Monday, 3rd March, 1890.

Two o'clock, P. M.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a printed return of all papers, correspondence, petitions, and telegrams with reference to the discharge of Mr. W. A. Starret, late Road Superintendent in Yale District, and the employment of William Bristol in his place.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act respecting Assignments for the benefit of Creditors."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Mr. Orr asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following

questions:-

Whether the Government or the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works received a petition, in October or November last, from the purchasers of Government property in *New Westminster District*, requesting the Government to open roads—1st, from the intersection of the old *Granville Road*, now known as the *Vancouver* and *New Westminster Road*, and the eastern boundary of Lot No. 352, thence to the northern boundary of Lot 328; 2nd, from the intersection of the *North Arm Road*, between Lots 665 and 666, thence east to the south-east boundary of Lot No. 707? And if such petition has been received, was the prayer of the petition granted? If not, is it the intention of the Government to place a sum on the Estimates to carry out the prayer of the said petitioners this year.

The Honourable Mr. Vernon replied as follows:-

"No such Petition has been received."

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a return of the number of applications to be placed upon the voters' lists in the several electoral districts of the Province up to the 28th February, 1890.

The Hon. Mr. Davie presented a Return to an Address for copies of all Orders in Council, letters, and documents relating to the consolidation of the Statutes of 1888 and payment of the Commissioners therefor.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act respecting Railways," was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. Cunningham in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Orders in Council and all correspondence relating to or in any way affecting the dismissal of *Archibald Irwin*, as Recorder, Assessor and Collector at *Granite City*.

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

MR. SPEAKER:

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 3rd March, 1890.

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg leave to report the Preamble of the following Bill proved, and submit the same with amendments: "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."

G. B. MARTIN, Chairman. Mr. Martin presented the Eleventh Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

MR. SPEAKER:

3rd March, 1890.

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills would respectfully

ask for your ruling on the following point:-

"Can the Committee hear Counsel, or other person or persons, in opposition to Private Bills without any petition containing objections to the Bill having been presented to the House or referred to the Committee?"

G. B. MARTIN,

The Report was received.

Chairman.

Mr. Speaker stated he would give a decision on the point to-morrow.

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

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act,'" was discharged.

Mr. Duck asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time 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.

Tuesday, 4th March, 1890.

Two o'clock, P. M.

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

The Report was read, and is as follows:-

MR. SPEAKER:

March 4th, 1890.

Your Standing Committee on Railways beg to report the Preamble proved of a Bill intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Nelson and Kootenay Lake Railway Company," together with amendments thereto; a copy of which is hereunto annexed.

"An Act to amend the 'Crow's Nest and Kootenay Railway Company Act, 1888,"

together with amendments thereto; a copy of which is hereunto annexed.

JAMES BAKER,

Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be sent down to this House all telegrams, Orders in Council, and correspondence which led to the Dominion Government reconveying to the Provincial Government forty-five thousand and thirty-seven acres, under chap. 7, 52 Vic., of the Dominion Statutes.

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, 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. Orr, seconded by Mr. Ladner, it was Resolved,—

That a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Smith, Tolmie, Anderson, Grant, and Thomson, be appointed to ascertain what action the Government has taken respecting the reports of the "Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claim of Samuel Greer to certain lands in the vicinity of English Bay," adopted on the 27th April, 1888, with power to call for persons and papers and report to this House."

Mr. Speaker gave the following decision on the point of order mentioned in the Eleventh Report from the Private Bills Committee, presented yesterday:—

The point I am asked to decide by the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills is—"Can the Committee hear Counsel, or other person or persons, in opposition to Private "Bills without any petition containing objections to the Bill having been presented to the "House and referred to the Committee?"

Rule 57 of our Orders points to the necessity of petitions for or against a Bill; and this requirement is not weakened by Rule 60, which provides that "all persons whose interest or property may be affected by any Private Bill shall, when required so to do, appear before the Standing Committee."

May, p. 408, says that Committees of the House have no power to consider any matter

not referred to them by the House.

By Rule 93, in all unprovided cases the rules, usages, and forms of the House of Commons are to be followed. The practice relating to private Bills when opposed, as laid down in May, is as follows:—

May, 747 and 757—"No Bill is to be considered as an opposed Bill unless, within ten

days after the first reading, a petition is presented against it."

May, 759—"Petitioners will not be heard by the Committee unless their petition be prepared and signed in strict conformity with the Rules and Orders of the House, and have been deposited within the time limited."

May, 760—"No petition will be considered which does not distinctly state the grounds

of objection to the Bill, and the petitioners can only be heard on the grounds so stated."

The reasons for this eminently proper rule are obvious. By our Standing Orders parties who desire to apply for a Private Bill must give six weeks' notice of intention before their petition will be entertained; and if parties in opposition to the measure should be at liberty, without notice, to go before the Committee and take the friends of the Bill by surprise, a grave injustice would be committed, because of the inability of the persons whose interests are attacked to produce evidence in time to refute the arguments of their opponents.

I can imagine no situation more unjust, harmful and embarrassing, than that of a

petitioner before this House taken unawares in the manner I have described.

