

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

SESSION, 1890.

Thursday, 23rd January, 1890.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

This being the first day of the fourth 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-sixth day of December, 1889.

Sir *Matthew Baillie Begbie*, Knight, Chief Justice of British Columbia, the Officer Administering the Government of the Province of British Columbia, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson*, Provincial Secretary, said —

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:*

I am commanded by His Honour the Officer Administering the Government to announce that he does not see fit to declare the causes of summoning you at this time, until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body, His Honour hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, the reasons for calling you together.

Sir *Matthew Baillie Begbie*, Knight, the Officer Administering the Government, was then pleased to retire.

Mr. *Cowan*, addressing himself to the Clerk (who standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker *David Williams Higgins*, Esquire, Member representing *Esquimalt District*, which motion was seconded by Mr. *Duck*.

And the Clerk having declared the Hon. *David W. Higgins*, Esquire, duly elected, he was taken out of his place by the Mover and Seconder, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair, and the Mace was laid upon the table.

Sir *Matthew Baillie Begbie*, Knight, the Officer Administering the Government, again entered the House, and taking his seat on the Throne, the Speaker elect then spoke to the following effect:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to the person of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from His Honour the most favourable interpretation.

Then the Honourable Mr. *Robson* said—

MR. SPEAKER:

I am commanded to declare to you that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

Sir *Matthew Baillie Begbie*, Knight, on behalf of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious speech:—

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

In meeting you at this, your last Session, it is gratifying to be in a position to congratulate you upon the general prosperity which has crowned the past year, and the cheering outlook for the future.

The visit of His Excellency the Governor-General, with which the Province has recently been honoured, will, doubtless, exert a beneficial influence, and tend still further to attach our people to the person and throne of our Gracious Queen and the rest of this great Dominion.

There has been a healthy improvement in almost every source of revenue, and the receipts during the past fiscal year exceeded your estimate by nearly twenty per cent., while there is every reason to anticipate a still greater excess at the end of the current year.

Although there has been a slight decrease in the yield of our gold mines, the outlook is more hopeful than at any previous period.

The experimental works established under your authority at Cariboo, have demonstrated the practicability of the successful and profitable treatment of the refractory ores in which that region abounds.

The discovery of rich and extensive ledges in Kootenay is attracting the attention of miners and capitalists, and there is every reason for anticipating the early commencement of quartz mining on an extensive scale. It will be for you to consider whether that desirable result should be accelerated by improved means of communication.

My Ministers have for some time been urging upon the Dominion Government the importance of facilitating mineral development in the railway belt on the Mainland, by placing the sole administration in the Province. The subject is now occupying the attention of the Executive Council, and I confidently anticipate being in a position to place the result before you during the present Session.

The output of our coal mines has been larger than that of any previous period, and nearly twenty-five per cent. more than the year before, with every prospect of continuing increase.

Although in the important industry of Agriculture there is, doubtless, great scope for improvement, the exhibition at New Westminster last Fall indicated encouraging progress; and I am glad to observe an organized movement, having for its object the promotion of fruit-culture, for which many localities in the Province are eminently adapted.

Our fisheries have yielded up a more than usually abundant harvest, and there is every reason to expect that this industry will, with proper encouragement, continue to expand.

There has been less progress in the development of our great forest wealth than was anticipated; but the large milling establishments projected and in course of erection leave no room to doubt that this important industry is on the eve of great expansion.

The protection of our people in the exercise of their rights in Behring Sea and indemnification for the past has been kept before the Dominion Government; and although delay has been very hurtful to the sealing industry, and trying to those who have been deprived of their property, there is reason to hope for an early settlement.

In order to successfully utilize the volume of immigration steadily coming to our shores, it is essential that extensive explorations and surveys be carried out; and you will be asked to make liberal provision for that purpose.

Since the present basis of the representation of the people in this House was fixed, increase of population and other changes have rendered additional representation and a re-adjustment of constituencies necessary. A measure for that purpose will be submitted to you.

The several railway Bills passed by you, although, so far, not advanced by the actual construction of any new roads, have attracted capital; and there is every reason to believe that, in the near future, railway works of magnitude will be commenced and actively prosecuted within the Province. You will be invited to consider the expediency of facilitating the prosecution of these enterprises.

Legislation will be submitted to you defining the law regulating the liability of employers for personal injuries to workmen; to allow coal prospecting upon lands held under timber lease; and to re-arrange the limits of the County Courts of New Westminster, Yale, Cariboo, and Nanaimo.

The appointment by the Dominion Government of County Court Judges throughout the Province renders the Small Debts Act no longer necessary, and a measure will be introduced for its repeal. A Bill will also be introduced to amend the "Legal Professions Act," so as to permit of the call and admission of practitioners from other countries, without the requirement of lengthened residence.

The public accounts will be laid before you, and the estimates of revenue and expenditure will be presented at an early stage of the Session.

I now leave you to your deliberations, with confidence that your labours will be devoted to the best interests of the Province.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

Prayers by the Lord Bishop of British Columbia.

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

Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Registrar of the Supreme Court Certificates of the election and return of Messrs. *T. Davie*, *T. Cunningham*, *A. W. Smith*, and *A. Haslam*.

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

Certificates read by the Clerk as follows:—

"SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

"*Thornton Fell, Esq.*,

"17th January, 1890.

"*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Victoria:*

"Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly in consequence of the death of the Honourable *Robert Dunsmuir*, a member for the Electoral District of *Nanaimo*.

"And whereas on the 3rd day of June, A. D. 1889, a writ for the election of a member to represent such District was duly issued to *Marshal Bray, Esq.*, the Returning Officer of the said District.

"Now I do hereby certify that on the 15th day of June, 1889, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate attached, whereby it appears that *Andrew Haslam, Esquire*, has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, elected a Member to represent the said Electoral District of *Nanaimo* in the Legislative Assembly.

"JAMES C. PREVOST,

"*Registrar Supreme Court of British Columbia.*"

"SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

"*Thornton Fell, Esq.,*

"17th January, 1890.

"*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Victoria.*

"Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly in consequence of the acceptance of office of the Honourable *Theodore Davie*, a Member for the Electoral District of *Victoria City*.

"And whereas on the 5th day of August, A. D. 1889, a Writ for the election of a Member to represent such District was duly issued to *James E. McMillan*, Esquire, the Returning Officer of the said District.

"Now I do hereby certify that, on the 23rd day of August, A. D. 1889, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate attached, whereby it appears that the Honourable *Theodore Davie* has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, elected a Member to represent the said *Victoria City* in the Legislative Assembly.

"JAMES C. PREVOST,

"*Registrar Supreme Court of British Columbia.*"

"SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

"*Thornton Fell, Esq.,*

"17th January, 1890.

"*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Victoria :*

"Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly in consequence of the death of the Honourable *Alexander Edmund Batson Davie*, a Member for the Electoral District of *Lillooet*.

