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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
OF THE PROVINCE OF  
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SESSION 1903-1904.

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Thursday, 26th November, 1903.

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THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Tenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable Sir HENRI GUSTAVE JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the fifth day of September, 1903, the Members having been sworn took their seats.

His Honour the Honourable Sir HENRI GUSTAVE JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Honourable Mr. *McBride*, Provincial Secretary, said :—

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :*

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to announce that His Honour does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Honour hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, his reasons for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

Mr. *Cotton*, Member for Richmond District, addressing himself to the Clerk of the House, moved, seconded by *C. W. Munro*, Esquire, Member for Chilliwack District, that *Charles Edward Pooley*, Esquire, Member for Esquimalt District, do take the Speaker's Chair and preside over the meeting of this Assembly, and it was so Resolved.

Mr. *Fell*, the Clerk of the House, having declared *Charles Edward Pooley*, 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.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor 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 King and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all reasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Honourable Mr. *McBride* then said—

MR. SPEAKER:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to His 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 reasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

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:*

I have much pleasure in welcoming you to the First Session of the Tenth Parliament of British Columbia.

Our financial affairs demand most earnest consideration on your part, and I appeal, with hope, to your patriotism and to your love for the Province whose future destinies, under Providence, are in your hands. There is no reason why British Columbia, with its great natural resources, should not occupy in the Dominion of Canada a position of which we may all be justly proud.

You have, therefore, been convened thus early in order that my Finance Minister may be enabled to make such fiscal arrangements as may be necessary.

Having in view the immediate requirements of the country and the unfavourable conditions for obtaining a further loan in the London market, you will be asked to authorise the issuance of Treasury Warrants extending over a short period of years, and repayable in annual instalments.

A considerable increase of revenue each year will, in consequence, be necessary, not only to meet ordinary expenditure, but to provide for the redemption of warrants. The legislation proposed will, therefore, include a new Assessment Act, and amendments to the Land Act, the Railway Assessment Act and the School Act.

As part of the plan of financial reconstruction, substantial economies in the Civil Service have already been effected and material reductions in the expenditure on Public Works brought about. These will be continued, consistent with a due regard to the requirements of the Province.

My Government has already taken up the proposed readjustment of the financial relations between the Province and the Dominion, as also the question of the control of our fisheries and the regulation of alien immigration. These subjects will be earnestly and persistently pressed to a settlement satisfactory to the Province.

As a result of the recent decision in the Alaska Boundary enquiry, a strong feeling exists in favour of an all-Canadian route into the Yukon and Northern British Columbia, and my Government will co-operate in any reasonable efforts which may be made to bring about the construction of such a railway.

I am pleased to note the probability of the construction, at an early date, not only of another Canadian trans-continental system having its terminus on the Pacific Ocean, but also of other important lines within our Province.

You will be pleased to know that the British Columbia Immigration Act passed last Session has been successful in excluding undesirable immigrants.

I now leave you to your deliberations, trusting that they may receive the Divine blessing and result in much benefit to the Province.

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

Prayers by the Lord Bishop of Columbia.

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

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

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

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;
4. On Railways;
5. On Mining;
6. On Agriculture;
7. On Municipal Matters.

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 Hon. Mr. *Wilson* Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act,'" was introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *McBride*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*,—

*Resolved*, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration on Friday next.

The election returns of the late general election were presented and *Ordered* placed on the Journals of the House:—

"PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

"VICTORIA, 2nd November, 1903.

"Whereas His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia, by Proclamation dated the sixteenth day of June, 1903, was pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the said Province;

"And whereas it was necessary to hold Elections throughout the said Province to fill the vacancies caused by such dissolution:

"I have now the honour to report that the said Elections have been held, and I hereby certify that the writs and certificates of the respective Returning Officers have been duly returned to me, whereby it appears that Members were elected to represent the said Province

in the Legislative Assembly thereof for the respective Electoral Districts as is hereinafter set forth, namely, for—

VICTORIA CITY .....	{ William George Cameron. Richard Low Drury. James Dugald McNiven. Richard Hall.
SAANICH .....	{ Henry Ernest Tanner.
ESQUIMALT .....	{ Charles Edward Pooley.
COWICHAN .....	{ John Newell Evans.
THE ISLANDS .....	{ Thomas Wilson Paterson.
NEWCASTLE .....	{ Parker Williams.
NANAIMO CITY .....	{ James Hurst Hawthornthwaite.
ALBERNI .....	{ William W. B. McInnes.
COMOX .....	{ Robert Grant.
DELTA .....	{ John Oliver.
CHILLIWHAOK .....	{ Charles William Munro.
DEWDNEY .....	{ Honourable Richard McBride.
RICHMOND .....	{ Francis Carter-Cotton.
NEW WESTMINSTER CITY .....	{ Thomas Gifford.
VANCOUVER CITY .....	{ Honourable Robert Garnett Tatlow. James Ford Garden. Honourable Charles Wilson. William John Bowser. Alexander H. B. Macgowan.
ATLIN .....	{ Henry Esson Young.
SKEENA .....	{ Charles W. D. Clifford.
CARIBOO .....	{ James Murphy. Harry Jones.
LILLOOET .....	{ Archibald McDonald.
YALE .....	{ Stuart Henderson.
KAMLOOPS .....	{ Frederick John Fulton.
OKANAGAN .....	{ Price Ellison.
SIMILKAMEEN .....	{ Lytton Wilmot Shatford.
GREENWOOD .....	{ John Robert Brown.
GRAND FORKS .....	{ George Arthur Fraser.
REVELSTOKE .....	{ Thomas Taylor.
SLOCAN .....	{ William Davidson.
YMIR .....	{ Harry Wright.
NELSON CITY .....	{ John Houston.
ROSSLAND CITY .....	{ James Alexander Macdonald.
KASLO .....	{ Honourable Robert Francis Green.
COLUMBIA .....	{ Wilmer Cleveland Wells.
CRANBROOK .....	{ James Horace King.
FERNIE .....	{ William Roderick Ross.

“A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,

“Deputy Provincial Secretary.

“To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.”

“PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

“VICTORIA, 21st November, 1903.

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by the acceptance of office of the Honourable *Charles Wilson*, a Member for the Vancouver City Electoral District;

“And whereas, on the sixth day of November, instant, a writ for the election of a Member to represent such Electoral District was duly issued to Robert B. Ellis, the Returning Officer of the said Electoral District:

“Now I do hereby certify that on the twenty-first day of November, instant, the said writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate attached, whereby it appears that the Honourable *Charles Wilson* has been, under and by virtue of the said writ, elected a Member to represent the said Vancouver City Electoral District.

“A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,

“*Deputy Provincial Secretary.*”

“*To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.*”

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented the Public Accounts of the Province for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1903.

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

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

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Friday, 27th November, 1903.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *Scriven*.

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

Mr. *Wright* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ross*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, to thank His Honour for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session, and further to assure His Honour that:—

1. We have great pleasure in meeting His Honour on the occasion of the First Session of the Tenth Parliament of British Columbia.

2. The financial affairs of the Province shall receive our most earnest consideration.

3. We have no doubt that the great natural resources of this Province will place it in a position of which we may all justly be proud.

4. We shall give our immediate consideration to any measure which may be submitted to us to authorise the issue of Treasury Warrants extending over a short period of years, in order to obtain money to meet the obligations of the Government, and to the legislation which it is proposed to introduce to increase the revenues of the Province.

5. We are pleased to be informed that, retrenchment having become necessary, His Honour's Government have already effected material reductions in the expenditure of the Province.

6. We trust that the efforts of His Honour's advisers to readjust the financial relations between the Province and the Dominion, and to secure the control of our fisheries and the proper regulation of alien immigration, will be crowned with success.

7. We learn with pleasure that His Honour's Government is prepared to co-operate with any reasonable efforts which may be made to secure an all-Canadian route into the Yukon and Northern British Columbia, and that there is the probability of the construction, at an early date, not only of another Canadian transcontinental railway system having its terminus on the Pacific Ocean, but also of other important lines within our Province.