It has been stated on the floor of this House that it has been customary for the Private Bills Committee to hear opponents to Bills without first requiring a petition against the Bills, but this custom was relaxed twice during the Session of 1888, when a petition against the "Sumas Dyking Act," and a petition of the residents of Sapperton against being incorporated in New Westminster City, were read to the House and referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

I do not call in question the power of the Private Bills Committee (under Rule 60) to require the presence of all persons whose interests may be affected by a measure, after a petition respecting the measure has been read before the House and referred to the Committee, whether the parties so required to appear have signed the petition or not; but no rule of this House should be construed so as to inflict the grave injustice of inviting and encouraging an attack from an enemy lying in ambush upon a measure which has been advertised in the most public manner for six weeks prior to its coming into the House.

I am of opinion—

I. That the Private Bills Committee cannot hear objections to Private Bills unless such objections have been specified in a petition duly presented to the House in accordance with the authorities cited.

2. That Petitioners against Private Bills cannot be heard on grounds other than those specified in their petitions.

Mr. Martin appealed from the decision.

On the motion of Mr. Croft, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act respecting Railways," was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. Cunningham in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again. Ordered, That leave granted for the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Columbia and Carbonate Mountain Railway Company," was read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company," was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the "Coquitlam Water Works Act, 1886," was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Mills, Timber and Trading Company," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. Nason in the Chair. The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

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

Wednesday, 5th March, 1890.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon Scriven.

Mr. Orr presented a Petition from James Morrison (re land purchased by him at tax sale). Laid on the table.

Mr. Cunningham presented a Petition from Wm. Teague and A. St. George Hamersley, in opposition to Private Bill of Eben E. Olcott.

Laid on the table.

The Honourable Mr. Robson presented a Supplementary Statement of the names and places of residence of Collectors of Revenue paid by commission, rate of same, and date of authority therefor.

Mr. Cunningham presented a Petition from the City of Vancouver and others, in opposition to the "Vancouver Water Works Bill."

Laid on the table.

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

The Report was read, and is as follows:-

MR. SPEAKER:

March 5th, 1890.

Your Standing Committee on Railways beg to report the Preamble proved of a Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Okanagan and Kootenay Railway Company," together with amendments thereto; a copy of which is hereunto annexed.

JAMES BAKER,

The Report was received.

Chairman.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Crow's Nest and Kootenay Railway Company Act, 1888," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. Martin in the Chair. The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report Ordered to be considered to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the appeal from the decision of the Chair, re practice of opposing Private Bills (on 4th March), was resumed.

Question proposed—"Shall the Chair be sustained," the House divided, and the names being called for they were taken down as follows:—

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Messieurs

Cunningham,	Nason,
Mason,	Baker,
Ladner,	Robson,
Smith,	Davie,

Tolmie, Turner, Duck, Haslam, Pooley, Anderson—14.

Nays: Messieurs

Allen.

Martin,

Semlin,	
Cowan,	
Beaven,	

Orr, Vernon,

Croft, Thomson---9.

So the Chair was sustained.

The motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wide Tires Act, 1889,'" was negatived.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend An Act for the better protection of Cattle Ranges," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Haslam* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and upon the motion of the Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Croft, it was Resolved,—

That the practice which has obtained in this House since Confederation, with respect to parties appearing before the Private Bills Committee in support of or against any Private Bill, shall be allowed to prevail during this Session.

The Hon. Mr. Turner presented a Return of assessed taxes for the year ended 30th June, 1889 (as provided by the "Revenue Act," section 47).

The Report on Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mischievous Animals Act," was considered.

On the motion of Mr. Haslam section one was amended by striking out the figure "5" in the first line and inserting in lieu thereof the figure "7."

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the Vancouver Street Railways Company and the Vancouver Electric Illuminating Company, Limited Liability," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Westminster Street Railways Company," was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. Thomson in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889," was further considered.

On the motion of Mr. Beaven, the following amendments were adopted:—

Section 3 of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by striking out the word "Act" wherever it occurs in the 2nd and 4th lines, and inserting in lieu thereof "Amendment Act, 1890."

Section 4 of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889,'" is hereby amended by striking out the word "Act" in the first line, and the word "Act" where it first occurs in the third line, and inserting in lieu thereof "Amendment Act, 1890."

Section 10 of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by striking out in the 5th line the words "the Municipal Act (1889) Amendment Act, 1890," and inserting in lieu thereof "this Amendment Act, 1890."

Section 11 of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by striking out in the sixth line the words "and further," and inserting in lieu thereof-

"(a.) It shall also be lawful for the Council of any Municipality to include in the same by-law, or to pass a separate by-law."

And by inserting before the word "It" in the twelfth line "(b)."

Section 23 of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889,'" is hereby amended by striking out in the second line the words "and third lines," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "line."

Section 24 of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by striking out in the 5th line "(1.)," and inserting in lieu thereof "(1a)."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, section 37 of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889,'" was amended by inserting before the word "any" the words "the Council of."

On the motion of Mr. Beaven, the following amendments were adopted:-

Section 33 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by striking out in the third line the word "have," and inserting in lieu thereof "has."

Sub-section (a) of section 35 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by inserting, in the first line, before the word "any," the following words: "In city municipalities."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Davie, section 102 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," was amended-

(a.) By striking out the word "ten," in the first line of sub-section (3) of the said section, and substituting in lieu thereof the word "thirty."