"And whereas on the 29th day of August, A. D. 1889, a Writ for the election of a Member to represent such District was duly issued to *F. Soues*, Esq., the Returning Officer for the said Electoral District.

"Now I do hereby certify that on the 26th day of September, 1889, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate attached, whereby it appears that *Alfred Wellington Smith*, Esquire, has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, elected a Member to represent the said Electoral District of *Lillooet* in the Legislative Assembly.

"JAMES C. PREVOST,

"*Registrar Supreme Court of British Columbia.*"

"SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

"*Thornton Fell, Esq.,*

"17th January, 1890.

"*Clerk Legislative Assembly, Victoria :*

"Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly in consequence of the resignation of *William Norman Bole*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *New Westminster City*.

"And whereas on the 29th day of October, A. D. 1889, a Writ for the election of a Member to represent such District was duly issued to *C. Warwick*, Esquire, the Returning Officer for the said Electoral District.

"Now I do hereby certify that on the 28th day of November, 1889, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate attached, whereby it appears that *Thomas Cunningham*, Esquire, has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, elected a member to represent the said Electoral District of *New Westminster City* in the Legislative Assembly.

"JAMES C. PREVOST,

"*Registrar Supreme Court of British Columbia.*"

The Honourable Mr. *T. Davie*, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. Mr. *Robson* and the Hon. Mr. *Turner*, and took his seat.

Mr. *Thos. Cunningham*, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. Mr. *Robson* and the Hon. Mr. *Turner*, and took his seat.

Mr. *A. W. Smith*, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. Mr. *Davie* and Mr. *Allen*, and took his seat.

*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.

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

*Resolved*, That the Speech of His Honour the Officer Administering the Government be taken into consideration on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock on Monday, the 27th instant.

And then the House adjourned at 3:40 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 27th January, 1890.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

Mr. *T. Cunningham* moved, seconded by Mr. *A. W. Smith*,—

1. That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking him for his gracious Speech at the opening of the Fourth Session of the fifth term of the Provincial Legislature, and assuring him that we rejoice with him at the general prosperity which has crowned the past and the cheering outlook for the future.

2. That we share with His Honour the view that the visit of His Excellency the Governor-General, with which the Province has recently been honoured, will, doubtless, exert a beneficial influence, and tend still further to attach our people to the person and throne of our Gracious Queen and the rest of this great Dominion.

3. That we are glad to be informed there has been a healthy improvement in almost every source of revenue, and the receipts during the past fiscal year exceeded our estimate by nearly twenty per cent., while there is every reason to anticipate a still greater excess at the end of the current year.

4. That we are pleased to hear that although there has been a slight decrease in the yield of our gold mines, the outlook is more hopeful than at any previous period.

5. That it is gratifying for us to learn that the experimental works established under our authority at Cariboo have demonstrated the practicability of the successful and profitable treatment of the refractory ores in which that region abounds.

6. That we cordially agree with His Honour that the discovery of rich and extensive ledges in Kootenay is attracting the attention of miners and capitalists, and there is every reason for anticipating the early commencement of quartz mining on an extensive scale. The consideration whether that desirable result should be accelerated by improved means of communication will receive our attention.

7. That we are glad to hear that His Honour's Ministers have for some time been urging upon the Dominion Government the importance of facilitating mineral development in the railway belt on the Mainland, by placing the sole administration in the Province, and that the subject is now occupying the attention of the Executive Council, and we are thankful for the assurance that His Honour anticipates being in a position to place the result before us during the present Session.

8. That we are pleased to hear that the output of our coal mines has been larger than that of any previous period, and nearly twenty-five per cent. more than the year before, and that there is every prospect of a continuing increase.

9. That although we recognize that in the important industry of Agriculture there is, doubtless, great scope for improvement, it is with much pleasure we learn that the exhibition at New Westminster last Fall indicated encouraging progress, and that an organized movement, having for its object the promotion of fruit-culture, for which many localities in the Province are eminently adapted, has been set on foot.

10. That we rejoice to learn that our fisheries have yielded up a more than usually abundant harvest, and that there is every reason to expect that this industry will, with proper encouragement, continue to expand.

11. That while we hear with regret that there has been less progress in the development of our great forest wealth than was anticipated, we are glad to hear that the large milling establishments projected and in course of erection leave no room to doubt that this important industry is on the eve of great expansion.

12. That we are glad to learn that the protection of our people in the exercise of their rights in Behring Sea and indemnification for the past has been kept before the Dominion Government; and we thank His Honour for the assurance that, although delay has been very hurtful to the sealing industry and trying to those who have been deprived of their property, there is reason to hope for an early settlement.

13. That we note with interest that in order to successfully utilize the volume of immigration steadily coming to our shores, it is essential that extensive explorations and surveys be carried out, and that we will be asked to make liberal provision for that purpose.

14. That we agree with His Honour that since the present basis of the representation of the people in this House was fixed, increase of population and other changes have rendered additional representation and a re-adjustment of constituencies necessary. We will give due attention to any measure which may be submitted to us for that purpose.

15. That it affords us much satisfaction to learn that the several railway Bills passed by us, although, so far, not advanced by the actual construction of any new roads, have attracted capital, and that there is every reason to believe that, in the near future, railway works of magnitude will be commenced and actively prosecuted within the Province. We observe that we will be invited to consider the expediency of facilitating the prosecution of these enterprises.

16. That we note that legislation will be submitted to us for defining the law regulating the liability of employers for personal injuries to workmen; to allow coal prospecting upon lands held under timber lease; and to re-arrange the limits of the County Courts of New Westminster, Yale, Cariboo, and Nanaimo.

17. That we concur with His Honour in thinking that the appointment by the Dominion Government of County Court Judges throughout the Province renders the Small Debts Act no longer necessary, and are glad to hear that a measure will be introduced for its repeal. We note that a Bill will be also introduced to amend the "Legal Professions Act," so as to permit of the call and admission of practitioners from other countries, without the requirement of lengthened residence.

18. That we thank His Honour for the assurance that the public accounts will be laid before us, and that the estimates of revenue and expenditure will be presented at an early stage of the Session.

A debate arose, which, on motion of Mr. *Grant*, seconded by Mr. *Ladner*, was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:50 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 28th January, 1890.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. *Beanlands*.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented a Petition from *D. Oppenheimer* and others, residents of *Vancouver City*.

Laid on the table.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was resumed, and the Resolution agreed to.

The first to the eighteenth 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. *T. Davie*, 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 Provincial Secretary, the Honourable the Attorney-General, 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. *Cunningham* and *Smith*.

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 Fourth Session of the fifth term of the Provincial Legislature, and we thank Your Honour for your expression of the general prosperity which has crowned the past and the cheering outlook for the future.

We share with Your Honour the view that the visit of His Excellency the Governor-General, with which the Province has recently been honoured, will, doubtless, exert a beneficial influence, and tend still further to attach our people to the person and throne of our Gracious Queen and the rest of this great Dominion.