8. We have received with great satisfaction the assurance that the British Columbia Immigration Act passed last Session has been successful in excluding undesirable immigrants.

9. His Honour may rest assured that the measures which may be brought before us shall receive our earnest consideration, and we trust that our deliberations, under the Divine guidance, will conduce to the prosperity and welfare of the people of the Province.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows :—

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to Borrow the sum of One Million Dollars for the purpose therein specified," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*26th November, 1903.*

*Ordered,* That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to Borrow the sum of One Million Dollars for the purpose therein specified," and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.  
Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows :—

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to assess, levy and collect Taxes on Property and Income," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*26th November, 1903.*

*Ordered,* That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to assess, levy and collect Taxes on Property and Income," and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.  
Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows :—

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to assess, levy and collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*26th November, 1903.*

*Ordered*, That the said Message and the Bill accompanying the same, be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to assess, levy and collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies," and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.  
Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Tax Act, 1900,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*26th November, 1903.*

*Ordered*, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

(IN THE COMMITTEE).

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Tax Act, 1900,'" and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.  
Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Green* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*26th November, 1903.*

*Ordered*, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.  
Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Green* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*26th November, 1903.*

*Ordered,* That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Act,'" and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.  
Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading on Monday next.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act,'" was read a second time.  
To be committed on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

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Monday, 30th November, 1903.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *Scriven*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.  
The debate was again 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 5:55 P.M.

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Tuesday, 1st December, 1903.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *Scriven*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Tax Act, 1901'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*30th November, 1903.*

*Ordered,* That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House 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 P.M.

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Wednesday, 2nd December, 1903.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *Scriven*.

Mr. *McInnes* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Are there any Chinamen employed underground in the coal mines at Cumberland?
2. If so, how many, and why is the law against their employment not enforced?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. The 'Coal Mines Regulation Act' only provides for annual reports from owners or managers; according to the last report, 132 Chinese were employed, but, so far as can be ascertained, it would appear that there is now a larger number in the employ of the mine. The law is being enforced, a large number of informations have been laid against the company for infractions of Rule 34 of the said Act, and it is the intention of the Government to vigorously prosecute the same."

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

1. The amount of money expended on the road commonly known as the West Fork Road, situate in the Greenwood Mining Division, in Similkameen Riding, from the 15th of September, 1903, to date?
2. Under whose supervision the said money was expended?
3. Have the men employed on said West Fork Road, since 15th of September, 1903, been paid?
4. If not, why not?

The Hon. Mr. *Green* replied as follows :—

“1. \$2,305.53.

“2. *A. Megraue*.

“3. Instructions were given on the 9th November last to pay the men, and it is assumed that the Government Agent at Fairview has carried out these instructions.”

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question :—

What is the amount received by each Minister of the Crown under the head of “Traveling Expenses,” from the 1st of June, 1903, to date?

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* replied as follows :—

“Hon. *R. McBride*, \$627.50; Hon. *C. Wilson*, \$860.75; Hon. *R. F. Green*, \$812.25; Hon. *R. G. Tatlow*, \$50; Hon. *A. E. McPhillips*, \$557; Hon. *A. S. Goodeve*, \$56.”

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

1. What is the total amount expended on account of dyking works (by districts) by the Government up to date (as near as practicable)?

2. What is the total amount of arrearages (by districts) up to date (as near as practicable)?

3. What is the amount of the overdraft to date on dyking account?

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* replied as follows :—

“1. On cost of construction and maintenance to November 30th, 1903,—

Chilliwack District	.....	\$261,753
Maple Ridge	“	209,041
Coquitlam	“	143,096
Matsqui	“	200,118
Pitt Meadows	“	87,491
Sumas	“	19,268
Surrey	(Survey only)	905
Agassiz	“	362
		—————\$ 922,034

“2. Arrears due for interest and sinking fund on debentures and bank overdraft to 30th June, 1903,—

Interest, Chilliwack District	.....	\$ 20,950
“ Maple Ridge	“	32,712
“ Coquitlam	“	21,596
“ Matsqui	“	25,784
“ Pitt Meadows	“	14,959
“ Sumas	“	3,663
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“ add from 1st July to 30th November, 1903, on debentures and bank overdraft not yet apportioned to each district	.....	119,664 14,289
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Sinking fund, arrears due, not yet apportioned to each district	.....	133,953 58,721
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Total	.....	\$1,114,708

“3. Bank overdraft to 30th November, 1903 .....\$ 245,332

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

1. How much of the appropriation (1903) of \$10,000, being the amount apportioned for the lower section of Cassiar District (now known as the Skeena Electoral District), has been expended to date?

2. How much of the appropriation (1903) for other districts in the Province has been expended to date, giving details for each district separately?

The Hon. Mr. *Tallow* replied as follows :—

"1. Cassiar District (Skeena Electoral District) . . . . .	\$	4,093	17
"2. North Victoria District . . . . .		1,655	55
South Victoria     " . . . . .		4,867	92
Esquimalt         " . . . . .		7,002	14
Cowichan         " . . . . .		5,487	26
Alberni         " . . . . .		9,150	48
North Nanaimo   " . . . . .		3,629	64
South Nanaimo   " . . . . .		4,377	78
Nanaimo City     " . . . . .		94	50
Comox            " . . . . .		5,078	48
Westminster, Richmond Riding . . . . .		5,340	97
"            Dewdney     " . . . . .		10,462	74
"            Chilliwack   " . . . . .		5,241	79
"            Delta         " . . . . .		10,006	22
Yale District, North Riding . . . . .		7,034	65
"            West         " . . . . .		5,488	60
"            East         " . . . . .		18,955	75
Lillooet District, East     " . . . . .		5,207	87
"            West         " . . . . .		5,336	95
Cariboo District (including Omineca) . . . . .		9,205	52
East Kootenay, North Riding . . . . .		13,802	11
"            South        " . . . . .		10,468	65
West Kootenay, Revelstoke Riding . . . . .		12,191	50
"            Slocan        " . . . . .		9,536	60
"            Nelson       " . . . . .		8,406	47
"            Rossland   " . . . . .		6,319	79
Cassiar District (Atlin Electoral District) . . . . .		10,122	52

Mr. *McInnes* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following question :—

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce legislation this Session amending the "Coal Mines Regulation Act," as recommended by the Royal Commission which last year inquired into accidents in coal mines?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows :—

"The matter is now under consideration."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Resolution agreed to.

On the motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance, 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 President of the Council, the Honourable the Attorney-General, the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the Honourable the Provincial Secretary.

The Honourable the Premier, from the Select Committee, reported an Address which read as follows :—

*To the Honourable Sir HENRI GUSTAVE JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.*

We thank Your Honour for your gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session, and assure your Honour that :—

We have great pleasure in meeting Your Honour on the occasion of the First Session of the Tenth Parliament of British Columbia.

The financial affairs of the Province shall receive our most earnest consideration.

We have no doubt that the great natural resources of this Province will place it in a position of which we may all justly be proud.

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Your Honour may rest assured that the measures which may be brought before us shall receive our earnest consideration, and we trust that our deliberations, under the Divine guidance, will conduce to the prosperity and welfare of the people of the Province.

On the motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by the Honourable the Attorney General, it was *Resolved*,—

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

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Thursday, 3rd December, 1903.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *Scriven*.

The following petitions were laid on the table :—

By Mr. *McInnes*, from *Abram C. Rhinehart* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate the Alberni and Cowichan Railway Company.

By Dr. *King*, from *W. F. Gurd* and others, citizens of Cranbrook, asking for appropriations for a Court House, Government Offices, and streets and bridges.

On the motion of Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by Mr. *Munro*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return giving a statement of our Public Accounts from the 30th of June, 1903, to as nearly the present date as possible.

