 24 of the 'Mineral Act, 1891,' but, by reason of the assertion of the rights claimed as afore-mentioned, such work was, in several cases, omitted:

"And whereas legal proceedings were instituted in order to determine the title to such precious metals, and judgment therein was given on the 16th day of October, 1894, in favour of the rights of the Province:

"And whereas it is expedient to relieve owners of claims lawfully located and held as aforesaid from forfeitures, owing to the omission to comply with the provisions of section 24 prior to the 16th day of October, 1894:

"Therefore be it enacted, That notwithstanding anything contained in section 24 of the 'Mineral Act, 1891,' all persons being the lawful holders of mineral claims within the said Belt on the said thirtieth day of November, 1893, shall be and are hereby relieved from all forfeitures for failure to work any such claim between that date and the said 16th day of October, 1894, and the year during which it is required by law that work should be done on a claim shall, in the case of such claims, be deemed to have commenced to run on the said 16th day of October, 1894; but nothing in this section shall apply to the case of an adverse claim where the Court shall consider such claim to be just and equitable."

Negatived.

On the motion of Mr. *Kellie*, clause 9 was struck out.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Order called for the House to resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1892,' and amending Acts."

Question proposed—"That I do now leave the Chair?"

Mr. *Hunter* moved, seconded by Mr. *Rogers*,—

That the Speaker do not now leave the Chair, but that, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take immediate steps to have enacted municipal legislation of a more effective and uniform character.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

Bill committed, with Mr. *Booth* in the Chair.

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

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

House again in Committee on Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1892,' and amending Acts."

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, 20th February.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 12:40 o'clock, a. m.

Wednesday, 20th February, 1895.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

*Resolved*, That the Members of the Provincial Legislature have the right and power to visit and inspect the various public institutions of the Province at any time they may think proper, and to report thereon to the Government should they not find matters in any institution satisfactory.

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

When are official scalers to be appointed? When is diagram scale to go into force?

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

“The question of the adoption of the proposed rule for scaling logs is under consideration by the Government, and when decided upon, official scalers will be appointed.”

The Report on Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act to further amend the ‘New Westminster Act, 1888,’” was further considered.

Mr. *Kennedy* moved that the words “being British subject,” in the sixth line of section 19, be struck out.

Ruled out of order.

Mr. *Kennedy* moved that the Schedule be amended by striking out the words “and personal,” in the second heading thereof.

Carried.

Mr. *Walkem* moved to add the following new clause as clause 27 :—

“27. The expression ‘public hospital,’ when used in the said Act, shall mean any institution set apart and in use as a hospital, carried on for charitable purposes, and wherein the sick, injured, infirm or aged are received and treated, without regard to race or creed.”

Carried.

Report adopted.

*Ordered* to be read a third time forthwith.

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

That the Order for the third reading of Bill No. 31 be discharged, and the Bill re-committed, for the purpose of striking out the words “British subject,” on sixth line of section 20.

Bill re-committed, with Mr. *Hume* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 23) intituled “An Act respecting the Vancouver Incorporation Act and Amendment Acts,” was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act’ and the ‘Companies Act, 1890,’” was considered.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to strike out the last three lines of section 8, and insert insert in lieu thereof the words : “Be it therefore enacted as follows :—”

Carried.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Revenue Tax Act' (Cap. 111, C. A., and 54 Victoria, Cap. 44)," was considered.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved to strike out all the words after the word "week," on the fourth line of section 4, and insert "immediately prior to the date of the tax being demanded."

Carried.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1891,'" was committed, with Mr. *Forster* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the 57th year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled 'An Act respecting the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company (Limited Liability).'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Prentice* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-night.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cattle Protection Act, 1891,'" was read a third time and passed.

The Order for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation Act, 1894,'" was considered.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

E. DEWDNEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith two sections to be incorporated in the Drainage and Dyking Act now before the Legislature, authorizing a certain guarantee in favour of the Sumas Dyking Commissioners, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*20th February, 1895.*

*Ordered,* That the said Message and enclosure be referred to a Committee of the Whole forthwith.