Hon. Mr. Davie moved to amend sub-section (5) of section 102 of the "Municipal Act, 1889 "---

(b.) By striking out the word "eight," in the third line of the said sub-section, and substituting in lieu thereof the word "nine."

The motion was withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Beaven, the following amendments were adopted:—

Section 140 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by striking out in the fourth line the words "such clerk," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the treasurer."

Sub-section (2) of section 168 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by inserting after "sub-section (1)" the words "or sub-section (1a)."

Sub-section (1) of section 168 of the "Municipal Act, 1889" (as amended by the House on 25th February, 1890), is hereby amended by dividing it into two sub-sections and numbering the portion commencing with the words "In township, &c.," as sub-section (1 α).

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Report be adjourned until Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the New Westminster Electric Light and Motor Power Company," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Mills, Timber, and Trading Company," was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. Nason in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

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

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

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

Thursday, 6th March, 1890.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon Scriven.

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

The Report was read, and is as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

6th March, 1890.

Your Standing Committee on Railways have the honour to report the Preamble proved of a Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company," together with amendments thereto; a copy of which is hereunto annexed.

The Report was received.

JAMES BAKER, Chairman.

Mr. Martin presented the Twelfth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was read, and is as follows:—

Mr. Speaker:

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, March 6th, 1890.

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report the Preamble proved of "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," and submit the same with amendments.

G. B. Martin, Chairman.

The Report was received.

Mr. Martin presented a Minority Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was read, and is as follows:---

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

MR. SPEAKER:

March 6th, 1890.

I have the honour to submit the following as a Minority Report from your Committee on

Standing Orders and Private Bills:-

That the Bill known as the "Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited," is not in the interests of the Province. That if the report, as submitted, be received by this House, it will debar the introduction of another Bill asking for reasonable privileges on the same ground as is included in the Bill mentioned in the report.

The Bill thus debarred should, in equity, have been considered first, as the Petitioners' petition was in order, and that of the Petitioners for the Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate

was not.

Respectfully submitted, G. B. Martin,

The Report was received.

Chairman.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act respecting Assignments for the benefit of Creditors," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

The Petition from James Morrison (re land purchased by him at tax sale), was ruled out of order.

The Petition from Wm. Teague and A. St. George Hamersley, in opposition to Private Bill of Eben E. Olcott, was read, received, and Ordered to be printed.

The Petition from the City of *Vancouver* and others, in opposition to the "Vancouver Water Works Bill," was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed.

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," was committed, with Mr. Semlin 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.

The Report on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Crow's Nest and Kootenay Railway Company Act, 1888," was considered and adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

The Order for the House to again consider Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the Westminster Street Railway Company," in Committee of the Whole, was postponed until the 14th instant.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act," was committed, with Mr. Orr in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company," was committed, with Mr. Anderson in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to incorporate a Company called 'The News-Advertiser,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. Croft in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report Ordered to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the New Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. Haslam in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report Ordered to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act respecting Railways," was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. Cunningham in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Davie Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital," was introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

The Report on Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Mills,

Timber, and Trading Company," was considered.

The Honourable Mr. Davie moved to amend Schedule A, section 55, by inserting between "subject" and "to," in line three, the words "to the provisions of the Act of incorporation and."

Carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

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

Monday, 10th March, 1890.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Semlin presented the Thirteenth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was read, and is as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY, March 10th, 1890.

Mr. Speaker:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report the Preambles of the following Bills proved:—

"An Act to incorporate the Nanaimo Telephone Company, Limited;"

"An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Jockey Club;"

and submit the same with amendments.

Your Committee have altered the title of "An Act to incorporate the Canadian Pacific Fire Insurance Company, Limited," to "An Act to incorporate the London and Canadian Fire Insurance Company, Limited," for the following reasons, viz.:—That there is a Company in existence called "The Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company," and the titles being somewhat alike might lead to confusion. We submit the Bill as amended.

Your Committee also considered "An Act to amend the Vancouver Water Works Act," and amendments to the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886;" and submit the following for

the legal opinion of the Hon. the Attorney-General:—

"Will the privileges sought to be obtained by the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886 Amendment Act, 1890,' if granted, override the rights and privileges acquired by the 'Vancouver Water Works Act, 1886?'"

G. B. Martin, Chairman. 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, received or approved, respecting the proposed railways known as the Spokane Falls and Northern Railway, or the British Columbia Southern Railway, together with all correspondence and telegrams received or sent by the Government, or any of its members, upon the same subjects.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor asking him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Orders in Council, letters, and correspondence between this Government and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, or any correspondence between any members of said Governments, in relation to the proposed exchange of lands in the *Peace River* country for the lands known as the Railway Belt on the Mainland of this Province.

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 all correspondence relating to or in any way affecting the dismissal of Archibald Irwin, as Recorder, Assessor and Collector at Granite City.

Mr. Haslam asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act respecting the marking of timber."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. Thomson in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report Ordered to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Provincial Royal Jubliee Hospital," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. Ladner in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report Ordered to be considered on Wednesday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889," was further considered.

Mr. Beaven moved the following amendment:-

Section 17 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by striking out in the seventh and eighth lines the words "half a mile" and inserting in lieu thereof "one mile," and by inserting after the word "places" in the fourteenth line "and in such manner."

Carried.

Mr. Beaven moved the following amendment:—

Section 11 of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by striking out in the 6th (now 5th) and 14th (now 17th) lines the word "Act," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Amendment Act, 1890."