On the motion of Mr. *Munro*, seconded by Mr. *Paterson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of instructions given to *H. D. Benson*, Esq., to inspect the Lower Fraser dykes; also a copy of the report made by Mr. *Benson*.

On the motion of Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the number of coal prospecting licences granted for lands in Blocks 4,593 and 4,594, West Kootenay District, from June 1st, 1903, up to date, with the names of the grantees and the quantity and locality of the land covered by such licences.

On the motion of Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence, telegrams, Orders of Court, and report of the Returning Officer in connection with the late Provincial election in the District of Fernie, and in connection with the application made for a recount of the ballots cast in said election before a Judge of the County Court.

On the motion of Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the dates upon which the different Returning Officers in the Provincial Elections lately held forwarded the ballot boxes in their custody to the Deputy Provincial Secretary?

On the motion of Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*, seconded by Dr. *King*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the coal and petroleum licences, with names of grantees and locality of lands covered by same, issued since the 1st of August last to date, for lands in East Kootenay District outside of Blocks 4,593 and 4,594.

On the motion of Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*, Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

1. What was the Government Engineer's estimate of the cost of the New Westminster bridge across the Fraser River?
2. What sum has been expended on account of the bridge to date?
3. What further sum will be required to cover its completion?
4. Has the Government entered into any contract, or negotiations looking to a contract, with any railway company for the use of said bridge?
5. If so, what company, and on what terms?

The Hon. Mr. *Green* replied as follows:—

"1. \$936,314.

"2. \$678,279.28.

"3. \$258,034.72, approximately.

"4. No.

"5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. What amount of money has been paid under the head of temporary assistance from June 1st, 1903, to the present date?
2. How many temporary assistants have had their services dispensed with since June 1st, 1903?
3. How many permanent Civil Servants have been discharged since June 1st, 1903?
4. Who are the Civil Servants whose services have been dispensed with?

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* answered as follows:—

"1. \$5,557.25.

"2. 27.

"3. 28.

"4. *W. J. Rant*, Mining Recorder, Wells; *W. B. Smith*, Clerk, Wells; *W. Dalby*, Mining Recorder, Bennett; *J. Mackay*, Deputy Recorder, Horsefly; *W. N. Rolfe*, Mining Recorder, Creston; *W. H. Ellis*, Immigration Office, Victoria; *S. H. O'Dell*, Treasury, Victoria (resigned); *Munroe Miller*, Registry Office, Victoria; *J. H. Austin*, Registry Office, Victoria; *H. C.*

*Killeen*, Works Department, Victoria; *D. R. Irvine*, Works Department, Victoria; *E. A. Wilmot*, Works Department, Victoria; *W. Engelhardt*, Mines Department, Victoria; *S. F. Hone*, Registry Office, Vancouver; *T. E. Whitehouse*, Janitor, Vancouver; *F. G. Heal*, Constable, Saanich; *E. Hodgson*, Constable, Extension; *D. McKinnon*, Constable, Ladysmith; *H. McIndoo*, Constable, Nanaimo; *W. C. Winkel*, Constable, Nicola; *T. Smith*, Constable, New Westminster Road; *J. Snell*, Constable, Lardeau; *J. Liddicoatt*, Constable, Fort Steele; *G. N. S. Fraser*, Constable, Rivers Inlet; *W. J. Bowden*, Assistant, Reformatory, Victoria; *G. H. Tutill*, M. D., Resident Physician, Nicola; *A. L. Kendall*, M. D., Resident Physician, Surrey.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Tax Act, 1901.'"

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Tax Act, 1901.'"

Report adopted.  
Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to Borrow the sum of One Million Dollars for the purpose therein specified,"

Mr. *Oliver* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Henderson*,—

"That all the words of the proposed resolution, after the first word 'That,' be struck out, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof:—'In the opinion of this House, owing to the stringency in the money market and the present unsatisfactory state of the finances of the Province, it is inexpedient to borrow the money proposed by Bill No. 2 for a longer period than three years, within which time this House believes that a loan to retire the proposed loan may be floated at a lower rate of interest than 5 per cent. Also, that this House is of opinion that, owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the revenues, no part of the principal should be made payable within the said period of three years.'"

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," and *Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Davidson</i> ,	<i>Cotton</i> ,	<i>Green</i> ,	<i>Young</i> ,
<i>Hawthornthwaite</i> ,	<i>Clifford</i> ,	<i>Fulton</i> ,	<i>Gifford</i> ,
<i>Williams</i> ,	<i>Bowser</i> ,	<i>Garden</i> ,	<i>Macgowan</i> ,
<i>Tatlow</i> ,	<i>Fraser</i> ,	<i>Taylor</i> ,	<i>Shatford</i> ,
<i>McBride</i> ,	<i>Ross</i> ,	<i>Wright</i> ,	<i>Grant—22.</i>
<i>Wilson</i> ,	<i>A. McDonald</i> ,		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>McInnes</i> ,	<i>McNiven</i> ,	<i>Tanner</i> ,	<i>Munro</i> ,
<i>Drury</i> ,	<i>Murphy</i> ,	<i>Oliver</i> ,	<i>Paterson</i> ,
<i>King</i> ,	<i>Jones</i> ,	<i>J. A. Macdonald</i> ,	<i>Hall</i> ,
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Evans</i> ,	<i>Henderson</i> ,	<i>Cameron—16.</i>

Bill read a second time.  
To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to assess, levy and collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies," was read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Act,'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

The following Members were appointed to form the Standing Committees —

Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders—Messrs. *F. C. Cotton, J. F. Garden, W. R. Ross, H. E. Young, R. L. Drury, J. R. Brown* and *W. W. B. McInnes*.

Committee on Mining—Messrs. *Price Ellison, H. E. Young, Thos. Taylor, H. Wright, R. Grant, L. W. Shatford, J. A. Macdonald, A. McDonald, G. A. Fraser, W. R. Ross, J. Houston, J. H. Hawthornthwaite, W. Davidson, H. Jones, Jas. Murphy, J. R. Brown, J. H. King, S. Henderson, J. D. McNiven, W. C. Wells, H. E. Tanner* and *J. Oliver*.

Committee on Railways—Messrs. *C. W. D. Clifford, Price Ellison, J. F. Garden, Thos. Taylor, Thos. Gifford, A. H. B. Macgowan, H. Wright, W. J. Bowser, G. A. Fraser, L. W. Shatford, R. Grant, P. Williams, T. W. Paterson, S. Henderson, J. A. Macdonald, C. W. Munro, W. W. B. McInnes, R. L. Drury, J. H. King, W. C. Wells, R. Hall* and *J. R. Brown*.

Committee on Public Accounts—Messrs. *F. C. Cotton, W. J. Bowser, A. H. B. Macgowan, H. Wright, R. Hall, W. G. Cameron* and *R. L. Drury*.

Committee on Printing—Messrs. *Jno. Houston, W. R. Ross, C. W. D. Clifford, J. D. McNiven* and *W. G. Cameron*.

Committee on Agriculture—Messrs. *Price Ellison, Thos. Gifford, A. McDonald, L. W. Shatford, H. E. Tanner, C. W. Munro* and *J. N. Evans*.

Committee on Municipal Matters—Messrs. *J. F. Garden, Jno. Houston, W. J. Bowser, J. H. Hawthornthwaite, Jno. Oliver, J. N. Evans* and *W. G. Cameron*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 p.m.

## Friday, 4th December, 1903.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *Scriven*.

Mr. *Garden* presented a petition from *G. W. Hobson* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate the "Vancouver Insurance Company."

Laid on the table.

The petition from *Abram C. Rhinehart* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate the *Albani and Cowichan Railway Company*, was received.

The petition from *W. F. Gurd* and others, citizens of *Cranbrook*, asking for appropriations for a Court House, Government Offices, and streets and bridges, was ruled out of order.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*, Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trail Incorporation Act, 1901,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading on Monday next.

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

1. What amount of money was expended for public works in *Dewdney District* during September and October of the present year?
2. How many pieces of work were commenced in September, 1903, in *Dewdney District*?

