
Monday, the 20th day of March, 1871.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Carrall; Messrs. De Cosmos, Nelson, Alston.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Loan Investment Bill was read second time.
Ordered to be committed on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. DeCosmos asked leave to bring in Bankruptcy Exemption Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted and the Bill read first time.

The Bill was read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Wednesday next.

Then, on the motion of Mr. DeCosmos, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Tuesday, the 21st day of March, 1871.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Carrall; Messrs. Nathan, Cornwall, DeCosmos, Bunster, Pemberton, Nelson, Alston.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

Message No. 34.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor has received the Resolution of the Honourable Legislative Council, requesting that a Bill may be submitted to them for the prevention of Bulls and Stallions running at large during certain months of the year.

While agreeing with the Council in regarding such a measure as desirable, the Governor fears that sudden legislation upon this subject, without notice, might have the effect of causing misapprehension and possible disturbance on the part of the Indian Tribes, who would be affected by the provisions it is intended to establish. The Governor proposes, therefore, as a first step, to warn the Indians, through the Magistrates in the several Districts, of the regulations which are to be in future enforced, and thus prepare the way for the Act, which, under these circumstances, he thinks it would be preferable to postpone until the next Session of the Legislature.

Government House,

20th March, 1871.

A further Message read as follows:—

Message No. 35.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards herewith, for the consideration of the Honourable Legislative Council, a Bill entitled "An Act to repeal certain Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations."

Government House,

20th March, 1871.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, Ordered that the Bill be now read a first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. DeCosmos gave a notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Phillippo gave a notice of motion.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Toll Charter Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed at once.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

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

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Bill now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "An Act to enable the Government to grant Charters for Tolls."

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Controverted Elections Bill.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Civil List Bill, and the question put "That I do leave the Chair,"

Mr. DeCosmos moved in amendment, Mr. Nelson seconding,—

That this Council instructs the Committee of the whole to alter the Civil List Bill now before the House, so as to confine the operation of the Bill to the offices and salaries of the Colonial Secretary, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and Attorney General.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 5, *Noes* 8.

The names being taken down, on request, as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
Messrs. Nathan,	The Hon. Messrs. Phillippo,
Nelson,	Hamley,
DeCosmos,	Helmcken,
Humphreys,	Carrall,
Bunster.	O'Reilly,
	Cornwall,
	Alston,
	Pemberton.

So the amendment was lost.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

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

Ordered that the report be adopted, and leave granted the first thing to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Phillippo, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Wednesday, the 22nd day of March, 1871.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken, Carrall; Messrs. Nathan, DeCosmos, Bunster, Humphreys, Alston, Pemberton, Cornwall, Skinner, O'Reilly.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

Message No. 36.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Act to regulate Elections of Members of the Legislature of the Colony."

*Government House,
22nd March, 1871.*

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Civil List Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

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

Ordered that the Report be adopted and leave granted to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the seconding reading of the Telegraph Regulation Bill,

Mr. Alston moved, Mr. Humphreys seconding,—

That the Bill be now read second time.

Mr. Helmcken moved in amendment, the Attorney General seconding,—

That the Bill be read second time this day six months.

Whereupon a debate arose, which having terminated the Council divided.

Ayes 6, Noes 5.

Ayes.

Noes.

The Hon. Messrs. Phillippo,
Hamley,
Helmcken,
Carrall,
Messrs. O'Reilly,
Pemberton.

Messrs. Humphreys,
DeCosmos,
Bunster,
Skinner,
Alston.

So the amendment was carried and it was Ordered that the Bill be read second time this day six months.

Then, on the motion of Mr. Humphreys, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, the 23rd day of March, 1871.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken, Carrall; Messrs. DeCosmos, Bunster, Pemberton, Alston, Nathan, O'Reilly, Skinner, Humphreys.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Civil List Bill, and the question put "That I do leave the Chair," the Council divided.

Ayes 7, Noes 4.

The names, on request, were taken down by the Clerk as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
The Hon. Messrs. Helmcken, Phillippo, Hamley, Carrall, Messrs. O'Reilly, Pemberton, Alston.	Messrs. Nathan, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Bunster.

So the question was carried, and the Council went into Committee accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

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

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Bill read third time.

Bill read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "An Act to provide for a permanent Civil List."

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Loan Investment Bill, Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Cattle Exemption Bill was read second time. Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Statute Repeal Bill was read second time. Ordered to be committed at once.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pemberton in the Chair of the Committee.

