

JOURNALS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SESSION, 1889.

Thursday, 31st January, 1889.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

This being the first day of the third meeting of the Fifth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable Hugh Nelson, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the Twenty-seventh day of December, 1888.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It is very gratifying, in meeting you at the opening of this your third Session, to be able to congratulate you upon the continued and increasing prosperity of the Province.

The past year has been one of general prosperity; but more particularly has it been so in regard to laying the foundations for further development of our great forest, mineral, and marine wealth.

The yield of our Coal Mines exceeds that of any previous year, while the opening of new mines promises great expansion in this important industry.

The revenue for the last fiscal year has considerably exceeded your estimate, and the present year gives promise of a still further increase.

Although the progress made in actual development of quartz mining is, perhaps, not quite equal to anticipation, yet the important discoveries recently made, and the organizations in process of formation for the introduction of capital and effective treatment of ores, justify the expectation of more substantial results in the near future.

Acting under authority given by you last Session, my Ministers have caused Reduction Works to be erected in Cariboo. These works will soon be ready for the treatment of ore, and it is hoped that an impetus will thus be given to mining enterprise in that District.

During the past year an unfortunate difficulty arose in connection with the administration of justice amongst the Indians of the Upper Skeena, necessitating the sending of a strong force into that country. The services of "C" Battery of the Militia were called into requisition, and it is believed that much permanent good will result from that display of strength amongst these remote and semi-barbarous tribes.

At the suggestion of the Dominion Premier, I commissioned one of my Ministers to proceed to Ottawa for the purpose of discussing with the Dominion Government several matters of public interest, with a view to arranging a basis of settlement. The papers connected with that mission will be laid before you.

The "Minerals Case" having been heard before the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council, there is every reason to expect that the decision will be delivered before the labours of the present Session are concluded.

The Consolidation of the Statutes is at length completed, and you will be asked to pass a measure necessary to give effect to that work.

You will be invited to consider whether the time has not arrived for the establishment in this Province of a Juvenile Reformatory.

The Public Accounts will be placed before you, and Estimates for the Public Service during the coming year will be submitted for your consideration.

I leave you to your deliberations with confidence that your best endeavours will be directed to promote the interests of the Province, and I pray that Providence may guide your efforts.

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

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *Scriven*.

Mr. Speaker stated that he had received the resignations of *R. F. John*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of *Victoria*, and *Robt. McLeese*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of *Cariboo*; and that he had issued Warrants to the Registrar of the Supreme Court to issue Writs to fill such vacancies; and that *James Tolmie*, Esq., had been elected to represent the said District of *Victoria*, and *Ithiel Blake Nason*, Esq., to represent the said District of *Cariboo*.

The Certificates of Election were as follows:—

"SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,
"31st January, 1889.

"To the Hon. C. E. Pooley,
"Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

"Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly, in consequence of the resignation of *Robert Franklin John*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of *Victoria*.

"And whereas on the 4th day of June A. D. 1888, a Writ for the election of a Member to represent such District was duly issued to *Thornton Fell*, Esq., the Returning Officer of the said District.

"Now I do hereby certify that on the 3rd day of July, 1888, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer with his certificate attached, whereby it appears that *James Tolmie*, Esquire, has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, elected a Member to represent the said Electoral District of *Victoria* in the Legislative Assembly.

"JAMES CHARLES PREVOST,
"Registrar of the Supreme Court of British Columbia."

"SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,
"31st January, 1889.

"To the Hon. C. E. Pooley,
"Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

"Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly, in consequence of the resignation of *Robert McLeese*, Esq., a Member for the Electoral District of *Cariboo*.

"And whereas on the 26th day of October A. D. 1888, a Writ for the election of a Member to represent such District was duly issued to *John Bowron*, Esq., the Returning Officer of the said District.

"Now I do hereby certify that on the 6th day of December, 1888, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer with his certificate attached, whereby it appears that *Ithiel Blake Nason*, Esquire, has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, elected a Member to represent the said Electoral District of *Cariboo* in the Legislative Assembly.

"JAMES CHARLES PREVOST,
"Registrar of the Supreme Court of British Columbia."

Ithiel Blake Nason, Esquire, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Honourable *A. E. B. Davie* and *Jos. Mason*, Esquire.

James Tolmie, Esquire, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Honourable *J. H. Turner* and *S. Duck*, Esquire.

Ordered, That the documents relating to the election of new Members be entered on the Journals of the House.

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

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Ordered, That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;
4. On Railways;
5. On Mining;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for papers, persons and records.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

The Honourable *A. E. B. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act respecting the Consolidation of the Statutes."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Robson*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *A. E. B. Davie*,—

Resolved, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration on Tuesday, the 5th day of February next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock on Tuesday, the 5th February next.

And then the House adjourned at 3:35 o'clock, p.m.

Tuesday, 5th February, 1889.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *Scriven*.