3. How many men were employed on the above works?
4. Who hired the men employed on the above works, and what was the rate per day of wages paid?
5. What position did Mr. *W. J. Manson*, of Mission City, hold in the Government employ?

The Hon. Mr. *Green* replied as follows:—

- "1. September, \$3,210; October, \$4,670. Total, \$7,880.
- "2. 10.
- "3. 113.
- "4. Road Superintendent and Road Foremen. Foremen, \$3 to \$4 per day; axemen, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per day; labourers, \$2 to \$2.25 per day.
- "5. No position."

Mr. *Houston* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Did the Lieutenant-Governor in any way interfere, between June 3rd, 1903, and October 3rd, 1903, in the management and sale of the public lands belonging to the Province?
2. If so, in what way?
3. Has the Lieutenant-Governor in any way interfered, since October 3rd, 1903, in the management and sale of the public lands belonging to the Province?
4. If so, in what way?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows:—

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. No.
- "4. Answered by No. 3."

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

How near completion is the Provincial Reformatory, and at what date is it expected that this urgent work will be ready for its intended use?

The Hon. Mr. *Green* replied as follows:—

"The main building, comprising residence, dormitories, &c., is completed, with the exception of heating apparatus, baths, wash-tubs, driers, &c., floor in basement and cementing plinth, &c. The remainder of the further works required to complete the Industrial School fit for occupation are: farm buildings, drainage, water supply and fencing. If the necessary appropriation is provided the whole can be completed by the 30th June, 1904."

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to Borrow the sum of One Million Dollars for the purpose therein specified," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.  
Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to assess, levy and collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies," was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.  
Report to be considered on Monday next.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Act,'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time  
To be committed on Monday next.

The followings Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed on Monday next:—

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to assess, levy and Taxes on Property and Income."  
Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Tax Act, 1900.'"



Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Tax Act, 1901,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Mr. *Garden* presented a petition from the City of Vancouver for a Private Bill to amend their corporate Act.

Laid on the table.

The names of Messrs. *G. A. Fraser* and *W. W. B. McInnes* were added to the Municipal Committee.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:40 o'clock, P.M.

## Monday, 7th December, 1903.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay*.

The following petitions were received :—

From the City of Vancouver, for a Private Bill to amend their corporate Act. (No. 2.)

From *G. W. Hobson* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate the Vancouver Insurance Company. (No. 4.)

The following petitions were presented and received :—

By Mr. *Bowser*, from the City of Vancouver, for a Private Bill for enlarged corporate powers for the purchase or expropriation of lands in False Creek. (No. 3.)

From Mr. *Gifford*, from *J. Warren Bell* and many others, holders of special licences to cut timber, asking amendment to Land Act, *re* such licences.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow :—

By Mr. *Fraser*—Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pharmacy Act.'"

By Mr. *Cameron*—Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act.'"

Mr. *Cotton* presented the First Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
December 7th, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders beg leave to report as follows :—

That the time limited for the presentation of Petitions for Private Bills be extended until January 12th, 1904.

That the time limited for the presentation of Private Bills be extended until the 22nd January, 1904.

That the time limited for the presentation of Reports be extended until January 29th, 1904, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. CARTER-COTTON,  
*Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Evans*, seconded by Mr. *McInnes*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing what lands in Cowichan District were assessed as wild land for the years 1902 and 1903, by whom such taxes were paid and the amounts so paid.

On the motion of Dr. *King*, seconded by Mr. *Oliver*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of instructions given to *Bullock-Webster* re investigation of "East Kootenay Hotel Licence." Also copies of all correspondence in respect to this matter. Also copies of Mr. *Webster's* report.

Mr. *McInnes* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions :—

1. Has the Government received any communications from the Federal authorities relating to the Acts passed by this Legislature last Session? If so, what is their purport?
2. Has the Government any reason to believe that chapter 8 of the British Columbia Statutes, 1903, being an Act effecting the cancellation of certain Columbia and Western Railway Land Grants, will be disallowed by the Federal authorities? If so, what is it?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows :—

- "1. No communications on the subject have been received from the Federal authorities
- "2. The Government has no reason to believe that the Statute will be disallowed."

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions :—

1. How many temporary assistants (and the names of each) were engaged by the Government since June 1st, 1903?
2. How many permanent civil servants were engaged by the Government since June 1st, 1903, and the names of such civil servants?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows :—

"1. 11—*E. F. Richards*, Vancouver; *H. D. Morten*, Duncan; *G. E. Winkler*, Princeton; *E. Marshall*, Ladysmith; *C. Outhett*, Kamloops; *J. Downing*, Princeton; *W. Armstrong*, Trout Lake; *N. Taylor*, Trout Lake; *W. J. Green*, Kaslo; *J. M. Carney*, Kaslo; *J. A. Monteith*, Fairview, all of whom have been discharged.

"2. 6—*A. Sutherland*, Boiler Inspector; *T. B. Hall*, Assessor (in lieu of *C. Booth*, deceased); *J. L. G. Abbott*, District Registrar (in lieu of *T. O. Townley*, resigned); *C. N. Haney*, Clerk (in lieu of *F. Hartley*, resigned); *H. B. Cameron*, Clerk, Atlin (formerly employed temporarily); *J. Hislop*, Mining Recorder, Fort Steele (in lieu of *L. Patmore*, resigned).

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question :—

For what particular journeys did the Hon. R. *McBride*, the Hon. C. *Wilson*, the Hon. R. F. *Green* and the Hon. A. E. *McPhillips* receive travelling expenses, and what amount did each of those gentlemen receive on account of each particular journey since June 1st, 1903?

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* replied as follows :—

"Hon. R. *McBride* :—

Travelling expenses to and from Atlin and Cassiar Districts (including railway and steamboat fares, berths, hack hire, &c.)	\$395 00
Travelling expenses to East and West Kootenay (including railway and steamboat fares, berths, &c.)	222 00
Hack hire (sundry times)	10 50
	\$627 50

“Hon. *A. E. McPhillips* :—

Travelling expenses to and from Atlin and Cassiar Districts (including railway and steamboat fares, berths, hack hire, &c.) . . . . .	\$395 00
Travelling expenses attending at Vancouver in cases of <i>R. Cook</i> and <i>R. South</i> , installing new Registrar at Vancouver, and examining into work and staff at New Westminster Land Registry Office and at New Westminster Gaol. . . . .	50 00
Hack hire (sundry times) . . . . .	9 00
Travelling expenses, conducting assizes at Vancouver. . . . .	103 00
	\$557 00

“Hon. *C. Wilson* :—

Travelling expenses to and from Ottawa (including railway and steamboat fares, berths, parlour car, &c.) . . . . .	\$719 75
Travelling expenses as President of Council from Vancouver to Victoria and return (11 trips) . . . . .	141 00
	\$860 75

“Hon. *R. F. Green* :—

Travelling expenses to and from Ottawa (including railway and steamboat fares, parlour car, berths, &c.) . . . . .	\$669 75
Travelling expenses to and from East and West Kootenay . . . . .	140 00
Hack hire (sundry times) . . . . .	2 50
	\$812 25”

Mr. *Evans* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question :—

Is it the intention of the Government to provide in the Estimates this Session for a school-house at Crofton?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows :—

“Provision will probably be made for the erection of a school-house at Crofton in the Estimates of 1904-1905.”

The report on Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to Borrow the sum of One Million Dollars for the purpose therein specified,” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The report on Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Revenue Tax Act, 1901,’ ” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Act,’ ” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to assess, levy and collect Taxes on Property and Income,” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-night.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 P.M., to resume it again at 8:30 P.M.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O’CLOCK, P.M.

House again in Committee on Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to assess, levy and collect Taxes on Property and Income.”