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

Ordered that the report be adopted, and the Bill read third time at once.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and that its title be "An Act to repeal certain Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. DeCosmos moved, Mr. Humphreys seconding,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that any documents showing how the Telegraph line between Victoria and Cariboo is managed, and the nature of the pecuniary liabilities and privileges of the Government respecting the same, be laid before this House.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 5, Noes 4.

So it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Phillippo asked leave to bring in Charitable Institutions Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted, and the Bill read first time now.

Bill read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. DeCosmos moved, Mr. Nelson seconding,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the sum of \$500 be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates, for the purpose of clearing and improving the Road from New Westminster along the North Arm of Fraser River, known as the North Arm Road.

Question put and carried.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Bunster moved, Mr. Nathan seconding,—

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to allow the Steamer "Isabel" to enter the Harbours of Victoria and Nanaimo free of port charges, in consideration of the said Steamer carrying the Mails free from the American shore, and making two trips per week to Victoria.

On the question being put it was carried in the affirmative and Resolved accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, Mr. Nathan asked leave to bring in Municipal School Aid Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted and the Bill now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of Mr. Humphreys, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Friday, the 24th day of March, 1871.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken, Carrall; Messrs. Alston, Nathan, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Pemberton, Bunster, Skinner.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

Message No. 37.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards herewith, for the consideration of the Honourable Legislative Council, a Bill entitled "An Act for compiling and printing a new edition of the Laws of British Columbia."

*Government House,
24th March, 1871.*

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that the Bill be now read first time.

Ordered accordingly, and Bill read first time.

Ordered to be read second time.

Bill read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed later in the day.

A further Message read as follows:—

Message No. 38.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards for the information of the Honourable Legislative Council, a copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State, on the subject of the Ordinance passed by the late Council at its last Session "to prevent desertion from Merchant Ships," and he submits for their consideration a Bill which has been prepared to give effect to the suggestions of the Secretary of State.

*Government House,
24th March, 1871.*

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, Ordered that the Bill be now read a first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Second reading ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. Humphreys spoke to a question of privilege.

On the Order of the day being read for the Committal of the Loan Investment Bill,
Ordered to be postponed till to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read therefor,
The committal of the Cattle Exemption Bill was ordered to be postponed till to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read therefor,
The committal of the Controverted Elections Bill was ordered to be postponed till to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Charitable Associations Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed at once.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Skinner in the Chair of the Committee.

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

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Bill now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "An Act to incorporate Charitable, Philanthropic, and Provident Associations."

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Municipal School Aid Bill,

Ordered to be postponed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Compilation of Laws Bill was committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Skinner in the Chair of the Committee.

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

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "An Act for compiling and printing a new edition of the Laws of British Columbia."

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

Message No. 39.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor forwards herewith, for the consideration of the Honourable Legislative Council, a Bill entitled "An Act to abolish Road Tolls on all articles coming from the Interior of the Colony."

*Government House,
24th March, 1871.*

On motion of the Hon. the Attorney General,

Bill read first and second times.

Ordered to be committed at once.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

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

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Bill read third time at once.

Read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "An Act to abolish Road Tolls on articles coming from the Interior of the Colony in the direction of the Seaboard."

Then, on the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the Council adjourned till 11 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, the 27th day of March, 1871.

The Council met at 11 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present,—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken, Carrall; Messrs. Alston, DeCosmos, Nelson, Skinner, Humphreys, Bunster, O'Reilly, Pemberton.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, read as follows:—

Message No. 40.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to a Bill entitled "An Act to enable the Governor to grant Charters for Tolls."

*Government House,
24th March, 1871.*

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Loan Investment Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Hamley in the Chair of the Committee.

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

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Bill read third time.

Read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "An Act to amend the Loan Investment Ordinance, 1869."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Cattle Exemption Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Skinner in the Chair of the Committee.

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

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Bill read third time.

Read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "An Act to exempt (in certain cases) Cattle farmed on shares, and their increase, from the operation of any Bankruptcy or Insolvency Laws."

A further Message read as follows,—

Message No. 41.

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, on behalf of Her Majesty, to the Bills entitled respectively—

"An Act to repeal certain Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations,"

"An Act to prevent Bribery, Treating, and Undue Influence at Elections of Members of the Legislature."

*Government House,
27th March, 1871.*

Mr. DeCosmos moved the suspension of Standing Orders.

Motion negatived.

Council adjourned during pleasure.

Pursuant to Order, the Merchant Shipping Bill was read second time.

The Council went into Committee on the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

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

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Bill read third time.

Bill read third time, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass and its title be "An Act to prevent desertion from Merchant Ships."