Mr. *Orr* presented two Petitions from *Duncan McPherson* and others, settlers on *Howe Sound*, for location of School-house and for trail to *Copper Point*.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Speaker stated that the Address to His Excellency the Governor-General upon his retirement from office, had been duly forwarded by him as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, and that he had received the following reply:—

“OTTAWA, 28th August, 1888.

“SIR,—Referring to your communication of the 28th June last, forwarding, in accordance with the terms of a resolution of the Legislative Assembly, an Address from that body to the Most Honourable the Marquess of Lansdowne, upon His Lordship's retirement from the Governor-Generalship of Canada, which Address was duly transmitted to the Colonial Office for presentation to Lord Lansdowne, I have now the honour to enclose an envelope addressed to you, purporting to contain His Lordship's reply to the said Address.

“I have &c.,
(Signed)

“G. POWELL,
“Under Secretary of State.

“*The Hon. Charles E. Pooley,*

“*Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Victoria. B. C.*”

“LANSDOWNE HOUSE, BERKELEY SQUARE,
“LONDON, W., August 2nd, 1888.

“SIR,—I have had the honour of receiving this day, through Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Address of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, referred to in your despatch of the 28th June to the Secretary of State for the Government of the Dominion.

“It has afforded me the deepest satisfaction to become aware of the kindly feelings entertained towards me by the Members of the Legislative Assembly, and expressed by them in such generous and indulgent words.

“My official connection with the Dominion was rendered most agreeable to me by the uniform kindness which I encountered at the hands of its people, and I have every reason to look back to my visit to the Pacific Province as one of the most interesting and instructive event of my term of office.

“I trust that the community whose representatives have taken leave of me in such cordial language will continue to prosper, and to develop the great natural resources of their country with unabated vigour.

“Permit me, in conclusion, to offer you, in addition to my own sincere thanks, those of Lady Lansdowne, who deeply regrets that the premature severance of my connection with Canada should have prevented her from carrying out her intention of visiting British Columbia.

“I have, &c.,
(Signed) “LANSDOWNE.

“*The Hon. the Speaker of the*

“*Legislative Assembly, British Columbia.*”

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. I. B. Nason moved, seconded by Mr. J. Tolmie,—

1. That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking him for his gracious Speech at the opening of the Third Session of the fifth term of the Provincial Legislature, and assuring him that we participate in his satisfaction at being able to congratulate us upon the continued and increasing prosperity of the Province.

2. That we rejoice to hear that the past year has been one of general prosperity; and that more particularly has it been so in regard to laying the foundations for further development of our great forest, mineral, and marine wealth.

3. That we are glad to learn that the yield of our Coal Mines exceeds that of any previous year, and that the opening of new mines promises great expansion in this important industry.

4. That it is gratifying to hear that the revenue for the last fiscal year has considerably exceeded our estimate, and that the present year gives promise of a still further increase.

5. That we receive with satisfaction the information that although the progress made in actual development of quartz mining is, perhaps, not quite equal to anticipation, yet the important discoveries recently made, and the organization in process of formation for the introduction of capital and effective treatment of ores, justify the expectation of more substantial results in the near future.

6. That we are glad to learn that acting under authority given by us last Session, His Honour's Ministers have caused Reduction Works to be erected in Cariboo, and that these works will soon be ready for the treatment of ore. We share His Honour's hopes that an impetus will thus be given to mining enterprise in that District.

7. That we note that during the past year an unfortunate difficulty arose in connection with the administration of justice amongst the Indians of the Upper Skeena, necessitating the sending of a strong force into that country, and that the services of "C" Battery of the Militia were called into requisition, and we hope that much permanent good will result from that display of strength amongst these remote and semi-barbarous tribes.

8. That we observe with interest that His Honour, at the suggestion of the Dominion Premier, commissioned one of his Ministers to proceed to Ottawa for the purpose of discussing with the Dominion Government several matters of public interest, with a view to arranging a basis of settlement, and that the papers connected with that mission will be laid before us.

9. That we are glad to be informed that the "Minerals Case" having been heard before the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council, there is every reason to expect that the decision will be delivered before the labours of the present Session are concluded.

10. That we are pleased to hear that the Consolidation of the Statutes is at length completed, and that we will be asked to pass a measure necessary to give effect to that work.

11. That our earnest consideration will be given to the question whether the time has not arrived for the establishment in this Province of a Juvenile Reformatory.

12. That we thank His Honour for the assurance that the Public Accounts will be placed before us, and that Estimates for the Public Service during the coming year will be submitted for our consideration.

13. That we beg to assure His Honour that our best endeavours will be directed to promote the interests of the Province, and with His Honour pray that Providence may guide our efforts.

Resolution agreed to.

The first to the thirteenth clauses, both inclusive, being again read were agreed to.