Carried.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Report be taken up on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs' Act,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. Anderson in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report Ordered to be considered to-morrow.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act respecting the University of British Columbia," was discharged.

Mr. Duck then asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act respecting the University of British Columbia."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Columbia and Carbonate Mountain Railway Company," was committed, with Mr. Mason in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act respecting Assignments for the benefit of Creditors," was committed, with Mr. Croft in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

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 5:45 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 11th March, 1890.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Croft presented a Petition from James Norcross and others, residents of Cowichan District (re lowering the waters of Somenos Lake).

Laid on the table.

Mr. Cunningham presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into various School matters.

The Report was read, and is as follows:-

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, March 11th, 1890.

Mr. Speaker:

Your Select Committee appointed to enquire 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;

beg respectfully to report as follows:-

The Committee held their first meeting this morning; elected Mr. Cunningham Chairman

and Mr. Croft Secretary.

Copies of the correspondence, herewith submitted, relating to the foregoing, were presented to the Committee in manuscript, and after having been read, it was unanimously decided to ask the House to authorize the same to be printed. All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CUNNINGHAM,

Chairman.

The Report was received, and the recommendation to print the correspondence therein mentioned was adopted.

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," was again committed, with Mr. Semlin in the Chair.

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The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to Incorporate a Company called "The News-Advertiser," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act respecting Railways," was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. Cunningham in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company," was considered and adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act respecting Assignments for the benefit of Creditors," was considered.

The Hon. Mr. Turner moved to insert in section 4, between the words "debtor" and "shall," in the 11th line, the words "and who."

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. Davis moved to amend section seven, in line two, between "been" and "subject," by inserting the word "the," and to strike out the word "to" and insert "of," and in line three to strike out "in cases."

Carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. Cunningham moved—That 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." be read a second time now.

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

The Order for the House to resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Homestead Act,'" was discharged.

Mr. Smith then 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 Thursday next.

The Hon. Mr. Davie moved—That the Report on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Small Debts Act,'" be adopted.

Mr. Orr moved in amendment to add the words "this day six months."

The amendment was negatived.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order for the House to again resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to-morrow on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act respecting Railways," was rescinded, and the Bill was again committed, with Mr. Cunningham in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again. Ordered, That leave granted for the next sitting of the House.

Rule 25 was suspended, and on the motion of Mr. Martin Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Okanagan and Kootenay Railway Company," was read a second time. Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

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

Wednesday, 12th March, 1890.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon Scriven.

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

Mr. Speaker:

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, March 12th, 1890.

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honour to report the Preamble proved of the following Bill:—"An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886,'" and amendments thereto, and submit the same with amendments.

The Bill to amend the Vancouver Water Works Act has been withdrawn, an arrange-

ment having been arrived at with the Corporation of the City of Vancouver.

Your Committee also beg to report that they found it necessary to amend the Preamble to "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Electric Company," for the reason that they considered the privileges asked for were excessive, and submit the Bill with amendments.

Your Committee found the Preamble proved of a Bill granting to E. B. Olcott certain mining privileges opposite the Town of Yale; but your Committee having already considered a Bill called "The Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate," dealing with and including the land asked for by E. B. Olcott, and having recommended said Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate Bill to the consideration of this House, we do not feel justified in reporting favourably on this Bill.

Respectfully submitted.

G. B. Martin, Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Petition from James Norcross and others, residents of Cowichan District (re lowering the waters of Somenos Lake), was ruled out of order.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed before the House copies of all Orders in Council and correspondence between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, not printed in the Provincial Sessional Papers, with reference to the disallowance, amendments, or otherwise, of the Statutes of the Province passed in the Sessions of 1885, 1888, and 1889.

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

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed before the House copies of all Orders in Council, documents and letters which preceded the appointment of Mr. Justice *Drake* as a Commissioner to inquire into matters connected with the *Victoria Gaol*, together with a copy of the evidence taken and the report of the Commissioner.

Mr. Cunningham asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture and Horticulture."

Leave granted.

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a return of all water records between Harrison River and Sicamouse.

Mr. Beaven asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Have you, or any officer of the department over which you preside, or its branch the Education Office, any knowledge of the facts referred to in the following letter, published in the *Colonist* newspaper on 28th February, 1888, in respect to the conduct of public school teachers:—

"WANTS TO KNOW.

"To the Editor:—Can you inform me which one of your public teachers was it that is said to have disgraced himself at the panorama on Saturday evening last, by making himself conspicuous, as I hear, in creating repeated disturbances amongst the audience, thus setting forth anything but a laudable example to the many school children present?

"Enquirer."

The Honourable Mr. Robson replied as follows:—

"No. I know nothing about the matter; nor am I aware whether the Officers in the Department have any knowledge of the facts referred to.

"The Department has more important duties to fulfil than that of taking cognizance of

anonymous scandal-mongers."

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1889," was further considered.

Mr. Beaven moved the following as a new clause:-

Sub-section (20) of section 96 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by inserting in line one, after the word "officer," the words "to be," and by inserting the words "a ground or block plan of such building with" between the word "building" in the second line and the word "the" in the third line.

Carried.

Mr. Beaven moved the following as a new clause:—

Sub-section (98) of section 96 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by striking out in the first line the words "making, preserving, improving, repairing," and by striking out in the second line the word "altering."

