

Tuesday, 1st March, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from the residents of *Victoria City* (re liquor traffic), which was read and received.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Petition from the residents of *New Westminster* (re liquor traffic), which was read and received.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From residents of *Chilliwack* (re liquor traffic).

From residents of *Sumas* (re liquor traffic).

From residents of *Langley Prairie* (re liquor traffic).

From residents of *Wellington* (re liquor traffic).

From residents of *Comox* (re liquor traffic).

From residents of *Alberni* (re liquor traffic).

The above Petitions (re liquor traffic) were *Ordered* to be printed.

The Petition from *James McIntosh*, of *Kamloops*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill (*Kamloops Water Works*), was read and received.

Mr. *Anderson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to prevent trespass on enclosed lands in pursuit of game."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

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

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the introduction of a Bill to regulate the width of waggon tires.

Ordered, That the House do resolve itself into the said Committee to-morrow.

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

Whereas a railway connecting with the Canadian Pacific Railway at *Golden City*, in the *Kootenay* District, and running from thence along the *Upper Columbia* and *Kootenay* Valleys, to a point at or near *Joseph's Prairie*, by *St. Mary's River*, would be the means of opening up a vast region exceedingly rich in mines and valuable timber, and would also open up to settlement the extensive agricultural and pastoral lands of the *Upper Columbia* and *Kootenay* Valleys;

Be it therefore resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to urge upon the Dominion Government the policy and duty of undertaking the said railway as a national work, or, at least, granting such liberal aid as will enable it to be carried out without imposing an undue burden upon the Province.

Mr. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Homestead Amendment Act, 1873,' and to make other provisions in lieu thereof."

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. *Thomson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the House do resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the following preamble and resolution:—

Whereas the present method of informing the public of sales of property levied on by Sheriffs is insufficient, and calculated to entail serious loss on creditors as well as debtors;

Be it resolved, that in the opinion of this House the Statute and Rules of Court bearing thereon should be immediately amended, so as to insure due and proper notice of such sales.

(IN THE COMMITTEE).

Whereas the present method of informing the public of sales of property levied and distrained on by Sheriffs and Bailiffs is insufficient, and calculated to entail serious loss on creditors as well as debtors.

Be it resolved, that in the opinion of this Committee the Statute and Rules of Court bearing thereon should be immediately amended, so as to insure due and proper notice of such sales; and that also the Government be requested to enquire into the whole question of Sheriffs' and Bailiffs' charges and fees, and provide for a return being made in each case to some department of the Government, so that the Legislature can obtain full information upon the subject.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Anderson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

Report adopted.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Public Accounts for the half-year ended 31st December, 1886.

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

Has any Crown grant been applied for by the late *J. C. Hughes*, or his administrators, for the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, *Texada Island*? If so, what amount of money has been paid as purchase money?

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

“Not for that particular $\frac{1}{4}$ Section. The late *J. C. Hughes* made an application for a Crown grant of the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, *Texada Island*. The application was refused, on the ground that the land had been sold in 1873 to one *Harry Trim*, though under a wrong designation.

“Mr. *Hughes* paid \$120, as full purchase money on this land, and a certificate of purchase was issued to him in error by the Government Agent at *New Westminster*; the latter was at once instructed to refund the money upon the surrender of the certificate of purchase.”

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

Is it the intention of the Government to cause a sidewalk to be laid to *Ross Bay Cemetery*, in continuation of the sidewalk already laid by the Corporation in that direction as far as the City limits?

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

“The matter will be favourably considered.”

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

Have any proceedings, and what, been taken by the Government since the 25th January, 1887, to enforce the payment of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Bond for \$250,000, dated November 26th, 1885?

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

“Yes; an action has been commenced, and is being proceeded with.”

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

Is it the intention of the Government to cause a sidewalk to be laid on the *Esquimalt Road*, from the *Half-way House* to *Esquimalt*, in continuation of the sidewalk already laid from *Victoria* to the *Half-way House*?

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

“The matter will be favourably considered.”

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act relating to the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court,” was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to provide for the better protection of Cattle Ranges, 1876,'" was considered and adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ballot Act, 1877,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 2nd March, 1887.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

Mr. *Higgins* presented Petitions from the residents of *Esquimalt* (*re liquor traffic*); and from the residents of *Sooke* (*re liquor traffic*).

Laid on the table.

Mr. *T. Davie*, as Chairman of the Select Standing Committee on Railways, presented the following Report:—

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Standing Committee on Railways beg to report the preambles proved of the following Bills:—

1. "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay and Athabasca Railway Company."
2. "An Act to Incorporate the Delta Railway Company."