The Resolutions were read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Robson*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Resolution to present an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Honour for his gracious Speech, be referred to a Select Committee, composed as follows:—

The Honourable the Attorney-General, the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, the Honourable the Minister of Finance, the Honourable the President of the Executive Council, the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and Messrs. *Nason* and *Tolmie*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson*, from the Select Committee, reported an Address, which read as follows:—

To the Honourable HUGH NELSON, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for your gracious Speech at the opening of this, the Third Session of the fifth term of the Provincial Legislature, and we thank Your Honour for your expression of gratification that you are able to congratulate us upon the continued and increasing prosperity of the Province.

We rejoice to hear that the past year has been one of general prosperity; and that more particularly has it been so in regard to laying the foundation for further development of our great forest, mineral, and marine wealth.

We are glad to learn that the yield of our Coal Mines exceeds that of any previous year, and that the opening of new mines promises great expansion in this important industry.

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discoveries recently made, and the organizations in process of formation for the introduction of capital and effective treatment of ores, justify the expectation of more substantial results in the near future.

We are glad to learn that acting under authority given by us last Session, your Ministers have caused Reduction Works to be erected in Cariboo, and that these works will soon be ready for the treatment of ore. We share Your Honour's hopes that an impetus will thus be given to mining enterprise in that District.

We note that during the past year an unfortunate difficulty arose in connection with the administration of justice amongst the Indians of the Upper Skeena, necessitating the sending of a strong force into that country, and that the services of "C" Battery of the Militia were called into requisition, and we hope that much permanent good will result from that display of strength amongst these remote and semi-barbarous tribes.

We observe with interest that Your Honour, at the suggestion of the Dominion Premier, commissioned one of your Ministers to proceed to Ottawa for the purpose of discussing with the Dominion Government several matters of public interest, with a view to arranging a basis of settlement, and that the papers connected with that mission will be laid before us.

We are glad to be informed that the "Minerals Case" having been heard before the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council, there is every reason to expect that the decision will be delivered before the labours of the present Session are concluded.

We are pleased to hear that the Consolidation of the Statutes is at length completed, and that we will be asked to pass a measure necessary to give effect to that work.

Our earnest consideration will be given to the question whether the time has not arrived for the establishment in this Province of a Juvenile Reformatory.

We thank Your Honour for the assurance that the Public Accounts will be placed before us, and that Estimates for the Public Service during the coming year will be submitted for our consideration.

We beg to assure Your Honour that our best endeavours will be directed to promote the interests of the Province, and with Your Honour pray that Providence may guide our efforts.

The said Address was read a first time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Read a second time, clause by clause, and agreed to.

Read a third time and agreed to.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* 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:—

HUGH NELSON.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith the Report of the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, and accompanying papers, relating to his mission to Ottawa.

Government House,
5th February, 1889.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Return of Intestate Estates.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year ended 30th June, 1888. (*See Sessional Papers*).

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

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

Wednesday, 6th February, 1889.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *Scriven*.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the Honourable Mr. *A. E. B. Davie* moved—That Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act respecting the Consolidation of the Statutes,” be read a second time now.

A motion to adjourn the debate was negatived.

The Bill was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Mason,</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>Nason,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir.</i>	<i>Croft.</i>
<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Anderson—14.</i>
<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Fry,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Bole,</i>	<i>Orr—7.</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Ladner,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill, with Mr. *Mason* in the Chair.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Mr. *Bole* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to repeal the ‘Small Debts Act, 1886.’”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Higgins*, seconded by Mr. *Mason*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a return of all papers and correspondence between the Government and all persons or bodies corporate relative to the location of Smelting Works at the City of *Vancouver*.

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

Is it the intention of the Government to make provision in the Estimates of this Session for replacing the present Legislative Hall with a commodious and suitable building?

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

“The Government do not feel justified in incurring the expenditure necessary to construct new legislative buildings.

“It is the intention of the Government to make the present buildings sufficiently commodious for all requirements.”

Messrs. *Baker, T. Davie, Martin, Bole,* and *Orr*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

Messrs. *Tolmie, Croft, Thomson, Humphreys,* and *Ladner*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Printing.

Messrs. *T. Davie, Baker, Mason, Grant, and Beaven*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Messrs. *Baker, Fry, Cowan, Allen, Higgins, Anderson, Croft, Martin, Thomson, Tolmie, Vernon, Bole, Orr, Semlin, and Mason*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

Messrs. *Cowan, Mason, Nason, Allen, Baker, Grant, and Semlin*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Mining.

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

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

Thursday, 7th February, 1889.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *Scriven*.

The two Petitions from *Duncan McPherson* and others, settlers on *Howe Sound*, for location of School-house and for trail to *Copper Point*, were ruled out of order as asking for an appropriation of public moneys and the same not being properly addressed.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act respecting the Consolidation of the Statutes," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

QUARTER-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

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 title to the following Bill:—

"An Act respecting the Consolidation of the Statutes."