House in Committee, with Mr. *Eberts* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Davie*,—

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House the following amendments to Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking and Irrigation Act, 1894.'" "

"6. And whereas the Sumas Dyking Commissioners have had a plan and memorandum prepared and filed, pursuant to section 12 of the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation Act, 1894,' and have incurred other expense in preliminary steps towards reclamation works upon Sumas Prairie and surrounding neighbourhood to the amount of about eighteen thousand dollars:

"Therefore, be it enacted, that section 55 of the said Act shall be so construed as to authorize the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to give a guarantee, under the provisions of the last-mentioned section, for the interest upon any sum, not to exceed eighteen thousand dollars, which may have been incurred by the Commissioners in the preliminary steps afore said, and to levy assessments upon the lands affected by the filing of the said plan and mem

orandum, and on the owners and occupiers thereof, from time to time, for the amount of interest, dues, and costs of collection, and shall, for the purpose of securing the interest upon the moneys to be so guaranteed, and costs, have all other the powers conferred by the said Act.

"7. From and after a date to be named by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and notice thereof published in the British Columbia Gazette, section 55 of the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation Act, 1894,' shall stand repealed, but such repeal shall not affect the validity of any guarantee given antecedent to the date of such repeal."

The Committee reported the Resolution.

Report adopted.

The proposed amendments were added to the Bill, and the Report, as amended, adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1892,' and amending Acts," was considered.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved that section 18 be struck out.  
Negatived.

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

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

Report continued on Bill No. 94.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved to re-insert the following:—

"20. The said Act is hereby amended by adding between sections 209 and 210 the caption—

'Club Tax.'

"21. Section 210 of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof:—

"210. Every club in a municipality shall pay to the Corporation of the municipality an annual tax of one hundred dollars, payable in advance. A 'club,' for the purposes of this Act, shall mean and include an association of persons consisting of not less than forty in number, whose objects of association are mutual recreation or improvement, and the keeping for the members a place of resort wherein intoxicating, spirituous, or malt liquors are consumed by members, either at a tariff fixed by the rules of the association, or pursuant to any arrangement or understanding between the members of the association."

And re-number other sections.

Mr. *Sword* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *McPherson*,—

To insert before "municipality" the word "township," in both cases in line one.

The amendment was negatived.

Original motion negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Kitchen,*  
*Kennedy,*  
*McPherson,*

*Kidd,*  
*Sword,*  
*Williams,*

*Semlin,*  
*Cotton,*  
*Graham,*

*Kellie,*  
*Eberts,*  
*Booth—12*

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Smith,*  
*Mutter,*  
*Helmcken*  
*Baker,*

*Martin,*  
*Rithet,*  
*Walkem,*  
*Pooley,*

*Turner,*  
*Bryden,*  
*Rogers,*  
*Hunter,*

*Irving,*  
*Braden,*  
*McGregor—15.*

Mr. *Kitchen* moved to strike out section 23.

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Booth—10.</i>
<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	<i>McGregor—16.</i>

Mr. *Sword* moved to insert the following as a new section :—

“Section 287 of the ‘Municipal Act, 1892,’ is hereby amended by adding the following proviso: ‘The conditions required previous to application for incorporation by an outlying district shall, so far as applicable, be complied with by the parties so petitioning :

“(b.) No high land contiguous to such low lying, marshy, or overflowed lands shall be so withdrawn from a municipality, or so incorporated into another municipality, unless a majority in number and interest of the owners of such land assent.”

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Kellie—10.</i>
<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>McGregor—17.</i>
<i>Davie,</i>			

Mr. *Braden* moved to insert the following as a new section :—

“That the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria shall not, directly or indirectly, employ or pay for any alien labour on municipal works, and that a clause to this effect shall be inserted in all city contracts, and that any contractor employing alien labour shall not have any claim for same against the city.”

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>	<i>McGregor—7.</i>
<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>
<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Hunter—21.</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>			

Report adopted.