(Signed) THEODORE DAVIE,
Chairman.

*Legislative Assembly, Victoria, B. C.,
March 2nd, 1887.*

Read and received.

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

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

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886.'"

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. *Orr*, seconded by Mr. *McLeese*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all Crown grants issued by the Provincial Government for lots in the town of *Granville, Burrard Inlet*, between the first of August, 1878, and the present date, with the amount and date of payment, and to whom issued.

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

That the order for the consideration of the report on Bill No. 7 be discharged, and the Bill re-committed for the purpose of striking out clause 3 and adding the following instead:—

"That upon the coming into force of this Act, the Chief Commissioner is hereby authorized to issue Crown grants to all settlers who have complied with the land regulations, at the rate of \$1 per acre, and that the said money shall be kept in a separate account for dyking purposes within the limits of said lands."

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order, as dealing with Revenue and Crown lands.

Moved by Mr. *Ladner*, seconded by Mr. *McLeese*,—

That a Select Committee of this House be appointed to amend and consolidate the "Municipality Act, 1881," and its amendments.

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

To strike out all the words after "appointed to" and add—"draw up and submit to the House whatever amendments they may consider advisable to be made to the 'Municipality Act, 1881,' and amendments."

Amendment put and carried.

Original resolution, as amended, put and carried.

Resolved, That the said Committee be composed of the following Members:—Messrs. *Semlin*, *Orr*, *Thomson*, *Higgins*, and *Ladner*.

Mr. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to enable the Trustees of the Victoria Fire Department Charitable Association to distribute the assets of the said Association among the members thereof.

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

According to Order, Mr. *Beaven* moved,—That Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1878,'" be read a second time now.

Mr. *Vernon* moved in amendment to leave out the word "now" and add "this day six months."

Amendment put and carried upon the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Ladner</i> ,	<i>Davie</i> , A. E. B.,	<i>Prior</i> ,	<i>Croft</i> ,
<i>Anderson</i> ,	<i>Allen</i> ,	<i>Baker</i> ,	<i>Thomson</i> ,
<i>Davie</i> , T.,	<i>Vernon</i> .	<i>Robson</i> ,	<i>Dunsmuir</i> —14
<i>Mason</i> ,	<i>Turner</i> ,		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin</i> ,	<i>Cowan</i> ,	<i>Orr</i> ,	<i>Martin</i> ,
<i>Grant</i> ,	<i>Beaven</i> ,	<i>McLeese</i> ,	<i>Higgins</i> —9.
<i>Stenhouse</i> ,			

Resolution, as amended, put and carried.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting absconding debtors."

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bush Fire Act, 1874,' was read a second time and committed.

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

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Land Registry Ordinance, 1870,' and to repeal the Statute 49 Vic., chap 9," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 o'clock, p. m.

Thursday, 3rd March, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

The Petitions from the residents of *Esquimalt* (re liquor traffic); and from the residents of *Sooke* (re liquor traffic), were read and received.

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the New Westminster Southern Railway Company."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Bole* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the law of evidence in certain cases."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

That the House do resolve itself into Committee to consider the following resolution:—

That in the opinion of this House it is desirable, in the interest of the public, that an Act to simplify titles and to facilitate the transfer of land should be introduced during the present session.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole.

The Committee rose without report.

According to Order, the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present Session, was considered.

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

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

According to Order, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to prevent trespass on enclosed lands in pursuit of game," was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Semlin,
Ladner,
Anderson,
Cowan,
Orr,

McLeese,
Davie, T.,
John,
Mason,
Allen,

Vernon,
Turner,
Prior,
Baker,
Robson,

Martin,
Croft,
Thomson,
Dunsmuir,
Higgins—20.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Grant,

Stenhouse,

Beaven—3.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act respecting the estates, and to control the civil rights, of imbeciles and habitual drunkards."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cowan*, 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 on Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 8th March, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Reid*.

Mr. *Croft* presented a Petition from the residents of *Cowichan* (re liquor traffic).
Laid on the table.

Mr. *Thomson* presented a Petition from the inhabitants of *Nanaimo* (re liquor traffic).
Laid on the table.

Mr. *Prior* presented a Petition from *F. Shakespeare* and others (*Victoria* Fire Department Charitable Association Funds).
Laid on the table.