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

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 this Bill."

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bole*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the manner in which the authority granted to the Executive Council to aid in the development of quartz mines has been exercised; with power to call for all Orders in Council, letters, telegrams, books, vouchers, and papers, and witnesses, and any other information connected therewith; and with authority to report to this House from time to time, in their discretion, their opinions, or any evidence or information obtained with regard to the subject matter of inquiry. The Committee to consist of Messrs. *Grant, Baker, Duck, Higgins*, and the mover.

Mr. *Martin* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Fry*,—

That the name of Mr. *Duck* be struck out and that of Mr. *J. Mason* inserted in lieu thereof.

Amendment put and carried.

Resolution as amended put and carried.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Orders in Council and correspondence between the Dominion and Provincial Governments with reference to the disallowance, or otherwise, of the Statutes of 1888.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Orders in Council and correspondence respecting a resolution of this Assembly of the 3rd April, 1886, requesting the Dominion Government either to repeal the Act respecting the electoral franchise, passed by the Parliament of Canada in 1885, or exempt this Province from its operation.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works of the Province for the year ending 31st December, 1888. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

On the motion of Mr. *Higgins*, seconded by Colonel *Baker*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a return of all licences issued by the Government for the sale of opium during the years 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, and 1888.

The Hon. *A. E. B. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Higgins* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act,'" (Chap. 72, Consolidated Acts, 1888).

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Hon. *A. E. B. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to provide for the recognition in this Province of Probates and Letters of Administration granted in the United Kingdom and elsewhere."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Ladner* asked the Honourable the Premier the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government, during the present Session of this House, to introduce a measure to provide for a re-registration of voters in the different electoral districts throughout this Province?

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

"Yes."

Mr. *Orr* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill, during the present Session, to amend the Constitution Act, so as to give the City of *Vancouver* representation in this House proportionate to her industries, wealth, and population.

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

"No; as the Government are advised *Vancouver* does not desire action to be taken this Session."

Mr. *Higgins* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government the following question: Is it the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to observe the spirit and letter of a resolution of this House, to the effect that each Session shall not exceed fifty days, inclusive of holidays and Sundays?

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

“Yes, as far as can be done, having due regard to the rights of Hon. Members. Whether the Session shall be long or short must rest largely with the House itself.”

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the law relating to Municipalities, and to repeal chap. 88 of 51 Vict., intituled ‘An Act respecting Municipalities’” in volume one of the Consolidated Acts, 1888.

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on the 14th instant.

Mr. *Higgins* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the Public School Act,” (chap. 104, Consolidated Acts, 1888).

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Higgins* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Election Regulation Act,’” (chap. 39, Consolidated Acts, 1888).

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:25 o'clock, p. m.

Friday, 8th February, 1889.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *Scriven*.

On the motion of Mr. *Higgins*, seconded by Mr. *Ladner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a return to this House of the Rules and Regulations framed and made by a Commission of three persons appointed under the powers conferred on the Government by “An Act regulating the Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court, 1887,” together with the amendments or alterations of such Rules and Regulations, if any, that have been made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and all correspondence relating to such subjects.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Bole* moved—That Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Small Debts Act’” (Chap. 30, Consolidated Acts, 1888), be read a second time now.

Mr. *Orr* moved in amendment, to leave out the word “now” and insert in lieu thereof the words “this day six months.”

Amendment withdrawn.

Resolution withdrawn and the order for the second reading of the Bill discharged.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act respecting Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:15 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 11th February, 1889.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented the following Returns:—

1. Statement of all Bonds deposited in the Provincial Secretary's Office by Civil Officers of the Province, for the due performance of their duties under the "Civil Officers Securities Act, 1872."

2. Statement of Commons established, shewing Revenue collected for the Fiscal Year ended 30th June, 1888.

3. Statement of the names and places of residence of Collectors of Revenue paid by Commission, rate of same, and date of authority therefor.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a return in detail of the items as brought to account in the Treasury during the fiscal year 1887-88 under the following heads:—Fines and Forfeitures, \$10,048.08; Probate Fees, \$3,244.93; Sale of Government Property, \$393.35; Reimbursements in aid, \$570.75; Interest, \$10,976.62; Miscellaneous Receipts, \$31,544.05.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Vernon*,—

That the words and figures "Fines and Forfeitures, \$10,048.08," on second and third lines of the resolution, be struck out.

The amendment was withdrawn and the resolution carried.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking His Honour to send down to this House all correspondence between the Executive, or any member thereof, and any person or persons in reference to opening and continuing a Public School at *Savona*.

The Hon. Mr. *Humphreys* moved, seconded by Mr. *Grant*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a return of all correspondence relating to the alleged charge of theft preferred against *Walter Bentley*, acting Government Agent at *Comox*.