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Beaven,

Grant—2.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Semlin,	Orr,	Robson,	Turner,
Cunningham,	Smith,	Davie,	Martin,
Mason,	Nason,	Vernon,	Thomson,
Ladner,	Baker,	Duck,	Haslam-16.

Mr. Beaven moved the following:—

Section 146 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by striking out in the ninth line the words "by him."

Carried.

Mr. Beaven moved the following:—

Section 164 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by striking out the word "Collector" in the thirteenth line, and inserting the word "Clerk" in lieu thereof.

Carried.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Report be adjourned until Friday next.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act respecting the University of British Columbia," was read a second time and committed, with Colonel Baker in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

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

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Columbia and Carbonate Mountain Railway Company," 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 to-morrow.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Okanagan and Kootenay Railway Company," was committed, with Mr. Cowan in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report Ordered to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company," was read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of 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," was resumed.

On the motion of Mr. Cunningham, it was Resolved,-

That the Order for the second reading of the Bill be discharged, and the Bill be referred back to the Private Bills Committee, with power to report to the House.

Mr. Anderson moved—That Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to incorporate the London Canadian Fire Insurance Company, Limited," be read a second time now.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Friday next.

The Honourable Mr. Robson presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a return to an Address for copies of all telegrams, Orders in Council, and correspondence which led to the Dominion Government reconveying to the Provincial Government forty-five thousand and thirty-seven acres, under chap. 7, 52 Vic., of the Dominion Statutes.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Nanaimo Telephone Company, Limited," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. Grant 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 to-morrow.

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

Thursday, 13th March, 1890.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon Scriven.

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 relating to any or all applications of F. B. McNamee & Co., or any one in their behalf, or in behalf of their creditors, for a Petition of Right, re claims for compensation on account of work performed on the Esquimalt Graving Dock, &c. Also copies of all correspondence, together with the report or reports of the Hon. Attorney-General relating to the same.

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

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, March 13th, 1890.

Mr. Speaker:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report that the Bill referred back to them has been reconsidered.

We have amended the preamble, and have inserted the following in lieu thereof:

"Whereas a Petition has been presented by and on behalf of the Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited, that certain exclusive rights should be granted to the said Fraser

River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited:

"And whereas Benjamin Douglas and William Teague have acquired by purchase the fee simple of six hundred acres of land, more or less, opposite the town of Yale, in the Province of British Columbia, which may be more particularly described as follows:—Situate and fronting on the eastern bank of the Fraser River, opposite the town of Yale, in the Yale Division of the Yale District, in the Province of British Columbia, commencing at a post planted on the east bank of the said river at the foot of the bluff opposite Blind Creek; thence southerly in a straight line till it meets the southern boundary of section fourteen; thence westerly along the southern boundary of section fourteen a distance of twenty chains thirtytwo links; thence southerly to the southern boundary of section eleven; thence easterly a distance of twenty chains thirty-two links; thence southerly twenty chains; thence easterly a distance of twenty chains; thence southerly a distance of sixty chains; thence easterly a distance of six chains; thence southerly five chains; thence westerly to the Fraser River; thence following the south bank of the Fraser to the point of commencement, and being part of sections fourteen, fifteen, ten, eleven, two, and thirty-four; excepting nevertheless and thereout the lots known as Yale suburban lots numbered one and seven, block one, and lots numbers three and six in block two:

"And whereas the said William Teague and Benjamin Douglas in November, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, applied to the Government of the Dominion of Canada for the right

to mine by hydraulic process over the said piece of land:

"And whereas, in pursuance of such application, the right to exclusively mine in and under the said piece of land was, by an Order in Council of the Dominion Government, granted to the said William Teague and Benjamin Douglas:

"And whereas the said Benjamin Douglas and William Teague, in consequence of such right as aforesaid being granted, have agreed to lease the said piece or parcel of land to the

Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited, on certain terms and conditions:

"And whereas the said Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited, relying on the said Order in Council, and on the arrangements as aforesaid, have expended a large amount of money in providing machinery and plant for the mining of the said piece of land by hydraulic processes:

"And whereas by a decision of the Privy Council of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, given in April, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, it was decided that the precious metals within the Railway Belt, to-wit: within twenty miles of either side of the track of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, were the property of the Provincial Government of

British Columbia, and not that of the Dominion Government:

"And whereas in consequence of such decision the Order in Council hereinbefore referred to became of no use to the said William Teague, Benjamin Douglas, and the said Syndicate, as far as the precious minerals in the said land are concerned, and the said parties immediately took such steps as were necessary to secure the rights they had previously granted them, and presented their petition as aforesaid:

"And whereas, in order to successfully mine the said piece of land, a large outlay will be necessary in constructing ditches and flumes, and in purchasing and placing hydraulic

machinery, and in bringing water in sufficient quantities a long distance:

"And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition, subject to the provisions of this Act."

We have struck out clauses 1, 2, 3, and 4, and substituted in lieu thereof the following:—

"1. That the Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited, and their assigns, shall be entitled to and there is hereby granted to them, for the term of thirty years from the time of the passing of this Act, the exclusive right to extract from the said piece or parcel of land herein-

before described, all the precious metals that may be found therein or thereunder, to include all bench, bar, dry, hill, and other diggings, to low water mark on the south bank of the Fraser River along the said piece of land.