Mr. *Bole* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licenses Ordinance, 1867.'"
Leave granted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Bole* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to liens of mechanics and others."
Leave granted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking His Honour to strongly urge upon the Imperial and Dominion Governments the necessity of inserting in any contract with any Company for the carriage, by steamship, of Her Majesty's mails to and from the Orient, or to and from New Zealand and Australia, a clause requiring the said steamers to touch at the port of *Victoria* or *Esquimalt* on the outward and inward passages.

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

Whereas a Railway Commission is at present employed by the Dominion Government in the Eastern Provinces for the purpose of reporting upon the fares and freight charges of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company;

Be it therefore resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to move the Dominion Government to cause the Railway Commissioners to visit British Columbia as soon as possible, so that their report can be presented to the House of Commons, *Ottawa*, at the ensuing session.

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

That a Select Committee of this House be appointed to inspect the new *Victoria* Gaol and Royal Hospital, with power to call for persons and papers and report to this House; said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *John*, *Mason*, *Thomson*, *Martin*, *Prior*, and the mover.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all lots sold, and Crown grants issued therefor, in any surveyed townsite (other than the town of *Granville*) situate within the Railway Belt, between the 1st day of August, 1878, and the present date.

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

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce an Act, during the present or ensuing Session, to provide for a new registration of voters, under the Qualification and Registration of Voters' Act?

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

“Not during the present session, but probably during next session.”

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Return to an Order of the House for a return of all Crown grants issued by the Provincial Government for lots in the town of *Granville*, *Burrard Inlet*, between the first of August, 1878, and the present date, with the amount and date of payment, and to whom issued.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the motion—That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Turner*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

Report *Ordered* to be considered forthwith.

Resolved, That a Supply be granted

Resolved, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to amend the Law of Evidence in certain cases,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Orr* moved—That Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Delta Railway Company,” be now read a second time.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to repeal (in part) the ‘Sumas Dyking Act, 1878,’” was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Ballot Act, 1877.’”

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mason*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee rise and report to the House that in its opinion the Bill to amend the “Ballot Act, 1877,” should be referred to a Select Committee of the House.

Report adopted.

The following Members were appointed to form the said Committee:—Messrs. *Higgins*, *Bole*, *Orr*, *John*, and *Baker*.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Jurors’ Act, 1883,’” as read a second time and committed.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *McLeese*, 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 a 5.35 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday, 9th March, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Reid*.

The Petitions from the residents of *Cowichan* (re liquor traffic); and from the residents of *Nanaimo* (re liquor traffic), were read and received.

The Petition from *F. Shakespeare* and others (re *Victoria* Fire Department Charitable Association Funds), was read and received.

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

Mr. *Bole* presented a Report from the Committee appointed for the purpose of obtaining information with respect to the timber lands of the Province.

The Report was read and received.

Mr. *Bole* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the recovery of wages."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed for the purpose of preparing a congratulatory Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the Throne; such Committee to consist of Messrs. *Beaven*, *Baker*, and the mover.

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

That in the opinion of this House the timber lands in the mining regions of *Cariboo District* should not be disposed of by sale, by lease, or in any other manner.

Mr. *Dunsmuir* asked leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' so as to provide for biennial Sessions of the Legislative Assembly."

A point of order arose.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision on the point of order until the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of Mr. *Bole*, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licenses Ordinance, 1867,'" was discharged.

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

Is there any land in the *Lake District* reserved for public purposes? If any, where, how much, and for what purpose?

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

"Section 42, containing 86 acres, is recorded upon the official map of *Lake District*, and in the District Land Register, as a 'Government Reserve,' without mentioning any specific purpose.

"Section 74A, *Lake District*, forms part of Hyde Park, *Mount Douglas Reserve*."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 4) intituled 'An Act respecting absconding debtors,' was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the law of evidence in certain cases," was discharged, and the Bill re-committed.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to prevent trespass on enclosed lands in pursuit of game."

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay and Athabasca Railway Company," was discharged, and the Bill referred back to the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Delta Railway Company," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Upon the Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting the property of Married Women,"

Mr. *T. Davie* moved the adoption of the Report.

Mr. *Ladner* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *McLeese*,—That the following be added as a new clause:—

Notwithstanding anything in this or any other Act or law contained, a wife, whether married before or after the passage of this Act, shall henceforth be entitled, for her sole and separate use and benefit, to a life interest in an undivided one-third portion of her husband's real estate, and interests in real estate, free from the debts, control, or disposition of her husband; and any conveyance, mortgage, charge, transfer, or assurance, made or created by any husband, which shall not be duly executed and assented to by his wife, shall be subject in all respects to her undivided one-third interest in the property affected thereby, and ineffectual to divest her of the same.