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While we hear with regret that there has been less progress in the development of our great forest wealth than was anticipated, we are glad to hear that the large milling establishments projected and in course of erection leave no room to doubt that this important industry is on the eve of great expansion.

We are glad to learn that the protection of our people in the exercise of their rights in Behring Sea and indemnification for the past has been kept before the Dominion Government; and we thank Your Honour for the assurance that, although delay has been very hurtful to the sealing industry and trying to those who have been deprived of their property, there is reason to hope for an early settlement.

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We agree with Your Honour that since the present basis of the representation of the people in this House was fixed, increase of population and other changes have rendered additional representation and a re-adjustment of constituencies necessary. We will give due attention to any measure which may be submitted to us for that purpose.

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We note that legislation will be submitted to us for defining the law regulating the liability of employers for personal injuries to workmen; to allow coal prospecting upon lands held under timber lease; and to re-arrange the limits of the County Courts of New Westminster, Yale, Cariboo, and Nanaimo.

We concur with Your Honour in thinking that the appointment by the Dominion Government of County Court Judges throughout the Province renders the Small Debts Act no longer necessary, and are glad to hear that a measure will be introduced for its repeal. We note that a Bill will be also introduced to amend the "Legal Professions Act," so as to permit of the call and admission of practitioners from other countries, without the requirement of lengthened residence.



We thank Your Honour for the assurance that the public accounts will be laid before us, and that the estimates of revenue and expenditure will be presented at an early stage of the Session.

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 Honourable Mr. *Turner* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year ended 30th June, 1889.

Mr. *A. Haslam*, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Honourable Mr. *Robson* and Mr. *Thomson*, and took his seat.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to the House copies of the following documents, viz. :—

Reports from the Superintendent of Education, or the Provincial Secretary, respecting the cancellation of Teachers' Certificates in November, 1879.

All Orders in Council respecting the cancellation of Teachers' Certificates in November, 1879.

The Order in Council authorizing the Hon. *Theodore Davie*, Attorney-General, to produce any of the above documents, or garbled portions of them, at a public meeting held in the *Victoria Theatre* on or about the 17th August, 1889.

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

That all the words after "1879," in line six, be struck out.

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

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday, 3rd February next.

Mr. *Orr* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

What provision will be made for the amendment of the Constitution Act, so as to give the City of *Vancouver*, and the Mainland generally, representation in this House in proportion to its population, wealth, and industries?

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

"The Government cannot supply the information now, but the Hon. Member will find an answer in the measure promised in the opening Speech, when it is laid before the House."

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act,'" was discharged.

With leave of the House the Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

Messrs. *Duck*, *Mason*, *Martin*, *Grant*, and *Beaven* were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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

Messrs. *Baker, Fry, Duck, Allen, Croft, Haslam, Smith, Thomson, Anderson, Tolmie, Nason, Vernon, Grant, Semlin,* and *Mason* were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

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

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

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

Thursday, 30th January, 1890.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. Beanlands.*

The Petition from *D. Oppenheimer* and others, residents of *Vancouver City*, was read and received.

Mr. *Thomson* presented a Petition from *H. Peterson* and others, settlers of *Gabriola Island* (*re* road extension).

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Petition from the *Vancouver Street Railway Company*, the *Vancouver Electric Illuminating Co.*, and the *Vancouver Electric Railway and Light Co.*, (*re* Act to amalgamate the three Companies).

Laid on the table.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the plans, specifications, and all Orders in Council and other papers in any way relating to the construction of the bridge from the Mainland to *Sea Island*, and from *Sea Island* to *Lulu Island*, across the *North Arm* of the *Fraser River*, in *New Westminster District*, together with a statement of all moneys paid on account of the same, and all moneys due on account of the said bridges. Also the name of the person acting for the Government as Inspector of the said works, together with his report thereon, and the number of times the said Inspector visited the said works during construction, and the amount paid for said inspection.

Mr. *Cunningham* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Croft*,—

To strike out all the words after "That" and insert the following words:—"a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Haslam, Croft, Orr, Ladner,* and the mover, be appointed to enquire into the causes of the carrying away of a portion of the bridges across the *North Arm* of the *Fraser River*, and into all matters connected with the construction of the said bridges, with power to call for persons, books, and papers, including all Orders in Council (if any), and to report to this House."

Amendment put and carried.

Resolution as amended put and carried.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the amount of Income and Personal Property Tax assessed for the year 1890, in each of the Cities of *Victoria, Nanaimo, New Westminster* and *Vancouver*.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act for establishing a Juvenile Reformatory."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Act, 1888.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licenses Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Smith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Amendment Act, 1889.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed before this House at once the measure proposed as an amendment to the "Constitution Act," so that the policy of the Government may be made known.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Semlin,*  
*Grant,*

*Ladner,*

*Beaven*

*Orr—5*

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Cunningham,*  
*Cowan,*  
*Mason,*  
*Smith,*

*Nason,*  
*Baker,*  
*Robson,*  
*Davie,*

*Vernon,*  
*Duck,*  
*Turner,*  
*Martin,*

*Croft,*  
*Thomson,*  
*Haslam,*  
*Anderson—16.*

*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.

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Friday, 31st January, 1890.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. Beanlands*.

The Petition from *H. Peterson* and others, settlers of *Gabriola Island* (*re* road extension), was ruled out of order, as it asked for an appropriation of public moneys.

The Petition from the *Vancouver Street Railway Co.*, the *Vancouver Electric Illuminating Co.*, and the *Vancouver Electric Railway and Light Co.*, (*re* Act to amalgamate the three Companies), was read and received.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Croft* in the Chair.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill complete without amendment.

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

The adjourned debate on Mr. *Beaven's* resolution, on 28th January, relative to cancellation of Teachers' Certificates, was resumed.

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," and *Resolved* in the negative.

Resolution as amended put and carried.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Registrar of Birth, Deaths, and Marriages.

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

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

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Tuesday, 4th February, 1890.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. E. Starr*.

Colonel *Baker* presented a Petition from *J. D. Pemberton* and others (*re* Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway Bill).

Laid on the table.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act for establishing a Juvenile Reformatory," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Mason* in the Chair.

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

Leave granted for Friday next.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licenses Act,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Martin* in the Chair.

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

Leave granted for to-morrow.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the Election Regulation Amendment Act, 1889," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Tolmie* in the Chair.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Anderson* in the Chair.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Act, 1888,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Ladner* in the Chair.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Duck* in the Chair.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* presented a Return to an Order of the House showing the amount of Income and Personal Property Tax assessed for the year 1890, in each of the cities of *Victoria*, *Nanaimo*, *New Westminster*, and *Vancouver*.

*Ordered* to be printed.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Small Debts Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Thursday next.

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

That an order of this House be granted for a copy of the report of Mr. *Planta*, when acting as Commissioner to enquire into the claims of settlers on the lands embraced within the limits mentioned in "Sumas Dyking Act, 1878," chap. 6, No. 59, Con. Acts.