"2. It shall be lawful for the said Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited, or their assigns, to erect dams, construct flumes and ditches on the banks, benches or hills in the neighbourhood of the said piece of land, of such size, length, capacity, and at such elevations

as may be suitable for working the said piece of land.

"3. The Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited, and their assigns, shall for the term hereby granted have the exclusive right to search, dig for, and obtain and appropriate to their own use all gold or other valuable or precious metals in or under the said described piece of land.

"4. The Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited, or their assigns, shall, in consideration of the privileges hereby granted, pay to the Gold Commissioner, or the person acting in that capacity, for Yale District, or to the Treasury at Victoria, on the thirtieth day of June in each year during the said term of thirty years, the sum of two hundred dollars, the first of such payments to be made on the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety: Provided, always, there shall be no annual payment made in the event of the said Syndicate ceasing to work the said land.

"5. If the said Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited, or their assigns, shall discontinue active mining operations for the space of two years, it shall be lawful for the

Lieutenant-Governor in Council to suspend the operation of this Act.

"6. This Act may be cited as the 'Fraser River Gold Mining Act, 1890.'"

Respectfully submitted.

G. B. Martin, Chairman.

The Report was received.

Mr Duck asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment 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. Martin, seconded by Mr. Thomson, it was Resolved,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that an additional polling place may be established in the Electoral District of Yale, viz.: at Tappan's Siding, a station on the Canadian Pacific Railway to the east of Shuswap.

Mr. Beaven asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act' (51 Vic., chap. 39, Vol. I., Consolidated Acts, 1888), and the 'Election Regulation Amendment Act, 1889."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the "Homestead Act,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Tolmie* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report Ordered to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Electric Company," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. Semlin in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report Ordered to be considered to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. Vernon presented a Return to an Order of the House for a printed return of all papers, correspondence, petitions and telegrams with reference to the discharge of Mr. W. A. Starret, late Road Superintendent in Yale District, and the employment of Wm. Bristol in his place.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. Duck in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act respecting the University of British Columbia," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Columbia and Carbonate Mountain Railway Company," was considered and adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Okanagan and Kootenay Railway Company," was considered and adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Nanaimo Telephone Company, Limited," was considered and adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act respecting Railways," was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. Cunningham in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:30 o'clock p. m.

Friday, 14th March, 1890.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon Scriven.

Mr Martin presented the Sixteenth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was read, and is as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, March 14th, 1890.

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to submit the lowing as a further report:—

following as a further report:—

We respectfully recommend that the Government take into their favourable consideration the advisability of refunding the fee paid by the promoters of a Private Bill asking for certain privileges opposite the town of Yale, for the reason that the privileges asked for have already been reported on in favour of other parties.

G. B. MARTIN, Chairman

The Report was received and adopted.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Mason,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that an additional polling place may be established in the Electoral District of Lillooet, viz., at or near the house of E. M. Adams, on the North Thompson River.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* presented a Statement of Special Warrants, signed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governer, together with the expenditure incurred thereon, between 1st March, 1889, and 28th February, 1890.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Duck asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act 1889,'" was further considered.

Mr. Beaven moved the following:-

Section 1 is hereby amended by striking out in line 2 the figures "(1889)."

Carried

Mr. Beaven moved the following:—

Section 3 is hereby amended by inserting in line 2, after the figures "11," "and sub-sections (a) and (b)," and inserting "s" after "sub-section" in line 10.

Carried.

Mr. Beaven moved the following:-

Section 16 is hereby amended by inserting in line 18, before the word "sitting" the word "annual."

Carried.

Mr. Beaven moved the following:-

Section 19 is hereby amended by striking out in line 1 "145 and 157," and inserting in lieu thereof "and 145"; and by inserting in line 3, "or" before the word "improvement."

Mr. Beaven moved the following as section 19a:-

Section 157 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by striking out in the second line the words "and improvements thereon."

Carried.

Mr. Beaven moved the following:—

Section 23 is hereby amended by adding in line 4, after the figures "1889," "as amended by this Amendment Act, 1890."

Carried.

Mr. Beaven moved the following:—

Section 24 is hereby amended by adding in line 6, after the figures "1889," "as amended by this Amendment Act, 1890."

Carried.

Mr. Beaven moved the following:—

Section 33 is hereby amended by striking out in line 3 the words "The regulation," and inserting in lieu thereof "For the regulation"; and by inserting at the end of line 6, "or for reducing the amount of statute labour to be performed or commuted for; or for entirely abolishing statute labour in the municipality."

Carried.

Mr. Beaven moved the following:-

Section 189 of the "Municipal Act, 1889," is hereby amended by striking out the word "by" in the third line, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "against."

Carried.

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company," was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. Anderson 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.

The Hon. Mr. Davie asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to make certain amendments to the 'Consolidated Acts, 1888.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Hon. Mr. Robson presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

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

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to grant certain lands for charitable and other purposes," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

HUGH NELSON.

Government House,

14th March, 1890.

Lieutenant-Governor.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. Robson presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

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

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to enable the Trustees of the Royal Columbian Hospital to sell certain lands, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

HUGH NELSON,

Government House,

14th March, 1890.