The amendment was withdrawn with leave.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 o'clock, p.m.

Thursday, 10th March, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Reid*.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act respecting the 'Mineral Act, 1884,' and the 'Mineral Amendment Act, 1886.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Stenhouse* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lien Act, 1879.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

Whereas the election of members to the Legislative Assembly took place on the 7th of July last, and the Hon. *John Robson*, Provincial Secretary, Minister of Finance and Agriculture, and Minister of Mines, was a candidate for election to represent the District of *New Westminster*; and whereas the documents submitted by the Public Accounts Committee show that the said *John Robson* acted as Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and gave orders for the expenditure of large sums of public money upon the roads and bridges throughout that district, during the time he was travelling through the constituency soliciting the votes and support of the electors, and that such orders were recognized by the Lands and Works Department, and the money was paid out of the Treasury. This House is of opinion that the said *John Robson* has been guilty of using undue influence in order to procure his election to this Assembly, and has acted in the capacity of Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works without the authority the Statute provides, and has proved himself an improper person to act as a member of the Executive Council and an adviser of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Semlin,
Grant,

Stenhouse
Ladner,

Bole,
Beaven,

Orr,
McLeese—8.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Anderson,
Cowan
Davie, T.,
John,

Mason,
Davie, A. E. B.,
Allen,
Vernon,

Turner,
Baker,
Martin,
Croft,

Thomson,
Dunsmuir,
Higgins—15.

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

Mr. *T. Davie* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Standing Committee upon Railways have the honour to report "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay and Athabasca Railway Company," which was referred back to them by Order of the House, and your Committee append herewith the Bill as finally passed by them.

THEODORE DAVIE,
Chairman.

Victoria, March 10th, 1887.

The Report was read and received.

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

Friday, 11th March, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Reid*

Mr. Speaker gave his written decision on the point of order as to whether a Member was bound to lay upon the table of the House a private letter, portions of which he had cited during debate, as follows:—

"There is no rule requiring the production to the House of any private letters, memoranda or documents which have been cited or quoted from during debate. (*See May's Parliamentary Practice*, 8th edition, pp. 350 & 351; *Bowring*, edition of 1884, p. 347; *Canadian Hansard*, 1877 pp. 511 & 512, and pp. 584 to 588.)"

Mr. *Turner*, as Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the conduct of the last general election in the City of *Victoria*, asked whether the Committee, after having already reported to the House, could present another report.

Mr. Speaker:—"The Committee not being empowered to report from time to time, its proceedings are considered as ended. (*See May*, p. 430)."

Colonel *Baker* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

The Report was read and received, and is as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

I have the honour to report that the following Bills were brought before the Private Bills Committee, and the preambles and amendments proved, and the Bills are submitted for the consideration of the House:—

"An Act to enable the Trustees of the Victoria Fire Department Charitable Association to distribute the assets of the said Association among the members thereof."

"An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886.'"

JAMES BAKER,
Chairman.

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

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all correspondence, telegrams and communications, Orders in Council, and reports of the Superintendent of Police, in any way relating to the appointment of a special police force to preserve the peace within the Municipal limits of the City of *Vancouver*.

The motion was negatived.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Department of Lands and Works and any officer of the Government, or any other person, having reference to a piece of land on the north side of *Burrard Inlet*, and described as lying to the north of Lot 204, Group 1, *New Westminster District*.

Mr. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Court Jurisdiction Act, 1885.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Martin* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to abolish imprisonment for debt."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

According to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors' Act, 1883.'"

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

Report Ordered to be considered on Monday next.

According to Order, Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1885,'" was read a second time and committed.

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

Report Ordered to be considered on Monday next.

The Honourable 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:—

CLEMENT F. CORNWALL.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province of British Columbia for the year ending 30th June, 1888; and, in accordance with the provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867," he recommends these Estimates to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

11th March, 1887.

Ordered, That the said Message, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be considered forthwith and referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 14th March, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Petition from the Reeve and Council of the Municipality of *Chilliwack* (*re* Indian Reserves).

Laid on the table.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of the following papers, &c.:—Specifications for construction of the *Asheroft* Bridge; contract for constructing said bridge; correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and the following parties, viz., the Bridge Company, or any one on its behalf; the Provincial Superintendent of construction, or any other person in relation to the construction or condition of said bridge.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

On the Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Supply,

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

"That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 o'clock, p.m.

Tuesday, 15th March, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *Scriven*.