Motion withdrawn with leave.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Humphreys*, seconded by Mr. *Grant*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the methods of admitting boys into the High School of the City of *Victoria*, and to inquire generally into the system of examinations and working efficiency of the School.

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

What acreage of land has been applied for under section 30 of the "Land Act, 1884" (sale of unsurveyed land), and section 59 (sale of pastoral land), from 18th February, 1884, to date?

Was the ten per cent. cash deposit made in each case at the date of the application, and what disposition was made at the time, and subsequently, of the money so received by the Lands and Works Department?

What acreage of land has the survey been accepted for, and the remaining ninety per cent. in cash received, under sections 30 and 59, during the above mentioned period, and what is the maximum and the minimum acreage granted to any one individual or corporation?

How much money has been forfeited to the Crown under sections 30 and 59 of the "Land Act, 1884," since the 18th February, 1884?

What acreage of land has been granted by the Crown, and how much revenue paid into the Treasury, under section 10, 50 Vic., chap. 17, "An Act to amend the Land Act, 1884?"

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

"I am not prepared at the present time to give the Hon. gentleman the information he requests."

Mr. *Grant* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

What was the total revenue and expenditure from 1st July to 31st December, 1888?

Also, what was the amount of revenue brought to account at the Treasury during the first six months of the fiscal year 1888-89, on account of land sales?

What amount had the Government to its debit or credit at the Government Bank on 31st December, 1888, and what was the cash balance in the Deputy Treasurer's hands at the same date?

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

1. "Revenue, \$241,516.74; Expenditure, \$426,594.41.

2. "\$49,141.

3. "At credit in Bank, \$259,351.53; Cash on hand, \$3,975.41."

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

Is it the intention of the Government to repair the old bridge, or construct a new one, over the *Courtenay* River?

Is it the intention of the Government to make a waggon road from the said bridge to the Union Coal Mine this year?

Is it the intention of the Government to repair the old bridge, lower *Comox* road, this year?

Is it the intention of the Government to repair the *Denman Island* wharf and approach this year?

Is it the intention of the Government to build a wharf at *Hornby Island* this year?

Is it the intention of the Government to push through the main road in *Comox* towards *Oyster Bay* this year?

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

"Due consideration will be given to the public works required in *Comox District* when funds are available for the service."

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

Have the Government taken any, and, if so, what, action in the matter of the report of the Select Committee last Session upon the claims of *Donald McKenzie*? And if not, what is their intention in the matter?

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

"No action has been taken in the matter.

"In the event of the Government Reserve at *Esquimalt* (Section 98) being at any future time offered for sale at public auction, Mr. *McKenzie's* claims will be duly considered."

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:40 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 12th February, 1889.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented the Rules and Regulations framed and made by a Commission of three persons appointed under the powers conferred on the Government by "An Act regulating the Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court, 1887," together with the amendments or alterations of such Rules and Regulations, if any, that have been made by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and all correspondence relating to such subjects.

Also copies of all Orders in Council and correspondence respecting a resolution of the Assembly of the 3rd April, 1886, requesting the Dominion Government either to repeal the Act respecting the Electoral franchise passed by the Parliament of Canada in 1885, or exempt this Province from its operation.

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act,'" (Chapter 104, Consolidated Acts, 1888.)

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Bole* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Have the recommendations of the following Select Committees of this Assembly, which were adopted last Session, been fully carried out by the Government. If not, why not?

1. Committee on the claim of the Rev. *Geo. Ditcham*, adopted 25th April, 1888.
2. Committee on the claims of *Louis* and *E. Gold*, adopted 25th April, 1888.
3. Committee on the claim of *Samuel Greer*, adopted 27th April, 1888.

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

"1. The improvements were liberally valued and added to the upset price, at which price the land was knocked down to the claimant. The Government regard this as a final settlement.

"2. In this case the valuator could find no improvements whatever, and the Government have been unable to discover any claim, either in law or equity.

"3. A further examination of this case has only tended to strengthen the previous conviction that there is no claim either in law or equity."

Pursuant to Order, the House again went again into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Tuesday next.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from the Executive Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia for a Private Bill.

Laid on the table.

The Honourable Mr. *Dunsmuir* presented a Petition from *Wm. A. Scoville* and others (*re* Recording Office for claims on *Texada Island*).

Laid on the table.

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

Mr. *Bole* presented a Petition from the *New Westminster Railway Company* for a Private Bill (to amend Act of Incorporation).

Laid on the table.

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

Wednesday, 13th February, 1889.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

Mr. *Grant* presented a Petition from *James Shields* and others (*re* mail service to *Queen Charlotte Islands*).

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Bole* presented a Petition from *R. Dickinson* and others for a Private Bill (*New Westminster* and *Vancouver* Short-line Railway Incorporation).

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Petition from the *Coquitlam* Water-works Company for a Private Bill (amendment of Act of Incorporation).