Motion withdrawn with leave.

The Petition from *J. D. Pemberton* and others (*re* Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway Bill), was withdrawn.

Colonel *Baker* presented a Petition from the Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway Company (*re* amendment of the Act of Incorporation).

Laid on the table.

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

Is it the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to bring in a Bill for the appointment of a Government Scaler of Logs?

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

"The matter is under consideration."

Mr. *Ladner* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 10) 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 on Thursday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:50 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 5th February, 1890.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. E. Starr*.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Semlin*, from *G. D. Rodney* and others, of *Yale*, (re trail from *Yale* to *Siwash Creek*).

By Mr. *Haslam*, from *Thomas Cassidy* and others, residents of *Cedar*, *Cranberry*, *Bright*, and *Oyster* Districts (re operation of "Swine Act").

By Mr. *Orr*, from *W. H. Narston* and others, settlers on *Seymour Creek*, (re water rights in said creek for logging purposes).

The Petition from *J. D. Pemberton* and others (re *Crow's Nest* and *Kootenay Lake* Railway Bill), was read and received.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying for a Return to this House of all Orders in Council, and other documents and papers, relating to the dealing with certain lands "out of the lands known as the Canadian Pacific Railway Belt, authorized by 52 Vic., chap. 7, of the Dominion Statutes, 1889, to be conveyed to the Government of British Columbia, and not exceeding forty-five thousand and thirty-seven acres, for the purpose of making valid certain titles and interests which it has heretofore undertaken to create therein;" together with a full statement of the acreage of lands conveyed by the Dominion Government to the Provincial Government, and all such lands dealt with by the Government of British Columbia; the names of the parties to whom any of the said lands were granted; the number of acres granted to each person, or persons, and the price for which such lands were disposed of; the amount received at the Treasury, and the balance due, if any.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act respecting Railways."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

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

What was the total revenue and expenditure from 1st July to 31st December, 1889?

What was the amount of revenue brought to account at the Treasury during the first six months of the fiscal year 1889-90 on account of land sales?

What amount had the Government to its debit or credit at the Government Bank on 31st December, 1889, and what was the cash balance in the Deputy Treasurer's hands at the same date?

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

"Return of Revenue and Expenditure brought to account at the Treasury from 1st July to 31st December, 1889.

Revenue .....	\$335,161.46
Expenditure .....	493,456.39

"Return of Revenue brought to account at Treasury on account of Land Sales from 1st July to 31st December, 1889.

Total amount .....	\$110,355.18
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"Amount to credit of Government at Bank of British Columbia on 31st December, 1889 .....

.....	\$127,107.64
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"Cash balance in hands of Deputy Treasurer on 31st December, 1889, \$5,366.66"

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licenses Act,'" was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Croft* in the Chair.

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

Leave granted for to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Amendment Act, 1889,'" was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act,'" was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act,'" was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act for establishing a Juvenile Reformatory," was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Mason* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

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

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

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

Friday, 7th February, 1890.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. E. Starr*.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Colonel *Baker*, from *H. Abbott* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company."

By Colonel *Baker*, from *C. D. Rand* and *James Whetham*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Columbia and Carbonate Mountain Railway Company."

By Mr. *Cunningham*, from the Royal City Planing Mills Co., the Hasting Saw-mills Co., and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The British Columbia Mills Trading and Timber Company."

By Mr. *Cunningham*, from the Coquitlam Water Works Company, for a Private Bill to amend their Act of Incorporation.

By Mr. *Cunningham*, from *Benjamin Douglas* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Westminster Street Railway Company."

By Mr. *Cunningham*, from *A. M. Herring* and *Thos. R. McInnes*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The New Westminster Electric Light and Motor Power Company."

By Mr. *Orr*, from *B. Douglas* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company."

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *Thomas Cassidy* and others, residents of *Cedar, Cranberry, Bright, and Oyster* Districts (*re* operation of "Swine Act").

From *W. H. Narston* and others, settlers on *Seymour Creek* (*re* water rights in said creek for logging purposes).

The Petition from *G. D. Rodney* and others, of *Yale* (*re* trail from *Yale* to *Sivash Creek*), was ruled out of order.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of the following documents, viz.:—

Reports from the Superintendent of Education, or the Provincial Secretary, respecting the cancellation of Teachers' Certificates in November, 1879:

All Orders in Council respecting the cancellation of Teachers' Certificates in November, 1879.

Mr. *Martin* presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

MM. SPEAKER:

COMMITTEE ROOMS,  
7th February, 1890.

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report that the Standing Rules and Orders have been complied with in connection with the following Bill, viz.: the "Crow's Nest and Kootenay Railroad."

G. B. MARTIN,  
*Chairman.*

Mr. *Ladner* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1889.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Croft* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bush Fire Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, respectfully requesting that a telegram be forwarded to the Dominion Government at *Ottawa* regarding the unsatisfactory condition of the buoys at the entrance of *Fraser River*, said buoys having been displaced by recent storms, one, the outer buoy, having entirely disappeared; and praying that immediate instructions be telegraphed from *Ottawa* to have this important matter attended to without delay.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a return of the number of voters on the respective Voters' Lists of each of the Electoral Districts throughout the Province up to the latest date.

Mr. *Semlin* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Act, 1889.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Orr* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to include the Polling Division of *Burrard Inlet* in the Polling Division of *Vancouver City* when such city is declared a Polling Division?

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

"I am not in a position to give the Hon. Member the information asked for."



*Ordered*, That the name of Mr. *Ladner* be substituted for the name of Mr. *Semlin* on the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

*Ordered*, That the name of Mr. *Duck* be substituted for the name of Colonel *Baker* on the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act,'" was considered.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to amend clause 2 by striking out all the words after the word "call," in the 13th line, down to and including the word "Barrister," in the 27th line, and by striking out all the words in the 44th line after the word "call," down to and including the word "Solicitor," in the 57th line.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Cunningham* moved to amend section 2 by striking out the words "the Benchers, or some person or persons to be appointed by them," on the 15th and 16th lines of such section, and inserting in lieu thereof "one or more Judges of the Supreme Court."

Carried.

Mr. *Cunningham* moved to amend section 2 by striking out the words "the Benchers, or some person or persons to be appointed by them," on the 47th and 48th lines of such section, and insert in lieu thereof the words "one or more Judges of the Supreme Court."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* moved to amend section 9 by adding thereto—

"In construing the said Imperial Statute, any of the expressions following, that is to say:—'that part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called England and Wales,' 'England or Wales,' 'England,' or 'England and Wales,' as the case may be, wherever used, shall be read as 'British Columbia'; and wherever any of Her Majesty's Superior Courts of Law or Equity are mentioned or referred to, such mention or reference shall be held to mean 'the Supreme Court of British Columbia.'"

Carried.

The Report was *Ordered* to be further considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889,'" with Mr. *Smith* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Monday next.