Lieutenant-Governor.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole on Monday next.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Columbia and Carbonate Mountain Railway Company," was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Okanagan and Kootenay Railway Company," was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Homestead Act,'" was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Electric Company," was considered and adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Provincial Royal

Jubilee Hospital," was considered.

The Hon. Mr. Turner moved to insert the words "Provincial Royal" between "the" and "Jubilee" in the title of the Bill, and to insert the words "Provincial Royal" before "Jubilee" in every section of the Bill in which the word "Jubilee" occurs.

Carried.

Report as amended adopted,

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act respecting Railways," was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. Cunningham in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

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," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. Mason in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments. Report Ordered to be considered on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. Davie moved—That Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act," be read a second time now.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

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

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

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

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province of British Columbia for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1891; the Supplementary Estimates for the year ending 30th June, 1890, including Schedule A; also Schedule B, unprovided items of expenditure for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1889; and, in accordance with the provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867," he recommends these Estimates to the Legislative Assembly.

HUGH NELSON.

Lieutenant-Governor.

Government House,

14th March, 1890.

Ordered, That the said Message, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5:59 o'clock p. m.

Monday, 17th March, 1890.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. John Reid, D.D.

Mr. Smith presented a Petition from J. Brown and others, settlers of Empire Valley (re waggon road to Hanceville).

Laid on the table.

Mr. Smith presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to ascertain what action the Government had taken respecting the reports of the "Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claim of Samuel Greer to certain lands in the vicinity of English Bay," adopted on the 27th April, 1888, with power to call for persons and papers and report to

The Report was received and Ordered to be printed.

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

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

That it is desirable to amend the Municipal Act so as to impose a license fee not exceeding one hundred dollars per annum upon express companies, gas companies, telephone companies, electric light companies, street railway or tramway companies, investment and loan societies, fur dealers or fur traders, or agents of fur dealers or fur traders.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That it is desirable that Municipal Corporations should be empowered to impose a license fee not exceeding one hundred dollars per annum upon express companies, gas companies, telephone companies, electric light companies, street railway or tramway companies, investment and loan societies, fur dealers or fur traders, or agents of fur dealers or fur traders.

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report the Resolution to the House.

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

Report adopted.

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Mr. Tolmie asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act for the benefit of Livery Stable Keepers, Farmers, and Agistors of Cattle."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. Tolmie asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to prevent Minors from carrying Fire-arms."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

On the motion of Hon. Mr. Robson, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, it was Resolved,-

Whereas the waters of the *Fraser River* are, in several places in *New Westminster District*, making alarming and destructive inroads upon its banks, thus not only doing great damage to the property of settlers and, in some instances, threatening to change the course of the river altogether, but seriously impairing navigation by the formation of bars by silt thus carried down the stream:

Resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that the Dominion Government may be moved to adopt such measures as may be deemed best for the protection of property and the preservation of the navigation of the important waterway in question.

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

That the Return to an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for copies of Orders in Council, correspondence, and reports relating to the application of Messrs. *McNamee & Co.* for a Petition of Right, *Esquimalt Graving Dock* claims, which Return was presented to the House on the 13th inst., be printed and laid upon the desks of members.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture and Horticulture," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. Thomson in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report Ordered to be considered to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Smith, re establishment of polling place at E. M. Adams', on the North Thompson River, was resumed.

The Resolution was carried.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act,' (51 Vic., chap. 39, Vol 1, Consolidated Acts, 1888) and the 'Election Regulation Amendment Act, 1889,'" was read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee of the Whole, with Mr. Haslam in the Chair, to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor enclosing Bill, re Royal Columbian Hospital lands.

(IN THE COMMITTEE).

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

That a Bill intituled "An Act to enable the Trustees of the Royal Columbian Hospital to sell certain lands, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof," be reported to the House.

The Committee reported the Resolution.

Report adopted.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to enable the Trustees of the Royal Columbian Hospital to sell certain lands, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof," was read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Electric Company," was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Westminster Street Railways Company," was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Thomson* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report Ordered to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company," was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. Anderson in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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," was again considered in Committee of the Whole, with Mr. Semlin in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

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

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Nelson and Kootenay Lake Railway Company," was discharged.

The Hon. Mr. Davie asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act relating to the Administration of the Estates of Deceased Persons in certain cases."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time 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, 18th March, 1890.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. John Reid, D.D.

The Petition from J. Brown, and others, settlers of Empire Valley (re waggon road to Hanceville), was ruled out of order.

Mr. Beaven presented a Petition from Eli Hallatt, Daniel Stewart, John Howard, and others (re Chinese labour on public contracts).

Laid on the table.

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

The Honourable Mr. Turner moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Robson,—

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

A debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Robson presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

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

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the granting of a certain Land subsidy for and in aid of the Columbia and Kootenay Railway," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

HUGH NELSON.

Government House, 17th March, 1890.

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

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

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

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act in aid of the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway Company," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

> HUGH NELSON, Lieutenant-Governor.

Government House,

17th March, 1890.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

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

Wednesday, 19th March, 1890.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. John Reid, D.D.

Mr. Haslam presented a Petition from J. E. Wellington, Wm. White, R. E. McDonald, and others, Miners of Nanaimo, Wellington, and Comox (re Chinese working underground in the Collieries).

Laid on the table.