The Petition from the Reeve and Council of the Municipality of *Chilliwack* (*re* Indian Reserves), was read and received, and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Allen* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to visit and inspect the *Victoria New Gaol*.

The Report was read and received, and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Higgins* presented a Report from the Select Committee to whom was referred Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ballot Act, 1877,'" reporting a Bill.

The Report was read and received.

On the motion of Mr. *Orr*, the Order for the House to again resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ballot Act, 1877,'" was discharged.

On the motion of Mr. *Higgins*, Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ballot Act, 1877,'" was read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of all correspondence between the Department of Lands and Works and any officer of the Government, or any other person, having reference to a piece of land on the north side of *Burrard Inlet*, and described as lying to the north of Lot 204, Group 1, *New Westminster District*.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to consider amendments to the Mining Laws, reporting a Bill.

The Report was read and received.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Davie*, Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1884,'" was read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order the adjourned debate on the motion—"That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair," for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply, was resumed.

At 5.10 p. m., Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, for want of a quorum, until 7.30 p. m.; the following Members being present at the time of adjournment:—Messrs. *A. E. B. Davie*, *Semlin*, *Grant*, *Bole*, *Orr*, *Anderson*, *McLeese*.

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

The debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to repeal 'An Act for the preservation of the peace within the Municipal limits of the City of Vancouver.'"

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Semlin,
Grant,
Stenhouse,

Ladner,
Anderson,

Bole,
Beaven

Orr,
McLeese—9.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Davie, T.,
John,
Mason,

Davie, A. E. B.,
Allen,
Vernon,

Turner,
Baker,
Robson,

Croft,
Thomson,
Dunsmuir—12

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

That the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the conduct of the last general election for the City of *Victoria* be empowered to take further evidence, and to report to the House from time to time, as occasion may require.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.25 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 16th March, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Beanlands*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented Petitions as follows:—

From the residents of *New Westminster District* (re liquor traffic);

From the residents of *Cowichan* (re liquor traffic);

From the settlers of *Chilliwack* (asking appropriation in aid of dyking scheme).

The Petitions were laid on the table.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1878.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. *Higgins* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Amendment Act, 1878,' and the 'Assessment Amending Act, 1880.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Thomson*, seconded by Mr. *Dunsmuir*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will recommend to the Dominion Government the expediency of establishing a weekly mail service between *Nanaimo* and the important and flourishing District of *Alberni*.

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

Whereas owing to scarcity of water for purposes of irrigation, a very large area of agricultural land on the Mainland of British Columbia (to the east of the Cascade Range) cannot be brought under cultivation, and the irrigation of such areas of land is beyond the means of individual holders;

And whereas a large population would be introduced, and a corresponding revenue secured, if such lands were settled on and cultivated;

Be it therefore resolved, that a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to take into consideration the advisability of offering a bonus for the successful raising of water in quantities sufficient for agricultural purposes.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking His Honour to strongly urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of having a geological survey made of the Selkirk Range, on the western side of the *Upper Kootenay* and *Columbia Valleys*, similar in character to the geological survey which has already been made of the Rocky Mountain Range on the eastern side of those valleys.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act respecting the reservation of points of law in criminal cases."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. *Stenhouse* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following questions:—

What were the reasons which led to the dismissal of Mr. *Thos. H. Beckensell* from the constableness of *Comox*, in July last?

Did these reasons exist before the general election in that month?

And if so, why was the constable continued in office till after the election?

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

"The dismissal of Mr. *Beckensell* was not considered by the Government before the elections. The dismissal took effect on 31st August, 1886, and not in July, and proceeded on the score of economy in the public service."

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

Is it the intention of the Government to renew the *Courtenay River* Bridge, so as to maintain communication between the settlers on both sides of the river, and secure the connection of the *Qualicum* Road (specified in the estimates) with the colonization roads further north?

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

"It is the intention to do whatever may be found necessary."

According to Order, Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Friday next.

With leave of the House, Mr. *T. Davie* presented a Report from the Select Committee on Railways.

The Report was read and received, and is as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Railway Committee beg to report the preamble proved of "An Act to Incorporate the New Westminster Southern Railway Company;" and your Committee herewith append the Bill as passed by them.

THEODORE DAVIE,
Chairman.

Victoria, March 16th, 1887.

According to Order, Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to enable the Trustees of the Victoria Fire Department Charitable Association to distribute the assets of the said Association among the members thereof," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Friday next.

According to Order, Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay and Athabasca Railway Company," was read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Thomson*, 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 eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 o'clock, p. m.