Mr. *Cunningham* presented the following Report from the Select Committee, *re* accident to the *North Arm Bridge*:—

*To the Hon. the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:*

Your Committee appointed to enquire into the accident to the bridge on the North Arm of Fraser River, have the honour to report that a visit to said bridge is, in their opinion, necessary, and request that leave be granted to the Committee to visit the said bridge to take evidence on the spot.

7th February, 1890.

THOMAS CUNNINGHAM,  
*Chairman*

Read and received.

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

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

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

Tuesday, 11th February, 1890.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. P. McP. McLeod.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Cunningham*, from the *Daily and Weekly News-Advertiser* and *F. C. Cotton*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The News-Advertiser."

By Mr. *Duck*, from *Robert Dexter* (re claim against *Reed Brothers* and the Government).

By Mr. *Martin*, from the Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited, and *Alfred St. George Hammersley*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited."

By Mr. *Semlin*, from *A. Lefevre* and others (re Swine running at large).

By Mr. *Semlin*, from *Norman McDonald* and others (re gazetting roads in *Okanagan Mission Valley*, and re barbed-wire fencing).

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *H. Abbott* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company."

From *C. D. Rand* and *James Whetham*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Columbia and Carbonate Mountain Railway Company."

From the Royal City Planing Mills Co., the Hasting Saw-mills Co., and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The British Columbia Mills Trading and Timber Company."

From the Coquitlam Water Works Company, for a Private Bill to amend their Act of Incorporation.

From *Benjamin Douglas* and others, for a Private Bill to Incorporate "The Westminster Street Railway Company."

From *A. M. Herring* and *Thos. R. McInnes*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The New Westminster Electric Light and Motor Power Company."

From *B. Douglas* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company."

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Eighteenth Annual Report on the Public Schools of the Province, for the year 1888-89.

Mr. *Martin* presented the Second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

COMMITTEE ROOMS,

11th February, 1890.

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report that the Standing Rules and Orders have been complied with in connection with the following Bill, viz.: "An Act to amalgamate the Vancouver Street Railway Co., the Vancouver Electric Railway and Light Co., and the Vancouver Electric Illuminating Co."

G. B. MARTIN,  
Chairman.

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the Vancouver Street Railways Company and the Vancouver Electric Illuminating Company, Limited Liability."

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.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Robson*,—  
That the Public Accounts presented on the 28th January be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Mr. *Beaven* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Orr*,—

To strike out the words on the first line “presented on 28th January,” and insert in lieu thereof “to date.”

Amendment put and carried.

Resolution as amended put and carried.

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

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 the following documents, viz. :—

All correspondence during August and September last, between the Superintendent of Education and the Trustees of the *North Cedar* District School and the teacher, relating to the change of teacher.

All correspondence and telegrams between the Superintendent of Education and the School Trustees of the *Wellington District*, relating to the granting a temporary certificate, and to the appointment of Mr. *Muir* and to his successor's appointment, during July, August, and September.

All correspondence between the Superintendent of Education and the School Trustees and teacher of *English School, Lulu Island*, during the months of October, November, and December last, relating to the closing of the school, the payment of the teacher's salary, and the cancellation of the teacher's certificate.

All correspondence between the School Department and the *Vancouver* School Trustees, in reference to granting a temporary certificate during the past year.

All Orders in Council and reports from the Superintendent of Education respecting the cancellation of teacher's certificates during 1889.

All correspondence between the Superintendent of Education and any teacher of the Province, during the past year, relating to the answers, as required by the department, to questions Nos. 24 and 25 of the monthly report.

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

That all the words after “That” in the first line be struck out, and the following substituted:—

“a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Martin, Croft, Cunningham, Semlin, and Ladner*, be appointed for the purpose of enquiring into all the circumstances connected with the change of teacher of the *North Cedar* District School :

The granting a temporary certificate in the *Wellington District*, and to the appointment of Mr. *Muir* and to his successor's appointment, during July, August, and September :

The closing of *English School, Lulu Island*, the payment of the teacher's salary, and the cancellation of the teacher's certificate, during the months of October, November, and December last :

The granting of a temporary certificate during the past year to a teacher in *Vancouver* :

The cancellation of Miss *Rutherford's* certificate :

The answers by any teacher of the Province to questions Nos. 24 and 25 of the monthly report, during the past year :

With power to call for persons, papers, and other documents bearing on the subject, and to examine witnesses in connection therewith.”

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

To add to the amendment the words “and to report from time to time to this House, with the evidence.”

Amendment to the amendment put and carried.

Amendment as amended put and carried.

Resolution as amended put and carried.

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

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 respecting the cancellation of teachers' certificates during the year 1889.

Mr. *Beaven* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Grant*,—  
To insert after the word "Council" "and Reports of the Superintendent of Education."  
Amendment put and carried.  
Resolution as amendment put and carried.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that the Public Accounts Committee have power to call for copies of any or all Orders in Council which relate to the collection or administration of the revenue since the 30th June, 1887."

Mr. *Orr* moved, seconded by Mr. Colonel *Baker*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to urge on the Dominion Government the necessity of prohibiting the purchase or exportation of the hides of deer killed within the limits of the Province of *British Columbia* for the hides alone.

After considerable debate the Hon. Mr. *Pooley* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Turner*,—

That the Resolution be referred to a Select Committee to consider and report to this House; said Committee to consist of Messrs. *Ladner*, *Smith*, *Vernon*, *Martin* and the mover.  
Amendment put and carried.

Mr. Speaker *Higgins* gave his reserved decision *re* Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licenses Act,'" as follows:—

The question left for my decision is, whether the Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licenses Act,'" has been properly introduced.

The objection of the Hon. Senior Member for Victoria City is, that the Bill should have originated in Committee of the Whole and not in the House.

I find that the Bill originated in the House and not in Committee of the Whole.

In deciding this question I am not required to dip into *May*, *Bourinot*, or any other constitutional authority.

Our own Rules and Orders, bald and meagre though they be, provide for the emergency.

Rule 40 says—"No Bill relating to Trade, or the alteration of the Laws concerning Trade, "is to be brought into the House until the proposition shall have been first considered in a "Committee of the Whole House, and agreed unto by the House."

This Rule, in my opinion, is conclusive. The Bill not having originated in Committee of the Whole has not been properly introduced, and I so rule.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Davie* the Order for the House to again resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on the said Bill was discharged.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act,'" was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* moved—That to rectify a clerical error, section 8 be amended by adding thereto all of the words which occur in section 9, after "Gazette," in line 5; and that section 9 be amended by striking out all the words after "Gazette," in line 5.

Carried.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889,'" with Mr. *Smith* in the Chair.

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 5:50 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 12th February, 1890.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. P. McF. McLeod.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Mr. Thomson, from Geo. Norris and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Nanaimo Telephone Company, Limited."

By Mr. Cunningham, from J. W. Horne and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company."

By Mr. Semlin, from D. Oppenheimer, Harry Abbott, and J. M. Browning, for a Private Bill to Incorporate "The Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company."