Bill *Ordered* to be read a third time forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. *Eberts*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Order for the third reading be discharged, and that the Committee be instructed to consider the following new clause :—

“ . Sub-section (12) of section 38, ‘Municipal Act Amendment Act, 1894,’ is hereby repealed, and the following sub-section inserted in lieu thereof :—

“In all cases where a main or branch sewer has been heretofore laid or constructed in any street, or through any lot or land, the Council shall have power to pass a by-law and thereby to assess, levy, and collect, by means of a special rate, a sum sufficient to repay the cost of such laying or construction, and to ascertain and determine the real property to be chargeable therewith, and the proportions in which the assessment is to be made on the various portions of such real property.”

Mr. *Irving* moved that it be an instruction to the Committee to consider the following new clause :—

“ . Section 104 of ‘Municipal Act, 1892,’ is amended by adding the following new clause :—

“(10a.) In case there be any gas, electric lighting, tramway, street railway, or ferry incorporated and carrying on their business within the limits of the said municipality, the Council shall not pass any by-law for the purpose of constructing any such works, or by virtue of which the municipality will become a competitor in the business carried on by such companies, or any of them, or in any other manner exercise the powers conferred by the three preceding sub-sections until such Council has by by-law fixed the price which they will offer for the property of the company or companies whose operations will be interfered with, nor until thirty days have elapsed after such notice of such price shall have been communicated to such company or companies :

“(a.) Upon such by-law being passed and notice thereof given to the said company or companies, they may either accept or refuse the same, or give notice to the Council that they will require the purchase price of their property to be submitted to arbitration :

“(b.) In case the notice referred to in the preceding clause is given by such company or companies, the price to be paid for such property shall be referred to the award of three arbitrators, one to be appointed by the parties giving the notice, one by the Council, and the third to be either agreed upon between the arbitrators appointed by the parties or to be named by a Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and thereupon the arbitration shall proceed, and the provisions of the “ Arbitration Act, 1893,” shall apply to such arbitration in all matters not herein specifically provided for :

“(c.) In the event of the company or companies to whom such notice is given accepting the price fixed by the said by-law, or in the event of an award being made under the arbitration hereinbefore referred to, such price shall be paid or secured before any further proceedings are taken by the Council under the powers contained in the preceding three sub-sections of this Act :

“(d.) If such company or companies refuse the price offered by the municipality, or if at the expiration of thirty days from the time that notification of the price offered has been delivered, they fail to accept such price, or require an arbitration as aforesaid, then the Council may proceed forthwith to exercise the powers conferred upon them by the preceding three sub-sections of this Act ; Provided, however, that the Council may enter into the lighting of the public streets, highways, public places, and buildings with electric light at any time, upon their first acquiring the boilers, engines, dynamos, poles, wires, and all other arc lighting plant utilized in the lighting of the streets by any company incorporated and carrying on their business within the limits of the municipality ; the price to be paid for such plant, and the preliminary steps to be taken for the acquiring of such are to be the same as hereinbefore provided.”

Sub-section (10a) of section 104 to be called (10b).

This section shall apply to the Cities of Vancouver and New Westminster, Negatived.

Bill committed, with Mr. *Forster* in the Chair.  
 Bill reported complete without amendment.  
 Report adopted.  
 Bill read a third time and passed.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Turner*,—

That whereas the Select Committee appointed to enquire into matters relating to the Parliament Buildings will not have time, before the prorogation of the House, to enquire into and report to the House upon the matters referred to them, and to report the evidence to the House :

Be it Resolved, That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to appoint the members of the said Select Committee to be a Royal Commission, under the "Public Inquiries Act," to investigate and report upon all matters in reference to the said Parliament Buildings.

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

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Braden—14.</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>		

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Rogers—14.</i>
<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>		

Mr. Speaker voted with the ayes.

The Order for the House to again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act for the better Observance of Sunday," was discharged.

On the motion of Mr. *Eberts*, it was *Ordered*—

That the Report of Select Committee *re Wm. P. Baker & Sons* be adopted.