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. the Premier presented the following Returns :—

Return showing the dates upon which the different Returning Officers in the Provincial Elections lately held forwarded the ballot boxes in their custody to the Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Return of copies of instructions given to *H. D. Benson*, Esq., to inspect the Lower Fraser dykes ; also a copy of the report made by Mr. *Benson*.

Mr. *McInnes* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions :—

1. Have any applications been made for Crown grants under the "Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1903?"

2. If so, how many?

3. Have any Crown grants been issued under the said Act?

4. If so, to whom?

5. If not, why not?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows :—

"1. Yes.

"2. 19.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by the answer to No. 3.

"5. The matter is now receiving the attention of the Department."

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

And then the House adjourned at 10:40 o'clock, P.M.

Tuesday, 8th December, 1903.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay*.

Mr. *Brown* presented a petition from the B. C. Copper Co. and others, asking amendments to the "Steam Boilers Inspection Act."

Laid on the table.

On the motion of Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing all moneys expended, and to whom paid, in connection with the Westminster-Ladner Waggon Road from the first day of June last up to the present time. Also, for copies of all correspondence between the Government and any other person or persons or bodies corporate in respect of right of way and in respect of contributions for the construction of the said road.

On the motion of Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any other person or persons, *re* the construction of a waggon road from south end of the New Westminster Bridge and the existing system of waggon roads.

The Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works presented the following Returns:—

Return showing the coal and petroleum licences, with names of grantees and locality of lands covered by same, issued since the 1st of August last to date, for lands in East Kootenay District outside of Blocks 4,593 and 4,594.

Return showing the number of coal prospecting licences granted for lands in Blocks 4,593 and 4,594, West Kootenay District, from June 1st, 1903, up to date, with the names of the grantees and the quantity and locality of the land covered by such licences.

Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any other person or persons, *re* the construction of a waggon road from south end of the New Westminster Bridge and the existing system of waggon roads.

The report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Act,'" was considered.

Mr. *Brown* moved to strike out clause 3.

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Cameron,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Houston—15.</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>McBride.</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Grant—20.</i>

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

House again in Committee on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to assess, levy and collect Taxes on Property and Income."

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again 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.

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## Wednesday, 9th December, 1903.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay.*

The petition from the B. C. Copper Co. and others, asking amendments to the "Steam Boiler Inspection Act," was received.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow :—

By the Hon. Mr. *Tatlow*—Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act, 1902.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Fulton*—Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Royal Inland Hospital Act, 1896.'"

By Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*—Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Steam Boilers Inspection Act, 1901.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *McBride*—Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Midway and Vernon Railway Aid Act, 1902.'"

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Act,'" was read a third time and passed.

House again in Committee on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to assess, levy and collect Taxes on Property and Income."

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Tax Act, 1900,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pharmacy Act,'" was read a second time. 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 5:15 P.M.

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## Thursday, 10th December, 1903.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay*.

Mr. *Macgowan* presented a petition from *E. P. Bremner* and others, asking amendment to Land Act, *re* Special Licences to cut Timber.

Laid on the table.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow:—

By Hon. Mr. *Tatlow*—Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Act.'"

By Hon. Mr. *Tatlow*—Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Insectivorous and other Birds."

On the motion of Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the number of ballot papers actually issued to voters in each Electoral District of the Province at the general election held on the third day of October, 1903. Also showing the number of votes cast for each candidate in the various Electoral Districts.

On the motion of Mr. *Henderson*, seconded by Mr. *Murphy*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all the Assessment Rolls in British Columbia outside of municipalities for the year 1903.

On the motion of Mr. *Henderson*, seconded by Mr. *Murphy*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any other person or persons *re* the taxation of the Canadian Pacific Railway, or any other railway or railways in the Province, and any reports or commissions bearing on this subject, extending over the years 1885 to 1903.

Mr. *Houston* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Was there a reserve on the land in Block 4,593 and Block 4,594, East Kootenay, at any time between June 3rd, 1903, and October 3rd, 1903?

2. If so, for what purpose?

3. Has a reserve been placed on the land in Block 4,593 and Block 4,594, East Kootenay, since October 3rd, 1903?

4. If so, for what purpose?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes, on Block 4,593, but not on Block 4,594.

“2. The reserve was established by an Order in Council, approved on 11th August, 1890. The purpose is not mentioned therein, but a further Order in Council, approved 6th May, 1891, reserves and sets apart the same parcel of land as an initial block in the grant to be made to the British Columbia Southern Railway Company.

“3. No.

“4. Answered by the reply to No. 3.”

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

1. What was the original estimate for the construction of the Chimney Creek Bridge?

2. What amount has been expended on construction of same to date?

3. What amount has been expended on approaches to same to date?

4. What is the estimated cost of the completion of the said bridge and approaches?

5. Did the Government during the past summer conduct a boarding-house in connection with the building of said bridge?

6. Were provisions for such boarding-house purchased from Indians?

7. At what rate were employees on said bridge charged for board during the past summer?

8. Were employees on said bridge during the past summer engaged at a certain rate of wages and paid off at a lesser rate?

The Hon. Mr. *Green* replied as follows:—

“1. \$40,000, approximately, in 1901.

“2. \$55,057.78.

“3. \$5,659.49;  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles road approaches.

“4. \$6,000.

“5. Yes.

“6. One instance only, 3,200 pounds potatoes.

“7. \$5 per week.

“8. No.”

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

1. Has the Vancouver and Coast-Kootenay Railway Company given the security required by section 4, sub-section (c), chapter 9, 1902?

2. If so, what is the nature of the security furnished?

3. Has the Vancouver and Coast-Kootenay Railway Company commenced work, as provided by section 4, sub-section (n)?

4. If so, when did the Company commence work, and in what does the work of construction consist?

5. Is the work being diligently prosecuted to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council?

The Hon. Mr. *Green* replied as follows:—

“1. No.

“2. Answered by No. 1.

“3. No.

“4. and 5. Answered by No. 3.”

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Why was the name of *M. S. Wade*, of Kamloops, omitted from the list of employees dismissed by the Government?

2. Are there any other omissions?

3. Why were the services of *A. L. Kendall*, physician, Surrey, dispensed with?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows:—

- “1. Unintentionally omitted.
- “2. Not to my knowledge.
- “3. With others, on the ground of economy.”

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Is Mr. *Lane*, of Mission City, a constable in the employ of the Provincial Government?
2. If so, what salary does Mr. *Lane* receive?
3. What are his duties?
4. Is Mission City included in an incorporated municipality?
5. Is it the custom of the Government to maintain Provincial constables in rural municipalities?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows:—

- “1. Yes.
- “2. \$60 per month.
- “3. The usual duties of a Provincial Constable.
- “4. No.
- “5. No, but the custom has been departed from in this instance, as Mission City is a railway junction, and is a convenient point at which to have a Provincial Constable, in order to intercept offenders escaping to the United States.”

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

1. Did Mr. *J. Gilbert* act as stenographer for the Government in the matter of the Columbia and Western Railway investigation?
2. Was Mr. *J. Gilbert* a salaried employee in the service of the Government at the same time?
3. What was the total amount paid for the services of stenographer in connection with the Columbia and Western investigation?
4. To whom was this amount paid?

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* replied as follows:—

- “1. No. *J. Gilbert* acted on behalf of *A. M. Jones*.
- “2. Yes.
- “3. \$700 on account.
- “4. *A. M. Jones*.”

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. What amount of money was paid out of the Provincial Treasury by way of aid to sufferers from the floods on the Fraser River during the present year?
2. Who were the individuals receiving aid?
3. What was the amount received by each individual?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows:—

- “1. \$112.50.
- “2. Transportation companies only received disbursements.
- “3. Answered by No. 2.”

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Was Mr. *John Armstrong* sent to gaol from the Old Men's Home, Kamloops? If so, for what reason?
2. Was the said *John Armstrong* discharged from gaol, and, if so, is the said *John Armstrong* now an inmate of the Old Men's Home, or is the said *John Armstrong* living on the charity of the public?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* read the following memo. from the Deputy Provincial Secretary:—

“MEMO.—The correspondence from Mr. *McLean*, the Superintendent of the Provincial Home, relating to the dismissal of *Armstrong* has been sent to Mr. *Fletcher* for his perusal, and the entries on record of the correspondence do not afford sufficient information to furnish full replies to these questions. I therefore propose to ask Mr. *McLean* to report fully.