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From the *Daily and Weekly News-Advertiser* and F. C. Cotton, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The News-Advertiser."

From A. Lefevre and others (*re* Swine running at large).

From Norman McDonald and others (*re* gazetted roads in Okanagan Mission Valley, and *re* barbed-wire fencing). *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. Martin presented the Third Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,  
February 12th, 1890.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report that the Standing Rules and Orders have been complied with in connection with the following Bills:—

"An Act to construct and operate a Street Railway between the Cities of New Westminster and Vancouver."

"An Act to authorize the construction and operation of a Street Railway in the City of New Westminster."

"An Act to amend the 'Coquitlam Water Works Act, 1886.'"

"An Act to incorporate the New Westminster Electric Light and Motor Power Co."

"An Act to incorporate the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company."

"An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Mills, Timber, and Trading Company."

Your Committee beg to recommend the suspension of the Standing Orders, to admit of receiving Petitions, presenting Private Bills, and reporting, for ten days.

G. B. MARTIN,  
*Chairman.*

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills, presenting Private Bills, and reporting Private Bills to the House, extended seven days from the 13th instant.

Colonel Baker asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

Mr. Cunningham asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coquitlam Water Works Act, 1886.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Cunningham* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Westminster Street Railway Company."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. Mr. *Davie* moved—That Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Small Debts Act,'" be read a second time now.

Mr. *Orr* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Ladner*,—

That the word "now" be struck out and "this day six months" be inserted.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

AYES :

Messieurs

*Semlin,*

*Ladner,*

*Beaven,*

*Orr—4.*

NAYS :

Messieurs

*Cunningham,*

*Robson,*

*Pooley,*

*Thomson,*

*Smith,*

*Davie,*

*Martin,*

*Anderson—11.*

*Nason,*

*Tolmie,*

*Croft,*

The Bill was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Tolmie* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act for establishing a Juvenile Reformatory," was considered.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to amend section 14 by striking out in lines 2 and 3 the following words:—"Efficient management of the said Reformatory may require and also," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "Legislative Assembly may have consented to employ by granting the money payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to pay their salaries, and may also," and by adding the following to the same section:—"All such rules shall be published in the British Columbia Gazette, and shall be laid before the Legislative Assembly within ten days after the then next meeting thereof."

The motion was negatived.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Ladner* moved—That Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1889,'" be read a second time now.

Mr. *Orr* moved in amendment—That all the words after "Bill" be struck out and the following inserted: "be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. *Ladner, Smith, Vernon, Martin, Pooley* and *Croft*."

Amendment put and carried.

Colonel *Baker* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Crow's Nest and Kootenay Railway Company Act, 1888.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bush Fire Act,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Cowan* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave 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 5:45 o'clock, p. m.

Thursday, 13th February, 1890.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *Geo. Norris* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Nanaimo Telephone Company, Limited."

From *J. W. Horne* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company."

From *D. Oppenheimer, Harry Abbott, and J. M. Browning*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company."

The Petition from *Robert Dexter* (*re* claim against *Reed Brothers* and the Government), was ruled out of order, as it asked for pecuniary relief.

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

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

2. Statement of Commons established, shewing Revenue collected for the Fiscal Year ended 30th June, 1889.

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

Colonel *Baker* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

The Report was read, and is as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Standing Committee on Railways have the honour to report the Public Bill intituled the "British Columbia Railway Act," together with the amendments thereto, which they recommend, and a copy of which is hereunto annexed.

Report received.

JAMES BAKER,  
*Chairman.*

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

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

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

Has the money received by the Government from the lands at *Sumas* and *Chilliwack*, conveyed to the Province by the Dominion Government under 52 Vic., chap. 7, Statutes of Canada, been set aside as a fund for the purpose of reclamation, or has it been paid into the Consolidated Reserve Fund, and what amount has been derived from the said land?

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

"No. I am not aware that it was ever intended to so set it aside, and at any rate it could only be done by the Legislature.

"The money has, of course, been paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund. The amount will be given in Returns already asked for."

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889,'" was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Smith* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Duck* presented a Petition from the National Electric Tramway and Lighting Company, Limited Liability, for a Private Bill (*re* extension of corporate powers).

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Anderson* presented a Petition from *T. D. Galpin* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Canadian Pacific Fire Insurance Company, Limited."

Laid on the table.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of all Orders in Council, and other documents and papers, relating to the dealing with certain lands "out of the lands known as the Canadian Pacific Railway Belt, authorized by 52 Vic., chap. 7, of the Dominion Statutes, 1889, to be conveyed to the Government of British Columbia, and not exceeding forty-five thousand and thirty-seven acres, for the purpose of making valid certain titles and interests which it has heretofore undertaken to create therein;" together with a full statement of the acreage of lands conveyed by the Dominion Government to the Provincial Government, and all such lands dealt with by the Government of British Columbia; the names of the parties to whom any of the said lands were granted; the number of acres granted to each person, or persons, and the price for which such lands were disposed of; the amount received at the Treasury, and the balance due, if any.

Mr. *Cunningham* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 20) intitled "An Act to Incorporate the New Westminster Electric Light and Motor Power Company."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

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

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Tuesday, 18th February, 1890.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Cunningham*, from the Corporation of the City of *Vancouver*, for a Private Bill (*re* amendment of Corporate Act).

By Mr. *Cunningham*, from *A. St.G. Hamersley*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited."

By Mr. *Mason*, from *Ira E. Johnson* and others, residents of *Chilcotin District* (*re* construction of bridge over *Chilcotin River*).

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From the National Electric Tramway and Lighting Company, Limited Liability, for a Private Bill (*re* extension of corporate powers).

From *T. D. Galpin* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Canadian Pacific Fire Insurance Company, Limited."

Mr. *Martin* presented the Fourth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY,  
17th February, 1890.

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report that the Standing Orders have been complied with in respect to the following Bills:—

"A Bill to incorporate the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company."

"A Bill to incorporate a Company to be called 'The News-Advertiser.'"

"A Bill to incorporate a Company for the construction, operating and maintaining a Railway from a point on the Columbia River to head waters of Copper Creek or North Fork of Spillemcheen.

G. B. MARTIN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.



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, 1889.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address for copies of all Orders in Council and reports of the Superintendent of Education respecting the Cancellation of Teachers' Certificates during the year 1889.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Cunningham* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to enable the Trustees of the Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster, to sell certain lands, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof."

Leave granted.

On the motion "That the Bill be read a first time now," Mr. *Beaven* raised the point of order that the Bill was a Private Bill and not properly introduced.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Mr. *Orr* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Cunningham* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to incorporate a Company called 'The News-Advertiser.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Cunningham* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Mills, Timber and Trading Company."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. *Duck* presented a Petition from *Robert Dexter* (re claim against *Reed Brothers* and the Government).

Laid on the table.