Mr. *Williams* moved—

That the House take a recess of fifteen minutes, to enable the Select Committee appointed to enquire into all matters relating to the New Parliament Buildings contracts to make a further report.

The motion was negatived on the following division :—

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Irving—12.</i>

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>McGregor—17.</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>			



The Order for the committal of Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Homestead Act' and amending Acts," was discharged.

The Order for the committal of Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act relating to the extermination of Wild Horses," was discharged.

Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act respecting Distress for Rent," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Rogers* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the 57th year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled 'An Act respecting the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company (Limited Liability),' " was again committed, with Mr. *Smith* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>McGregor—19.</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Cotton—6.</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>McPherson,</i>		

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the motion of Mr. *Eberts*, it was *Resolved*,—

That section 10 of the Rules and Orders be amended by inserting between the words "House" and "in," in the third line, the following words :—

"and after debate, the question to be put by the Speaker to the House shall be, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' and the question shall be decided by a majority of votes."

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:40 o'clock, p. m.

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Thursday, 21st February, 1895.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*.

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

Mr. *Fell*, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills :—

(No. 3) An Act to confer limited civil jurisdiction upon Stipendiary Magistrates and Police Magistrates.

(No. 4) An Act to repeal Chapter 28 of the Statutes of 1894, intituled "An Act to amend the 'License Act,'"

- (No. 5) An Act to authorize the Revision of the Statutes.
- (No. 6) An Act respecting the Representation of the East Riding of Lillooet Electoral District.
- (No. 10) An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Legal Professions.
- (No. 12) The Woodman's Lien for Wages Act.
- (No. 13) An Act respecting the Sinking Funds existing under the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1877," and the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1887."
- (No. 14) An Act to amend the "Burrard Inlet Railway and Ferry Company Incorporation Act, 1891."
- (No. 15) An Act to exclude Harrison Hot Springs Property from the Municipality of Kent.
- (No. 16) An Act to amend the "Execution Act."
- (No. 17) An Act to further amend the "Pharmacy Act, 1891."
- (No. 18) An Act for the promotion of the Mining Industry by the establishment of a Government Bureau of Mines.
- (No. 21) An Act to amend and consolidate the "Act to regulate the practice of Dentistry in the Province of British Columbia."
- (No. 23) An Act respecting the "Vancouver Incorporation Act" and amending Acts.
- (No. 24) An Act to amend the "County Courts Act."
- (No. 26) An Act to amend the "Cattle Act" and amending Acts.
- (No. 27) An Act to amend the "North Vancouver Electric Company's Incorporation Act, 1892."
- (No. 28) An Act to incorporate the "Victoria Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Company, Limited."
- (No. 29) An Act to amend the "Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company Act, 1890," and the "Columbia and Kootenay Railway Extension Act, 1892."
- (No. 30) An Act respecting the amendment of the "Nanaimo Water-works Act, 1885," and amending Acts.
- (No. 31) An Act to further amend the "New Westminster Act, 1888."
- (No. 33) An Act to make valid and binding an Official Map or Survey of the City of Nanaimo.
- (No. 34) An Act to provide Four Hundred and Twenty Thousand Pounds for the public purposes of the Province.
- (No. 36) An Act respecting Police and Special Constables.
- (No. 40) An Act to amend the law relating to Bills of Sale.
- (No. 43) An Act to secure to Wives and Children the benefit of Life Insurance.
- (No. 44) An Act for the Supply of Water to the City of Nanaimo.
- (No. 47) An Act to amend the "Provincial Voters Act."
- (No. 48) An Act to authorize the transfer of certain property of the "Alexandra Hospital (for Women and Children, and Training School for Nurses)" to the "Alexandra Non-Sectarian Orphanage and Children's Home of Vancouver."
- (No. 49) An Act to amend the "Public School Act, 1891," and amending Acts.
- (No. 50) An Act to amend the "Revenue Act."
- (No. 51) An Act to amend the "Companies Act" and the "Companies Act, 1890."
- (No. 53) An Act for the Incorporation of Cheese and Butter Associations.
- (No. 54) An Act to provide against frauds in the supplying of Milk to Cheese or Butter Manufactories.
- (No. 55) An Act to incorporate the "British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."
- (No. 56) An Act to amend the "Drainage, Dyking, and Irrigation Act, 1894."
- (No. 57) An Act to authorize the granting of a license to prospect for Gold over certain Lands in the Cariboo District, with a Contingent Lease for a portion of the said Lands.
- (No. 58) An Act to amend the "Graveyard Act" and amending Act.
- (No. 61) An Act respecting the Territorial Division of British Columbia for Judicial and other purposes.
- (No. 62) An Act to further amend the "Supreme Court Act."
- (No. 64) An Act to amend the "Coal Mines Regulation Act" and amending Acts.
- (No. 65) An Act to amend the "Provincial Home Act, 1893."
- (No. 66) An Act to amend the "Fire Insurance Policy Act, 1893."