Laid on the table.

Colonel *Baker* presented a Petition from *Richard Plunkett Cooke* and others for a Private Bill (*Columbia* and *Kootenay* Railway and Navigation Company Incorporation).

Laid on the table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Petition from the Executive Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia for a Private Bill.

Petition from *Wm. A. Scoville* and others (*re* Recording Office for claims on *Texada Island*).

Petition from the *New Westminster* Railway Company for a Private Bill (to amend Act of Incorporation).

Mr. *Bole* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bush Fire Act,'" (Chapter 12, Consolidated Acts, 1888.)

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable *A. E. B. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act,'" (Chap. 25, Consolidated Acts, 1888.)

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Humphreys*, seconded by Mr. *Grant*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for the return of expenditure on the *Leech River* road since the 1st July, 1888.

Mr. *Anderson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act for the preservation of the Public Roads."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

Have any of the recommendations of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the condition of the *Victoria Gaol*, during the last Session, been carried out, and, if any, which?

The Honourable *A. E. B. Davie* replied as follows:—

"The information sought by the Honourable Member will be found in the accompanying letter from the Superintendent of Police:

"OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PROVINCIAL POLICE,

"*The Hon. the Attorney-General, Victoria:*

"VICTORIA, 12th February, 1889.

"SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that the following alterations, &c., in the management of the *Victoria Gaol* have taken place since the last Session of the Provincial Legislature:

"1st. Prisoners now committed for trial have seven hours exercise daily. Since 'Speedy Trial Act' very few prisoners are now in confinement awaiting trial; at present two.

"2nd. Soup has been improved by the addition of *barley*. There is constantly complaints made by the Naval Officers, who monthly inspect the prisoners of H. M. Navy, that the food supplied is better suited for a boarding house than for men undergoing punishment.

"3rd. Sick prisoners have never been treated in the Warden's rooms. When ill, they are kept in their cells, or, if anything serious should happen, the chapel room could be used as an infirmary, it being next to the dispensary.

"4th. No alteration yet about youthful criminals. No means at present to keep them separate from the older, except at night. One boy now in prison.

"5th. Contractors were all notified, through the press, that articles of home manufacture would be preferred (advertisement enclosed). As far as practicable this has been carried out.

"I believe that there will be an appropriation granted this Session for the following rooms, &c., which are greatly needed:—Debtor's room, sick ward, and an iron cell for condemned criminals.

"Very respectfully, &c.,

(Signed)

"H. B. ROYCRAFT,

"Supt. of Police and Warden of Gaols."

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 8.) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act'" (Chap. 39, Consolidated Acts, 1888), was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir.</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Nason,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Mason,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Fry,</i>	<i>Anderson—15.</i>
<i>Bole,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Davie, A. E. B.,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Croft—6.</i>
<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>		

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

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Mr. *T. Davie* to ask leave to introduce a Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Higgins* moved—That Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" (chap. 72, Consolidated Acts, 1888), be read a second time now.

Mr. *Bole* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Allen*,—

To leave out the word "now" and add "this day six months."

Question proposed—"Shall the word proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," the House divided, and the names being called for they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Beaven</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Anderson—11.</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

Mason,
Bole,
Nason,

Davie, T.,
Davie, A.E.B.,
Allen,

Fry,
Tolmie,
Dunsmuir,

Martin,
Croft—11.

Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the yeas.

So it passed in the affirmative

Bill read a second time.

Bill *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Petition from *Geo. Turner* and others for a Private Bill (*Vancouver Street Railway Company*).

Laid on the table.

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

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

Thursday, 14th February, 1889.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Petition from *James Shields* and others (*re* mail service to *Queen Charlotte Islands*).

Ordered to be printed.

Petition from *R. Dickinson* and others for a Private Bill (*New Westminster* and *Vancouver Short-line Railway Incorporation*).

Petition from the *Coquitlam Water-works Company* for a Private Bill (amendment of Act of Incorporation).

Petition from *Richard Plunkett Cooke* and others for a Private Bill (*Columbia* and *Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company Incorporation*).

Petition from *Geo. Turner* and others for a Private Bill (*Vancouver Street Railway Company*).

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to repeal sections 10 and 11 of the 'Magistrates Act,' 51 Vic., chap. 78, (volume 1, Consolidated Acts, 1888).

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on the 21st instant.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bush Fire Act'" (Chap. 12, Consolidated Acts, 1888), was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Orr* in the Chair.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act'" (Chap. 39, Consolidated Acts, 1888).

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" (Chap. 72, Consolidated Acts 1888), was committed, with Mr. *Anderson* in the Chair.

The Committee rose without report.

Colonel *Baker* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, reporting the rules as to notices complied with in regard to the *Westminster* Southern Railway Company's Bill.

The report was read and received.

The Honourable *A. E. B. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the Re-registration of Voters."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:15 o'clock, p.m.