The Petition from Eli Hallatt, Daniel Stewart, John Howard, and others (re Chinese labour on public contracts), was received and Ordered to be printed.

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, received or approved, respecting the proposed railways known as the Spokane Falls and Northern Railway, or the British Columbia Southern Railway, together with all correspondence and telegrams received or sent by the Government, or any of its members, upon the same subjects.

Mr. Haslam asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Robson, seconded by Mr. Mason, it was Resolved,—

Whereas much of the machinery required for the successful treatment of the refractory ores of this Province is not at present manufactured in Canada; and

Whereas the import duty of 30 per cent., when added to the great cost of transporting heavy machinery to the mines, is calculated to paralyze the chief mining industry of the

country; be it therefore

Resolved, That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to urge upon the Dominion Government the importance and necessity of admitting free of duty all such mining machinery as is not now successfully manufactured in Canada.

The Report on Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Incorporation Act,' and to encourage Horticulture,'" was considered.

On the motion of Mr. Ladner the following was added as a new clause:—

Chap. 4, sec. 2, Consolidated Statutes, intituled "An Act to incorporate Agricultural Societies," is hereby amended by inserting in line 1 after the word "any," and before the word "electoral," the words "one or more."

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

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act,' (51 Vic. chap. 39, vol 1, 'Consolidated Acts, 1888,') and the 'Election Regulation Amendment Act, 1889,'" was committed, with Mr. Cowan in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for this afternoon.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act,'" was read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed with Bill No. 53.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act,' (51 Vic., chap. 39, Vol 1, 'Consolidated Acts, 1888,') and the 'Election Regulation Amendment Act, 1889,' was again committed with Mr Cowan in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

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

Thursday, 20th March, 1890.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. John Reid, D.D.

The Petition from J. E. Wellington, Wm. White, R. E. McDonald, and others, Miners of Nanaimo, Wellington, and Comox (re Chinese working underground in the Collieries), was received and Ordered to be printed.

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, letters, and correspondence between this Government and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, or any correspondence between any members of said Governments, in relation to the proposed exchange of lands in the Peace River country for the lands known as the Railway Belt on the Mainland of this Province.

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

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

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

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

Friday, 21st March, 1890.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. John Reid, D.D.

On the motion of Mr. Cunningham, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Robson, it was Resolved,—Whereas the development of the lumbering, farming, and fishing industries prosecuted on the banks of the Fraser River, and in the adjoining country, has resulted in a large increase in the export trade of this Province; and

Whereas the constantly increasing investment of capital in these industries tends still

further in the same direction; and

Whereas hitherto much difficulty has been experienced in inducing vessels to accept charters involving the navigation of the Fraser River, owing to the inaccuracy of all charts thereof heretofore published, the inadequate supply of buoys for marking the channels, and the absence of a light-vessel on the Sand Heads to indicate the entrance to said channels (the existing light-house being now—owing to the shifting of the channel from natural causes—some two miles from the real channel);

Be it therefore resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying—

1st. That he will urge upon the Dominion Government the immediate necessity of causing a re-survey of the channel of the Fraser River to be made, with a view to the issue, at an early date, of a new chart of that portion of the river extending from the entrance thereto at the Sand Heads to a point six miles above the corporate limits of the City of New Westminster, and suggesting that if such survey could be made under the supervision of the officers of Her Majesty's ships stationed in these waters, the value of such charts would be greatly enhanced.

2nd. That His Honour will also urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of placing at the entrance of the said channel, at the Sand Heads, a light-ship (which can be moored as the channel shifts), furnished with crew and appliances sufficient to ensure the proper placing and replacing when necessary of buoys, and to attend to conservancy in general.

3rd. That His Honour will further urge upon the Dominion Government the absolute and pressing necessity of immediately providing and keeping in reserve a supply of buoys sufficient to replace those that may be from time to time carried away.

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

The debate was further 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 5:35 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 24th March, 1890.

Two o'clock, p. m.

Prayers by the Rev. A. Beanlands.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Thomson,—

That the report of the Select Committee appointed 4th March, 1890, "to ascertain what action the Government has taken respecting the reports of the 'Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claim of Samuel Greer to certain land in the vicinity of English Bay,' adopted on the 27th April, 1888," be adopted.

The Report was ruled out of order.

The adjourned debate on the question—"That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair," for the purpose of going into Committee of Suppy, was resumed.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House then went into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

1. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$89,878.55 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Interest, to 30th June, 1891.

2. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$44,553 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the

expenses of Public Debt, Sinking Fund, to 30th June, 1891.

3. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Premium and Exchange, to 30th June, 1891.

4. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the

expenses of Public Debt, Discount and Commission, to 30th June, 1891.

- 5. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Lieutenant-Governor's Office, to 30th June, 1891.
- 6. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$16,970 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Provincial Secretary's Department, to 30th June, 1891.
- 7. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$8,520 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Treasury Department, to 30th June, 1891.

8. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$12,900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Lands and Works Department, to 30th June, 1891.

- 9. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$6,360 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Attorney-General's Department, to 30th June, 1891.
- 10. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$15,060 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Land Registry Offices, to 30th June, 1891.
- 11. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Legislation, to 30th June, 1891.

12. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$525 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the

expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Registration of Voters, to 30th June, 1891.

13. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$9,520 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Asylum for the Insane, to 30th June, 1891.