“A. C. R., D. P. S.”



Mr. *Tanner* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question :—

Is it the intention of the Government to provide in the Estimates this Session for a new school-house at Saanichton ?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows :—

“From information received in report from Inspector *Wilson*, dated August 6th, 1903, it would appear that there is no present necessity for the erection of a new school-house at South Saanich. The Inspector further reports that with an expenditure of \$250 for repairs, to be carried out during the summer of 1904, the present building can be made to serve for 10 or 12 years longer.”

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions :—

1. For what purpose did the Premier and the Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. *McPhillips*) visit Cassiar and Atlin ?
2. Did the Premier and the Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. *McPhillips*) take part in the late election campaign in Cassiar and Atlin Districts ?
3. If so, what points were visited by the Premier and the Attorney-General ?
4. At what points did the Premier and the Attorney-General deliver election addresses in Cassiar and Atlin Districts ?
5. Under what authority are the election expenses of Ministers paid out of the Provincial Treasury ?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows :—

- “1. On public business.
- “2. We addressed meetings at Bella Coola, Essington, Atlin and Discovery.
- “3. All points touched by steamer ‘*Tees*.’
- “4. Answered by No. 2.
- “5. No authority.”

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

1. What amount has been paid to *A. M. Jones* and *Justin Gilbert*, or to either of them, as stenographers in the Columbia Western inquiry ?
2. What amount remains payable to the said *A. M. Jones* and *Justin Gilbert*, or either of them, as stenographers in the said inquiry ?
3. Who employed the said *A. M. Jones* and *Justin Gilbert* as such stenographers on said inquiry ?
4. Was the said *Justin Gilbert*, at the time of the said employment, the official stenographer of the Supreme Court, at Victoria, in receipt of a regular monthly salary ?

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* replied as follows :—

- “1. \$700 was paid to *A. M. Jones* on account.
- “2. The amount of *A. M. Jones's* claim is \$2,293, of which \$700 has been paid, leaving a balance of \$1,593, which is subject to consideration for final adjustment. No claim has been made by *Justin Gilbert*.
- “3. *A. M. Jones* was the stenographer appointed by the Committee of Inquiry.
- “4. *Justin Gilbert*, at the time of the inquiry, was the Official Stenographer of the Supreme Court at Victoria, and in receipt of a regular monthly salary.”

The following papers were presented :—

By the Hon. the Premier—Return showing all moneys expended, and to whom paid, in connection with the Westminster-Ladner Waggon Road from the first day of June last up to the present time. Also, copies of all correspondence between the Government and any other person or persons or bodies corporate in respect of right of way and in respect of contributions for the construction of the said road.

By the Hon. the Premier and the Hon. the Attorney-General—Return of copies of all correspondence, telegrams, Orders of Court, and report of the Returning Officer in connection with the late Provincial election in the District of Fernie, and in connection with the application made for a recount of the ballots cast in said election before a Judge of the County Court.

By the Hon. the Premier—The Second Report of the Agent-General for British Columbia, London, England, for the year ending December, 1903. Also, copy of First Annual Report.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pharmacy Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to assess, levy and collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies," was considered.

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* moved in amendment, to strike out sections 6 and 7 and substitute in lieu thereof the following :—

"6. The lands mentioned in sub-section (3) of section 3 hereof situate without the limits of any municipal corporation shall be assessed and taxed as real estate or wild lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 'Assessment Act.'"

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* moved to strike out section 5 and substitute in lieu thereof the following :—

"The land occupied and claimed as the right-of-way for railway by any railway company, and situate without the limits of municipal corporations incorporated before the 21st day of February, 1895, and other lands occupied by the company for station or engine houses, or freight sheds, or other buildings connected with the actual operation of the railway, and situate without the limits of municipal corporations incorporated before the 21st day of February, 1895, together with the personal property and income of the company, including the rolling stock, shall be assessed and taxed as a whole as real estate, and at the sum of ten thousand dollars per mile of track of the company situate without the limits of any municipality incorporated before the 21st day of February, 1895. The measurement of track shall not include switches, spurs or sidings, but all switches, spurs and sidings of any railway company situate without the limits of any municipality incorporated before the 21st day of February, 1895, shall be assessed and taxed as real estate, and at the sum of three thousand dollars per mile."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The report on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act,'" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to assess, levy and collect Taxes on Property and Income," was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" a debate arose.

Mr. *Oliver* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*,—

That all the words of the Resolution after the first word "That" be struck out, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof :—

"Whilst this House approves of the principle of taxing to a reasonable extent the timber cut on other than Crown lands, and is also in favour of securing its manufacture in the Province of British Columbia, yet we consider that as this proposed Bill confiscates to a very large extent the value of the timber on other than Crown lands, and would result in closing up a number of promising industries which must draw their supply of timber from other than Crown lands, and would also result in great hardship to actual settlers who rely largely upon the sale of timber upon their homesteads for subsistence whilst clearing their lands, we consider this Bill so unreasonable in its provisions, and that it would be so disastrous in its effects, that we are of the opinion that the Government should withdraw this Bill, and should submit a Bill which would provide for an increase of revenue and not cripple our industries, but distribute the burden of increased taxation equitably upon those called upon to bear it."

The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act, 1902,'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Royal Inland Hospital Act, 1896,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trail Incorporation Act, 1901,'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report 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.

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## Friday, 11th December, 1903.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay*.

The petition from *E. P. Bremner* and others, asking amendment to Land Act, *re* Special Licences to cut Timber, was received.

Mr. *Houston* presented the First Report from the Printing Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,  
VICTORIA, December 10th, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Printing beg leave to report as follows :—

That the Committee met on December 10th, 1903. On motion, the following Returns were ordered to be printed :—

1. Abstract showing coal and petroleum licences granted in East Kootenay District, outside of Blocks 4,593 and 4,594, since August 1st, 1903.
2. Return showing dates of return of ballot boxes by Returning Officers in late election.
3. Return to an Order of the House regarding coal prospecting licences in Blocks 4,593 and 4,594 since June 1st, 1903.
4. Return, *re* application for recount in Fernie election matter.
5. Copies of correspondence, telegrams, &c., *re* Fernie recount.

JOHN HOUSTON,  
*Chairman.*

The report was received.

Mr. *Garden* presented a petition from *S. Ireland* and others, asking legislation *re* control of Vancouver City Police.

Laid on the table.

On the ground of urgency, the Standing Rules and Orders were suspended to allow a motion to be moved by Mr. *Oliver* without notice.

Mr. *Oliver* then moved, seconded by Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*,—

That a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Bowser, Fraser, Davidson, Henderson* and *Drury*, be appointed to inquire into the working of the British Columbia Immigration Act, 1903, with power to call for persons, papers, telegrams and other documents, and to examine witnesses under oath, and report the evidence to the House.

Carried.

On the motion of Mr. *J. A. Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. *Oliver*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Corporation of the City of Rossland, or the Mayor or any of the Aldermen thereof, and the Government during the month of October, 1903, with respect to the dismissal of the Police Magistrate at Rossland and the appointment of his successor.

Mr. *Hall* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*,—

Whereas representations have from time to time been made to the Dominion Government for the approval of fish-traps for the purpose of the salmon fishing industry :

And whereas the passing of a regulation permitting the use of fish-traps would be beneficial to the salmon canning industry of this Province :

Be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia, requesting him to communicate with the Federal Government, urging that Government to permit the use of fish-traps in connection with the salmon canning industry.