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Council went into Committee on the Controverted Elections Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Alston in the Chair of the Committee.

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

Ordered that the Report be adopted and the Bill read third time.

Read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved that this Bill do pass, and its title be "An Act to make provision for enquiring into Controverted Elections and disputed Returns of Members to serve in the Legislature."

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Municipal School Aid Bill,

Bill withdrawn by leave.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Helmcken, the Council adjourned till 2.30 p.m. to-morrow.

Tuesday, the 28th day of March, 1871.

The Council met at 2.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Present.—The Hon. Messrs. Hankin, Phillippo, Hamley, Helmcken, Carrall; Messrs. DeCosmos, Bunster, Pemberton, Alston, Nathan, Nelson, Skinner, Humphreys.
The Minutes of the previous Meeting read and confirmed.

His Excellency the Governor, attended by his Private Secretary, then entered the Council Chamber, and, having occupied the Speaker's Chair, delivered the following Speech proroguing the Council:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable Legislative Council.

The period has now arrived when I may with propriety relieve you from further attendance on Legislative duties, as you have had under your consideration all those subjects with which it is expedient to deal at the present time.

I have received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies an intimation of the satisfaction with which Her Majesty's Government have regarded the intelligence of the unanimous passing of your Address to the Queen, praying for Union with the

Dominion of Canada. There is no reason to doubt that the Parliament of the Dominion will also adopt a similar course during their Session. We may now, therefore, confidently anticipate that within a short time the formal declaration of Union will be proclaimed.

I entertain the strongest hope, and indeed cherish the assurance, that this coming event will be the commencement of a new and prosperous era for the Community. The arrangements by which it will be inaugurated are most favourable to this Province of the Dominion; and it will only remain for the good sense, moderation, and prudence of the people so to use their advantages, and the circumstances by which they are surrounded, as to obtain a happy issue from the material benefits, and the working of the free Political Institutions which are about to be established.

At the conclusion of a Session begun under so great a sense of responsibility, and with so many important duties incumbent upon us in the arrangements necessary for the future, I congratulate you on the manner in which the business has been conducted, and upon the success of your labours. In the measures which I have recommended to you, I have been guided by the experience which I have acquired of the working of Representative Institutions under different circumstances in several other Colonies. No human precautions are perfect, and doubtless imperfections will be discovered, which from time to time will require correction. But I am confident the practical test of experiment will justify the wisdom of the principles upon which we have proceeded in shaping the political machinery for the future administration of the Local Government, and the enactments by which we have endeavoured to carry those principles into action. With regard to one of these, the Civil List Act, which is in fact ancillary to the Constitution Act, some erroneous impressions have been received. The measure was not intended to render the several Departments of the Public Service independent of the Legislature of the Colony, nor can it have that effect. It will not prevent the dismissal of any official for misconduct, nor be an obstacle to systematic remodelling of Public Departments. But experience has shewn, without exception, that the tendency of "Responsible Government" in small communities is to increase public expenditure, and to provide for party followers at the expense of public interests. The operation of the "Civil List Act," while it affords a certain protection to individuals now in the Public Service from unjust removal, is mainly valuable as a restraint upon the Executive authority, and to prevent any alteration or increase of existing Departments, without the well considered sanction of the Legislature. There is nothing contained in the Act to prevent amendment or modification whenever such a course shall be deliberately and constitutionally adopted.

Your existence as the first Representative Legislature of the United Colonies of British Columbia and Vancouver Island will be ephemeral. Another of the measures to which I have referred will be the cause of your own extinction and the substitution of a larger and differently constituted Legislative Body. But your Members may reflect with pride that to you has been confided the privilege of deciding upon the most important questions which have hitherto arisen, or are likely to arise for years to come, in the history of the Colony; to you belongs the honour of extending the limits of the British American Confederation to the shores of the Pacific, and of cementing the foundations of a great and prosperous state, whose future promises to be enlightened and progressive.

For myself I feel proud that I have been permitted to participate with you in this work. But, one of its effects will probably be soon to terminate my official connection with the Colony. I may not again meet the Legislature in Session assembled; and I embrace this opportunity to express my thanks for the support which I have always obtained at your hands and my acknowledgment of the harmonious relations subsisting between the Legislature and myself during the whole period of my administration. Whatever may be my future fortune, I shall carry away with me from British Columbia, and I hope you will retain, a pleasant recollection of good feeling and mutual assistance in accomplishing the work which we undertook to perform.

I now prouge your Honourable Council, and the same is hereby prouged accordingly.