- (No. 67) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."  
 (No. 68) An Act to amend the "Land Act" and amending Acts.  
 (No. 69) An Act respecting the incorporation of the "Stave River Electric Power Company, Limited Liability."  
 (No. 71) An Act respecting Retail Liquor Licenses.  
 (No. 74) An Act to amend the "Assessment Act."  
 (No. 75) An Act to amend the "Placer Mining Act, 1891."  
 (No. 76) An Act to amend the "Mineral Act, 1891."  
 (No. 77) An Act to amend the "Licenses Act."  
 (No. 78) An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts for the protection of certain Animals, Birds, and Fishes.  
 (No. 79) An Act to further amend the Act 44 Victoria, Chap. 19.  
 (No. 81) An Act to amend the "Horticultural Board Act, 1894."  
 (No. 82) An Act respecting Over-holding Tenants.  
 (No. 84) An Act to organize Districts for Sessions of Justices of the Peace.  
 (No. 85) An Act respecting the incorporation of Tramway, Telephone, and Telegraph Companies.  
 (No. 86) An Act for the eradication of and to prevent the spreading of Thistles.  
 (No. 88) An Act to amend the "Cattle Protection Act, 1891."  
 (No. 89) An Act to amend the "Line Fences and Water-courses Act" and amending Acts.  
 (No. 91) An Act respecting the Canadian Western Central Railway.  
 (No. 92) An Act respecting Lands granted to the Dominion Government.  
 (No. 93) An Act to amend the "Coal Mines Act" and amending Acts.  
 (No. 94) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act, 1892," and amending Acts.  
 (No. 96) An Act to amend the "Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1891."  
 (No. 97) An Act respecting Distress for Rent.  
 (No. 98) An Act to further amend the "Revenue Tax Act" (Cap. 111, C.A., and 54 Victoria, Cap. 44).  
 (No. 99) An Act to amend an Act passed in the 57th year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled "An Act respecting the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company (Limited Liability)."

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

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

"In Her 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, Her 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 Her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance a Bill (No. 87) 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 Her Majesty's name His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

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

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

In discharging you from further attention to legislative duties at this Session, I desire to record my high appreciation of the zeal and ability which have marked your labours.

Your deliberations were interrupted by a sad and tragic event in the death of the Right Honourable Sir John Thompson, Premier of the Dominion of Canada. The tender concern

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exhibited by Her Most Gracious Majesty towards her Canadian subjects upon the loss of their most distinguished statesman and leader has deeply touched the hearts of her people, and must strongly cement those sentiments of loyalty which bind us to the British Crown.

I thank you for the liberal supplies which you have granted towards the development of this highly favoured Province, and I assure you that the moneys placed at my disposal shall be administered with due care and economy.

The many useful measures to which I have just assented can but tend to the advancement of the country and the comfort of its inhabitants. The Act for settlement of the railway belt dispute with the Dominion will, I am sure, bring about an adjustment of this long pending difficulty to the advantage of both Governments.

In taking leave of you I have to congratulate you upon the fine and open winter which we have so far experienced, and which I trust is the harbinger of a bright and prosperous year.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker*, 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. W. HIGGINS, *Speaker.*