Monday, 18th February, 1889.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. McF. McLeod*.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *New Westminster* for a Private Bill (amendment of Act of Incorporation).

Laid on the table.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Petition from *Thomas Dunn* and others for a Private Bill (*re Brocton Point* Athletic Club).

Laid on the table.

Colonel *Baker* presented the Second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, reporting the rules as to notices complied with in regard to the following Bills:—

Bill to Incorporate the Synod of British Columbia;

The Vancouver Street Railway Bill;

Coquitlam Water-works Bill;

New Westminster and Vancouver Short-line Railway Bill.

The Report also recommended the extension of the time limited for presenting Petitions and receiving Private Bills.

The Report was read and received.

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

That the Standing Orders be suspended in order that the Report from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills recommending that the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be extended to the 8th March, and the time for receiving Private Bills to the 14th March, may be adopted.

The Report was then adopted.

Mr. *Fry* presented a Petition from *W. J. Macauley* and others for a Private Bill (The *Victoria* Lumber and Manufacturing Company).

Laid on the table.

Colonel *Baker* presented a Petition from the *Kootenay* and *Athabasca* Railway Company for a Private Bill (amendment of Act of Incorporation).
Laid on the table.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Charitable Associations Act'" (Chap. 17, Consolidated Acts, 1888).
Leave granted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia."
Leave granted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act for the preservation of the Public Roads," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Ladner* in the Chair.
Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act,'" (Chap. 39, Consolidated Acts, 1888), was again considered in Committee of the Whole.
Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mason*, Acting Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

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

Tuesday, 19th February, 1889.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. McF. McLeod*.

Mr. *Bole* presented a Petition from the residents of *Sapperton*, near *New Westminster City*, for a Private Bill (for Incorporation with *New Westminster City*).
Laid on the table.

Mr. *Tolmie* presented a Petition from *E. C. Baker* and others, residents of *Victoria* and *Lake* Districts, (improvement of *Carey's Road*).
Laid on the table.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented the following Returns:—

Papers and correspondence between the Government and all persons or bodies corporate relative to the location of Smelting Works at the City of *Vancouver*.

Correspondence between the Executive, or any member thereof, and any person or persons in reference to opening and continuing a Public School at *Savona*.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Petition from the residents of *Sapperton* for a Private Bill (for Incorporation with *New Westminster City*).

From *W. J. Macauley* and others for a Private Bill (The *Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company*).

From the *Kootenay and Athabasca Railway Company* for a Private Bill (amendment of Act of Incorporation).

From the Corporation of the City of *New Westminster* for a Private Bill (amendment of Act of Incorporation).

From *Thomas Dunn* and others for a Private Bill (*re Brocton Point Athletic Club*).

Mr. Orr asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coquitlam Water-works Act, 1886.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

That whereas it is in the highest degree desirable to promote, in every legitimate way, the development of our quartz mines;

And whereas the class of machinery required for working such quartz mines is not at present manufactured within the Dominion of Canada;

Therefore, be it resolved, that in the opinion of this House it is desirable that representation should be made to the Federal Government, requesting them to exempt from taxation all such machinery which is not made in Canada, that may be imported into this Province for quartz mining purposes.

Mr. Beaven moved—That the House do now adjourn.

The motion was withdrawn with leave.

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

Under what authority do the *Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company* charge \$10 as a survey fee on pre-emptions located under sub-section (*f.*) of the Act relating to the Island Railway.

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

"The administration of the Island Railway Lands has passed into the hands of the Railway Company, and this Government is not aware under what authority the alleged charge of ten dollars is exacted."

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

Have the Government made any proposition to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to have the proposed bridge across the *Fraser* near *St. Mary's Mission*, built to serve the purpose of a traffic bridge according to the resolutions passed at public meetings held at *Matsqui*, *St. Mary's Mission*, and *Mount Lehman* in January last? If not, why not?

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

"Representations have been made to the Canadian Pacific Railway by the Government in the matter referred to."

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace," was again considered in Committee of the Whole.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to provide for the recognition in this Province of Probates and Letters of Administration granted in the United Kingdom and elsewhere," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Martin* in the Chair.

Bill reported without amendment.

Report adopted

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Grant* presented the First Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the manner in which the authority granted to the Executive Council to aid in the development of Quartz Mines has been exercised, reporting the evidence taken by the Committee and asking for an order of the House for the printing of the same from day to day.

Read and received.

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

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

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

Wednesday, 20th February, 1889.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. McF. McLeod*.

Mr. *Mason* presented a Petition from *R. P. Rithet* and others for a Private Bill (Incorporation of the Canadian Western Railway Company).

Laid on the table.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Petition presented by Mr. *Tolmie* at the last sitting of the House was out of order.

Colonel *Baker* presented the Third Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, reporting that the Standing Orders had been complied with in regard to the following Bills:—

An Act to amend the "New Westminster Act, 1888."