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

Mr. *Oliver* moved, seconded by Dr. *King*,—

That an Order of the House be granted directing the Deputy Provincial Secretary to return the ballot boxes used in the late Provincial election in the Electoral District of Fernie to the Returning Officer for that district, for the purpose of producing the said ballot boxes before the County Court Judge, so as to allow the recount applied for to be proceeded with.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order, as being a direct attempt to override the provisions of a clause in a Statute of the Province, viz., section 154 of the Electorates Act.

Mr. *Oliver* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>	<i>Grant.—22</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>
<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Cameron,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Houston.—17</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>			

On the motion of Mr. *Macgowan*, seconded by Mr. *Gifford*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence, papers, findings and other documents relating to an investigation lately held before the Provincial Medical Board on the complaint of *A. J. M. Inverarity* against Dr. *E. B. C. Hanington*.

Mr. *McInnes* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. How many applications have been received for coal licences and leases in Blocks Nos. 4,593 and 4,594 in South-East Kootenay?
2. Have any of these applications been granted?
3. If so, how many, and to whom?
4. Is it the intention of the Government to grant these applications?
5. If so, when?
6. If not, why not?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows:—

“1. As nearly as can be ascertained, 679 coal licences have been applied for—no leases.

“2. Yes.

“3. 21, covering lands within Lot 4,594, as follows:—*E. J. Johnson, John Janiesh, Wm. Senkbiel, Daniel McKenzie, David Tracy, John Lewis, Geo. McClincy, S. F. Wallace, C. A. Klingsmith, John Rudolph, Peter VanDusen, August Baldaup, J. D. Quail, John Derr, J. R. Stevens, W. A. Switzer, Charles J. Bulger, Charles Walde, Thomas Morrison, Francis German Mrs. H. A. Senkbiel.*

“4. The Government proposes to recognise all statutory rights which have been secured by applicants for coal and petroleum licences in Blocks 4,593 and 4,594, South-East Kootenay. It has been deemed prudent, in order to avoid unnecessary complications, that the land be not dealt with until the expiry of the period within which disallowance might be made, about May 1st next.”

Mr. *Murphy* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the prosecution in the case of cattle stealing for which *A. P. McInnes* was indicted for the Assizes holden at Clinton in May last? If so, when?

2. If it is not the intention of the Government to so proceed, is it the intention of the Government to recoup the accused the expenses incurred by him attending for his defence with witnesses and counsel at said Assizes? If not, why not?

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* replied as follows:—

“1. No.

“2. The Government do not pay the costs of defendants in criminal cases. Moreover, the Government had nothing to do with the institution of the prosecution of Mr. *A. P. McInnes*. An information was sworn to on the 15th November, 1902, by *Robert McNae*, charging that *A. P. McInnes*, on or about the 1st of December, 1901, stole a yearling steer, the property of *William Parker*. Mr. *McInnes* was committed for trial, the whole case practically depending upon the testimony of Mr. *McNae*. When it was attempted to subpoena Mr. *McNae* to appear as a witness for the Crown at the Clinton Spring Assizes, 1903, it was found that he had left Cariboo and had gone, as some persons asserted, to Atlin. Under these circumstances, Mr. *Macintyre*, the counsel acting for the Crown at the Clinton Spring Assizes, 1903, did not proceed further with the case.”

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Has any, and what, tangible benefit to the Province been secured as a result of the visit of the Hon. *C. Wilson* and the Hon. *R. F. Green* to Ottawa?

2. Did the Hon. *C. Wilson* and the Hon. *R. F. Green* visit Montreal on Provincial business?

3. If so, what was the nature of the business transacted at Montreal?

The Hon. Mr. *Wilson* replied as follows:—

“1. It is undesirable, in the public interest, to definitely answer this question at present.

“2. Visited Montreal as the guests of the Harbour Commissioners, and in the public interest.”

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

1. Is it the intention of the Government to dispense with the services of a District Road Supervisor in the future in the Saanich Electoral District?

2. If not, why not?

The Hon. Mr. *Green* replied as follows:—

“1. If found necessary in the public interest, a District Road Superintendent will be appointed.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. What proportion of the moneys appropriated for roads, streets and bridges in South Nanaimo was spent on Gabriola Island each year since 1900, inclusive?

2. What instructions were given the Road Superintendent of that district as to the commencing and closing of work and the amount to be expended in 1903?

3. Were instructions, written or verbal, given to any one other than the authorised Superintendent regarding road work on Gabriola Island in the month of September, 1903?

4. If so, by whom and to whom, and what was the nature of the instructions?

The Hon. Mr. *Green* replied as follows:—

“1. 1900-01, \$456.72; 1901-02, \$563.25; 1902-03, \$5; 1903-04, \$223.25.

“2. None.

“3. Yes.

“4. Government Agent, by Public Works Engineer, to set aside \$500 for roads on Gabriola Island, to be taken from district vote; arrangements to be made by Department regarding foreman.”

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

1. What amount was received as commissions and fees on sales for taxes for the year ending June 30th, 1903?

2. What amount was expended for costs, expenses and advertising tax sales for the year ending June 30th, 1903?

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* replied as follows:—

“1. \$9,840.03.

“2. \$13,591.82.”

Mr. *Hall* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. How many reports has Mr. *J. H. Turner*, Agent-General for the Province of British Columbia in London, made to the Government since his appointment?

2. How many clerks has he in his employ? Their names, together with the date of their appointment and the salaries paid.

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows:—

“1. Two.

“2. Two. *J. A. Turner*, appointed secretary on 1st April, 1902, at a salary of £400 per annum, and *L. B. Plumbly*, clerk, on 5th September, 1902; present salary at the rate of £39 per annum.”

Mr. *Henderson* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Did the Premier, or any member of his Government, or any one who has been a member of his Government while he was in office, write a letter of which the following is a copy, or of which the following is a copy of a portion thereof:—

“*Re Lots 4,593 and 4,594.*”

“DEAR SIR,—The policy of the present Government with regard to the disposition of the lands is to secure to all present legal holders of any claims thereon their statutory rights. We deem it advisable not to take immediate action along these lines, as we wish to avoid any complications which might arise by alleged claims that may be made on behalf of the C. P. R., which we do not recognise. We do not anticipate that the Dominion Government will attempt to disallow chapter 8, Statutes 1903, but it is thought advisable to defer action until the disallowance period shall have elapsed, which will be about May 1st, 1904. Immediately after this last-mentioned date we propose to deal with the lands in question as though the same had

always been vacant Crown lands, and will then recognise all valid legal locations according to their priority, including these now in existence. We will not, however, assume the responsibility of deciding conflicting claims."

2. If the answer to No. 1 is affirmative, who wrote it?

3. If the answer to No. 1 is affirmative, to whom was it written?

4. If the answer to No. 1 is affirmative, when was it written?

5. If the answer to No. 1 is in the affirmative, was a copy or original sent to any member of the Legislature, and, if so, to whom?

6. If the answer to No. 1 is in the negative, did the Premier write such a letter to any person or persons to a similar purport, and when?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows:—

"1. The letter in question was a personal letter written by the Premier to the Honourable Member for Grand Forks on the 2nd of December, and is in line with what has been stated verbally as being the policy of the Government on the question of South-East Kootenay lands.

"Questions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are answered by the answer to question No. 1."

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to assess, levy and collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies," was read a third time and passed.

The report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to assess, levy and collect Taxes on Property and Income," was considered.

Mr. *J. A. Macdonald* moved in amendment—

That all the words after the word "follows," in the enacting clause, be struck out, and the following inserted:—

*"Short Title.*

"1. This Act may be cited as the 'Assessment Act Amendment Act, 1903.'

"2. Section 6 of the 'Assessment Act,' as amended by chapter 38 of the Acts of the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, 1900, is hereby amended, by—

"(a.) Striking out the words 'four-fifths of,' in the fifth line:

"(b.) Striking out the word 'three,' in the eighth line, and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'five':

"(c.) Striking out the words 'three-quarters of,' in the tenth line:

"(d.) Inserting after the word 'two,' in the twentieth line, the words 'and one-half,' and inserting after the word 'three,' in the twenty-first line, the words 'and one-half':

"(e.) Striking out all the words in said section 6 after the word 'to,' in the thirtieth line, and substituting therefor the words 'allow to every taxpayer a discount at the rate of ten per centum upon the amount so paid by him for the current year's taxes only.'