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

Whereas the Dominion Estimates do not contain a grant of money as a subsidy for conveying the mails between *Victoria* and *New Westminster*, this House is of opinion that a great inconvenience and injury will be done to the farmers, the canners, and others on the *Fraser River*, if the said subsidy is withdrawn, and that an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to draw the attention of the Dominion Government to this question at the earliest possible date.

Mr. *Duck* moved seconded by Mr. *Anderson*,—

That whereas, by the Terms of Union, the management of the Indian Reserves of the Province was assumed by the Dominion Government, in trust for the use and benefit of the Indians ;

And whereas the tribe of Indians known as the Songish Tribe, living on the reserve situate on the west side of the *Victoria Harbour*, are few in number ;

And whereas their close proximity to the City of *Victoria* is undesirable, and tends to retard the growth and prosperity of the said city, and it is expedient that the said tribe should be removed to a more suitable locality, and the control of the said reserve be resumed by the Provincial Government ;

Be it therefore resolved, That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to take whatever steps he may deem necessary to accomplish the above object.

Mr. *Beaven* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Ladner*,—

To strike out all the words after “whereas” on the first line, down to the end of the motion, and insert—

“by section 13 of the Terms of Union, the charge of the Indians and the trusteeship and management of the lands reserved for their use and benefit was assumed by the Dominion Government ;

“And whereas the fee of the land so reserved remains in the Province, and the disposal of the property becomes subject to the control of the Provincial Legislature, as soon as the use for which it was reserved has terminated ;

“And whereas section 119, *Esquimalt District, Victoria Harbour* (Songhees Indian Reservation), is one of such reserves, and its close proximity to the City of *Victoria* renders it an unsuitable place for the residence of the Indians, and it is expedient and in the interest of the few remaining members of the tribe that a more suitable home should be provided for them ;

“And whereas the growth and extension of the city westward is retarded by the land remaining practically useless and unproductive ;

“Be it therefore resolved, That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to take into consideration the expediency of taking such steps as will result in the removal of the Indians of the Songhees Tribe from section 119, *Esquimalt District, Victoria Harbour*, and the securing of a more suitable home for them on land which they can cultivate, and which they may regard as their home for life, and in the subsequent conveyance to the Corporation of the City of *Victoria* of the fee of the said section 119, *Esquimalt District*, with power to the said Corporation to extend its limits so as to include the above section, and to survey the land into streets and into blocks and lots, and to dedicate such streets to the use of the public, and to reserve lots for the use of the Corporation and sell such other lots as the said Corporation may desire, using the net proceeds therefrom for the purposes and benefit of the said Corporation.”

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

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to ascertain the particulars of all reservations of rocks, or rocky land, contained in grants or conveyances of real estate situate in the Districts of *Victoria* or *Esquimalt*, by the *Hudson's Bay Company*, prior to the 1st day of January, 1862; whether any, and if so what, authority was given for the cancellation of such reservations, or any of them; whether any, and what, reservations were cancelled in pursuance of any such authority; and what lands, if any, are still subject to the reservation of rocks, or rocky portions, together with the names of the owners thereof, with power to call for persons, books, and papers, and to report to the House.

Said Committee to consist of Messrs. *Vernon, Beaven, Semlin, Duck, and Croft*.

Colonel *Baker* presented the following Petitions:—

From *D. C. Corbin* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate “The Nelson and Kootenay Lake Railway Company.”

From *D. C. Corbin* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate “The South Kootenay Railway Company.”

From *D. C. Corbin* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate “The West Kootenay Railway Company.”

Laid on the table.

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

That the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—

“That it is desirable to reduce the amount payable for licenses to sell opium outside of a radius of five miles from any City Municipality, to fifty dollars for every six months.”

Accordingly the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Haslam* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

“That it is desirable to reduce the amount payable for licenses to sell opium outside of a radius of five miles from any City Municipality, to fifty dollars for every six months.”

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

Report adopted.

Colonel *Baker* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Columbia and Carbonate Mountain Railway Company.

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

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

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

*Ordered*, That Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act respecting Railways,” be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Act, 1889,’” was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Smith* in the Chair.

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Legal Professions Act,’” was considered.

Upon the motion of Mr. *Duck*, seconded by Mr. *Anderson*, the following was added as clause 3:—

“Any Barrister or Solicitor who shall base his claim for call or admission, upon his having been called or admitted, as the case may be, as a Barrister or Solicitor in some place or Province where Barristers or Solicitors are called or admitted, after a term of study or articles less than five years (except in case of a graduate of a University, as provided in section 32 of the principal Act), must, before call or admission in this Province, serve as a Student-at-Law or under articles for a sufficient time to complete the full term of five years.”

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, section 3 was amended by inserting in line 7, after the word “passing,” the words “or having passed.”

And section 4 was amended by inserting in the second line, after the word “admitted,” the words “or may be admitted.”

Carried.

Report *Ordered* to be considered 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.

Wednesday, 19th February, 1890.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Cunningham*, from *Geo. DeWolf* and *Wm. Chickmay*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The British Columbia Electric Company."

By Mr. *Martin*, from *Ewen E. Olcott*, for a Private Bill (*re* lease of *Yale Creek* and *Hills Bar* for mining purposes).

By Mr. *Martin*, from *E. G. Prior* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Okanagan and Kootenay Railway Company."

By Mr. *Martin*, from the *Vancouver Water Works Company*, for a Private Bill amending their Act of Incorporation.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From the Corporation of the City of *Vancouver*, for a Private Bill (*re* amendment of Corporate Act).

From *A. St.G. Hamersley*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited."

From *D. C. Corbin* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Nelson and Kootenay Lake Railway Company."

From *D. C. Corbin* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The South Kootenay Railway Company."

From *D. C. Corbin* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The West Kootenay Railway Company."

From *Robert Dexter* (*re* claim against *Reed Brothers* and the Government). *Ordered* to be printed.

The Petition from *Ira E. Johnson* and others, residents of *Chilcotin District* (*re* construction of bridge over *Chilcotin River*), was ruled out of order.

Mr. *Smith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Homestead Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Friday next.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the claim of *Robert Dexter* when employed as Foreman on the Cofferdam at *Esquimalt*, between the 1st November, 1878, and the 31st July, 1879; said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Martin*, *Allen*, *Grant*, *Orr*, and the mover, and to have power to call for persons and papers and to report to this House.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bush Fire Act,'" was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Cowan* in the Chair.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Bill was reported complete with amendments. Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

Mr. *Cunningham* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Anderson* in the Chair.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Bill was reported complete with amendments. Report *Ordered* to be considered at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Speaker gave his reserved decision on the point of order raised yesterday by Mr. *Beaven* on the motion for the first reading of Bill No. 22, which was ordered to be placed upon the Journals.

The decision is as follows:—

The Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to enable the Trustees of the Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster, to sell certain lands and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof," proposes to amend or continue an Act passed at the last Session of this House, which Act was introduced by Message from the Lieutenant-Governor.