An Act to amend the "Kootenay and Athabasca Railway Act, 1887."

The Report was read and received.

Mr. *Cowan* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Mines, recommending the separation of the clauses relating to minerals, so that they will be distinct from alluvial mining.

The Report was read and received.

On the motion of Mr. *Cowan* the Standing Orders were suspended and the Report adopted.

Mr. *Bole* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Act, 1888.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Bole*, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of Messrs. *Duck*, *Nason*, *T. Davie*, *Grant*, and the mover, with power to call for persons, books, and papers, and to report to the House, on the working of the "Small Debts Act."

Mr. *Anderson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act respecting the Profession of Medicine and Surgery."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House copies of correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any person or persons, in reference to the Incorporation of *Kamloops*.

Mr. *Tolmie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to prevent Trespass on Enclosed Lands"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. *Bole* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government the following question:—

In view of the present over crowded state of the Asylum for the Insane, is it the intention of the Government to place a sum on the estimates to make the necessary additions to the existing buildings? If so, what sum?

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

"The matter is under consideration."

Mr. *Bole* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government the following question:—

Have any steps been taken towards giving effect to the resolution of this House passed last Session with respect to the desirability of establishing quarantine stations at *New Westminster*, *Vancouver*, and *Nanaimo*.

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

"Yes; the Resolution was forwarded in the usual way on the 18th April, and its receipt acknowledged by the Dominion Government on 3rd May, 1888."

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

How many artesian wells have been sunk by the Government party under the Superintendency of Mr. *McKay*?

To what depth was the deepest well sunk?

What has been the whole expense of the experiment of artesian boring?

How much of the amount voted is still in the hands of the Government?

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

"One bore has been put down to a depth of one hundred and sixteen feet,—twenty-nine of which was through solid rock.

"The whole expense, inclusive of tools and plant, has been \$2,371.21.

"The unexpended balance from the appropriation is \$628.79."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bush Fire Act'" (Chap. 12, Consolidated Acts, 1888), was considered.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went again into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act for the preservation of the Public Roads."

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act'" (Chap. 39, Consolidated Acts, 1888).

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act'" (Chapter 104, Consolidated Acts, 1888), was read a second time.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act'" (Chapter 104, Consolidated Acts, 1888), was read a second time.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Robson*, seconded by Mr. *Anderson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Bills Nos. 7 and 9 be referred to the same Committee, with an instruction to the Committee that they have power to consolidate them into one Bill.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the said Bills, with Mr. *Nason* in the Chair.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a further paper respecting the Supreme Court Rules.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Charitable Associations Act'" (Chap. 17, Consolidated Acts, 1888), was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Duck*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without amendment.

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 to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4:45 o'clock, p. m.

Thursday, 21st February, 1889.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev *P. McF. McLeod*.

Mr. *Anderson* presented a Petition from *Joseph Hunter* and others for a Private Bill (National Electric Tramway and Lighting Company, Limited).

Laid on the table.

The Petition from *R. P. Rithet* and others for a Private Bill (Incorporation of the Canadian Western Central Railway Company), was read and received.

Mr. *Martin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Thomson*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a return of the Report of Mr. *E. B. McKay*, regarding the artesian well boring experiment in *Yale District*.

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Dunsmuir*,—

That the words "and all correspondence," be inserted before the word "regarding," on the second line.

Amendment put and carried.

Resolution as amended put and carried.

Mr. *Bols* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the New Westminster and Vancouver Short-line Railway Company."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver Street Railway Company."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. *Grant*, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to draw the attention of the Imperial and Dominion Governments, at an early day, to the necessity of providing, in the event of a subsidy being granted to a steamship line between British Columbia and the Asiatic Coast or Australasia, that provision be inserted in any contract entered into that will provide for steamers, both ways, coming to *Victoria* or *Esquimalt*.

Mr. *Orr* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to appoint some person, resident on *Texada Island*, as Recorder of mining claims and issuer of mining licences?

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

"I cannot tell what the Government may determine to do in the future."

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

Who, or what person, or company has control of the large quantity of quartz mining machinery now lying on the bank of *Fraser River* at *Yale*? Can the Government take possession of the said machinery and utilize it for the development of the quartz mines lately discovered?

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

"The property belongs to the *Cariboo Quartz Mining Company, Limited*, and the Secretary, Mr. *J. Mason*, has charge of it.

"Under clause 4, 41 Vic., chap 12, the Government have no authority to take possession of the machinery."

The Report on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act for the preservation of the Public Roads," was received.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred back to a Committee of the Whole, for further consideration, on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Charitable Associations Act'" (Chap. 17, Consolidated Acts, 1888), was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act respecting the Profession of Medicine and Surgery," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Cowan* in the Chair.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:35 o'clock, p. m.