"3. Section 7 of the 'Assessment Act' is hereby amended by—

"(a.) Striking out the words 'twenty-five cents,' in the fourth line, and substituting therefor the words 'one dollar':

"(b.) Inserting before the word 'five,' in the said fourth line, the word 'twenty.'

"4. Section 14 of the said Act, as amended by chapter 38, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of said section the following:—

"(9.) The amount expended in wages in the operation of the mine during the period covered by said statement.'

"And in arriving at the assessed value of the ores the Assessor shall deduct the cost of transportation, treatment and wages, as set forth in the said statement or as otherwise truly ascertained."

A debate arose.

Mr. *Henderson* moved the adjournment of the debate.

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McInnes,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Cameron,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Houston—19.</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Paterson.</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>	<i>Grant—22.</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>		

Debate resumed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock, to meet again at 8:30 P.M.

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

Debate resumed.

The amendment was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Cameron—15.</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Grant—21.</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>			

Mr. *J. A. Macdonald* moved in amendment,—

To add at the end of sub-section (13) of section 4, relating to exemptions, the following words:—"and so much of the personal property of any person as is equal to the just debts owed by him on account of such personal property."

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Cameron—15.</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	



## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Grant—21.</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>			

Mr. *McInnes* moved in amendment that the following be added as a sub-section to section 4:—

“32. All permanent improvements up to the value of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) made on land used for agricultural purposes.”

Negatived on the following division:—

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Cameron—14.</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Davidson,</i>		

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Gifford,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Grant—19.</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>	

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* moved in amendment to add after “only,” in line 30, section 5, the following: “Provided further, that if any farmer resident upon and cultivating his own farm shall be assessed on such farm for a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, and shall pay the taxes on same on or before the 30th day of June in each year, but not otherwise, the Assessor or Collector is hereby authorised to allow to such farmer a discount at the rate of forty per centum upon the amount so paid by him for the current year only.”

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* moved in amendment to strike out in lines two and three of section 15 the words, “according to Form No. 21 in the Schedule of Forms to this Act.”

Carried.

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* moved to amend section 7, line 4, by striking out “twenty-five cents,” and inserting “seventy-five cents”; and by striking out “five cents” and inserting “twenty-five cents,” on line 5.

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted on the following division:—

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Macgowan,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Grant—19.</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Cameron—13.</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>			

Third reading at the next sitting of the House.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

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SATURDAY, 12th December, 1903.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12:20 A.M.

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Saturday, 12th December, 1903.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Clay*.

The petition from *S. Ireland* and others, asking legislation *re* control of Vancouver City Police, was received.

Mr. *Houston* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Is Mr. *Smith Curtis* employed as a temporary assistant in any department of the Government?

2. If so, in what department, and at what salary?

The Hon. Mr. *McBride* replied as follows:—

“1. No.

“2. Answered by previous answer.”

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to assess, levy and collect Taxes on Property and Income,” was read a third time and passed on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Grant—19.</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Cameron—14.</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>		

The report on Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trail Incorporation Act, 1901,’” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The report on Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Royal Inland Hospital Act, 1896,’” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" and on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Oliver*, as follows:—

That all the words of the Resolution after the first word "That" be struck out, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof:—

"Whilst this House approves of the principle of taxing to a reasonable extent the timber cut on other than Crown lands, and is also in favour of securing its manufacture in the Province of British Columbia, yet we consider that as this proposed Bill confiscates to a very large extent the value of the timber on other than Crown lands, and would result in closing up a number of promising industries which must draw their supply of timber from other than Crown lands, and would also result in great hardship to actual settlers who rely largely upon the sale of timber upon their homesteads for subsistence whilst clearing their lands, we consider this Bill so unreasonable in its provisions, and that it would be so disastrous in its effects, that we are of the opinion that the Government should withdraw this Bill, and should submit a Bill which would provide for an increase of revenue and not cripple our industries, but distribute the burden of increased taxation equitably upon those called upon to bear it."

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," and *Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>Davidson,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Taylor,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>A. McDonald,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Green,</i>	<i>Young,</i>
<i>Tatlow,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Garden,</i>	<i>Grant—20.</i>

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Drury,</i>	<i>Murphy,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>
<i>King,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>J. A. Macdonald,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Cameron—14.</i>
<i>McNiven,</i>	<i>Tanner,</i>		

Bill read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

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

On the motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by the Honourable the Attorney-General, it was *Resolved*,—

That a separate Session of the House be held to-day, commencing at 8:30 P.M.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8:30 P.M. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 6 o'clock, P.M.

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Saturday, 12th December, 1903.

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

The report on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair,—

Mr. *Fell*, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

(No. 1) An Act to amend the "Evidence Act."

(No. 2) An Act to Borrow the sum of One Million Dollars for the purpose therein specified.

(No. 3) An Act to assess, levy and collect Taxes on Property and Income.

(No. 4) An Act to amend the "Land Act."

(No. 5) An Act to assess, levy and collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies.

(No. 8) An Act to amend the "Coal Mines Act."

(No. 11) An Act to amend the "Revenue Tax Act, 1901."

(No. 13) An Act to amend the "Trail Incorporation Act, 1901."

(No. 17) An Act to amend the "Royal Inland Hospital Act, 1896."

His Honour was pleased, in His Majesty's name, to give assent to these Bills.

The same was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock on Monday 11th January, 1904.

And then the House adjourned at 9:10 o'clock, p.m.

Monday, 11th January, 1904.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *S. S. Osterhout*.

Mr. *Cotton* presented a petition from *Fred. Buscombe* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate the Coast-Yukon Railway Company.

Laid on the table.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Wilson*—Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the law respecting the Qualification and Registration of Electors, the Regulation of Elections of Members of the Provincial Legislative Assembly, and the Trial of Controverted Elections."

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act.'"

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sale of Goods Act.'"

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting certain Contracts of Insurance."

By the Hon. Mr. *Tallow*—Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horticultural Board Act.'"

By Mr. *Clifford*—Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Henderson*, seconded by Mr. *Munro*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all licences issued by the Superintendent of Police under section 59, chapter 18, of the "Liquor Licence Act, 1900," from the 10th August, 1900, to December 12th, 1903; and that such return include the names of commercial traveller or agent, the principal and date of licence, as near as possible.

On the motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Honourable the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

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

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

1. What steps have been taken by the Government to facilitate the removal of the Indians from the Songhees Indian Reserve?
2. What steps do the Government contemplate taking in obtaining the removal?

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* replied as follows:—

"1. An agent was appointed to examine and report upon suitable locations to which to remove the Indians. The removal of the Indians is dependent upon their consent. I am informed that every effort is being made by the Indian Department to induce them to remove from the City of Victoria to a more suitable locality. The recent efforts made, however, have been retarded by the absence of the Indians from the Reserve at various times, and by the death of two of their Chief Councillors, men of weight in the Band. There are also other difficulties in the way, which it is hoped will be overcome during the present year. Should the Indians not be amenable to reason, in all probability a recommendation will be made to the Dominion Government for special legislation enabling the Department to deal summarily."

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act, 1902,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.  
Report to be considered to-morrow.

The followings Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Act,'" "

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act for the protection of Insectivorous and other Birds."

The report on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pharmacy Act,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.  
Report to be considered to-morrow.

The Hon. the Premier presented a Return of all correspondence, papers, findings and other documents relating to an investigation lately held before the Provincial Medical Board on the complaint of *A. J. M. Inverarity* against Dr. *E. B. C. Hanington*.

*Ordered*, that the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act,'" be discharged, and that the Bill be referred to the Committee on Municipal Matters.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:10 P.M.