*May*, 8th edition, page 713, divides Private Bills into two classes. To the first of these classes are relegated Bills affecting Crown, Church, Corporation property, or property held in trust for public or charitable purposes; and Bills for continuing or amending an Act passed for any of the purposes included in this or the second class, when no further work than such as was authorized by a former Act is proposed to be made.

The Bill before me seeks to enable the Trustees of the Royal Columbian Hospital to sell certain Crown lands, held in trust for charitable purposes, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.

Moreover, it proposes to amend or extend the powers conferred by an Act of last Session, which Act was introduced by a Member of the Government, upon the authority of a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor.

The Act of last Session, to authorize and facilitate the sale of the site of the Royal Hospital, having a similar scope as this Bill, was also introduced by Message from the Lieutenant-Governor.

In its present form I am of opinion that the Bill must be ruled out of order. In other words, it must come in as a Private Bill, or be introduced by Message from the Lieutenant-Governor.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the year ending 31st December, 1889.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:30 o'clock, p. m.

Thursday, 20th February, 1890.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

From *Geo. De Wolf* and *Wm. Chickmay*, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The British Columbia Electric Company."

From *Ewen E. Olcott*, for a Private Bill (*re* lease of *Yale Creek* and *Hills Bar* for mining purposes).

From *E. G. Prior* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Okanagan and Kootenay Railway Company."

From the *Vancouver Water Works Company*, for a Private Bill amending their Act of Incorporation.

Mr. *Orr* presented a Petition from *George Black* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The British Columbia Jockey Club."

Read and received.

Mr. *Martin* presented the Fifth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY,  
February 20th, 1890.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report that the Standing Orders have been complied with in connection with the following Bills:—

"A Bill to construct a Railway from Nelson to the south end of Kootenay Lake."

"A Bill to incorporate the National Electric Tramway and Lighting Company, Limited Liability;" and

"A Bill to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited.'"

The following Bills, viz.:—

"A Bill to incorporate the Nanaimo Telephone Company, Limited;"

"A Bill to incorporate the Canadian Pacific Fire Insurance Company, Limited;"

"A Bill to amend the Incorporation Act of the City of Vancouver, and amending Acts;" and

"A Bill to incorporate the Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway;"

have not complied with the Standing Orders in regard to the publication of the necessary notices, and your Committee beg to recommend the suspension of the Standing Orders to admit the same.

Your Committee find the preamble of "An Act respecting the Vancouver Street Railways Company and the Vancouver Electric Illuminating Company, Limited Liability," proved, and submit the Bill with amendment.

G. B. MARTIN,  
*Chairman.*

The Report was received.

The following Private Bills were introduced, and read a first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders:—

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to authorize and empower 'The National Electric Tramway and Lighting Company, Limited Liability,' to construct and operate Tramways in the Districts of Victoria, North and South Saanich, Lake, Highland, Esquimalt, Sooke and Metchosin."

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to enable 'The Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited,' of London, England, to hold lands and to work mines in the Province of British Columbia, and for other purposes."

Colonel *Baker* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to incorporate 'The Nelson and Kootenay Lake Railway Company.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

With leave of the House the following Petitions were withdrawn:—

From *D. C. Corbin* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The South Kootenay Railway Company;"

And from *D. C. Corbin* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The West Kootenay Railway Company."

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

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

That it is desirable that township or district municipalities should be empowered to increase the sum payable for a retail license under sub-section (1) of section 168 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," to two hundred dollars per annum.

Read the following as additional amendments to the Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled 'An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889,' on page 31 :—

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* moved the following as a new section :—

All the elections held since the first day of January, 1890, for Mayor, Aldermen, and for Reeve and Councillors in the different Municipalities in the Province shall be deemed to be and to have been, as from the date thereof, valid and effectual to all intents and purposes; and all acts and things done, proceedings taken, and by-laws passed by every Municipality subsequent to the said elections shall be deemed to be valid and effectual, notwithstanding any irregularities in the holding of said elections.

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Davie* moved to amend sub-sections (a) and (b) of section 22 by striking out the words "registered incumbrances" wherever they occur, and inserting in lieu thereof "any registered mortgages or judgments."

Carried.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to amend section 6, sub-section (a), by striking out in the 5th and 6th lines the words "this Act, or any amendments hereto," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "any law"; and by striking out in the 10th line the words "over and above registered incumbrances."

Carried.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to amend section 6, sub-section (b), by striking out in the 5th and 6th lines the words "this Act or any amendments hereto," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "any law"; and by striking out in the 10th line the words "over and above registered incumbrances."

Carried.

Mr. *Ladner* moved the following amendment :—

Section 39 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by striking out the word "December" in third line, and inserting the word "January" in lieu thereof.

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* moved the following amendments :—

Section 98 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by inserting between sub-sections (1) and (2) of the said section the following sub-section as sub-section (1a.) :—

(1a.) For borrowing on the credit of the Municipality the funds necessary for the work, and for issuing debentures of the Municipality to the requisite amount, including any costs which may have been incurred, or which the Council may deem it expedient to provide for in sums of not less than one hundred dollars each, and payable within twenty years from date, with interest at such rate as the Council may determine.

Section 98 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by inserting after sub-section (2) the following :—

(2a.) Any person whose property has been assessed for such work may pay the amount of such assessment, less the interest, at any time before the debentures are issued, in which case the amount of the debentures shall be proportionately reduced.

Sub-section 2 of section 98 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by inserting after the word "draining," on the fourth line of the said sub-section, the words "or sufficient for the payment of the principal and interest of the debentures."

Section 98 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by adding at the end of the section the following :—

"In case any Municipality has, before the passing of this Act, passed any by-law providing for any such works as aforesaid, the powers hereby conferred by this Act may be exercised by any and every such Municipality for the purpose of raising the moneys provided for by any such by-law to defray the costs of such works, or so much of the said moneys as may not have been paid under such by-law, together with all interest for which such Municipality may have become liable in procuring any such moneys; and it shall be lawful for any Municipality seeking to exercise the powers by this section conferred, to pass a by-law determining in what manner such powers shall be exercised."

Carried.

Accordingly the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Duck* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE).

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

“That it is desirable that township or district municipalities should be empowered to increase the sum payable for a retail license under sub-section (1) of section 168 of the ‘Municipal Act, 1889,’ to two hundred dollars per annum.”

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

Report adopted.

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 the House copies of all Orders in Council, reports, papers, and documents relating to the application to the Government, or any of its members, by “The Victoria, Saanich, and New Westminster Railway Company,” for aid in the construction of the said railway.

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

That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolution:—

That it is desirable to grant city municipalities the privilege of increasing retail liquor licenses, under sub-section (1) of section 168 of the “Municipal Act, 1889,” to four hundred dollars a year.

Accordingly the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Cunningham* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

“That it is desirable to grant city municipalities the privilege of increasing retail liquor licenses, under sub-section (1) of section 168 of the ‘Municipal Act, 1889,’ to four hundred dollars a year.”

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

Report adopted.

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Act, 1889,’” was again considered.

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

*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.