

JOURNALS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF THE PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SESSION 1909.

Thursday, 21st January, 1909.

THREE O'CLOCK, P.M.

This being the first day of the third meeting of the Eleventh Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable JAMES DUNSMUIR, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 24th day of November, 1908.

His Honour the Honourable JAMES DUNSMUIR, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It affords me much pleasure, in meeting you at the opening of another Session, to be able to congratulate you upon the prosperity which has prevailed throughout the Province during the past year, and the indications of continual progress which are manifest on every hand.

The almost complete destruction of Fernie by fire, though it caused serious loss, served to awaken the indomitable energy and enterprise of the people of the Province, and resulted in the speedy rebuilding of the city on a more substantial scale. My Government took prompt measures for the relief of the municipality and individual sufferers, and you will be asked to approve of such action.

Messages of sympathy were received from His Majesty the King and His Excellency the Governor-General; and from various parts of Canada, as well as from Great Britain, Australia and the United States, came assistance and sympathy for the sufferers.

The Tercentenary celebration of the founding of Quebec, and the Centenary of Fraser's overland journey to the Pacific and discovery of the Fraser River, were two notable events of the past year. At the former it was my privilege to represent British Columbia and to donate, on behalf of the Province, a substantial sum to the fund for the preservation and nationalisation of the Quebec battlefields. My Government was also called upon to assist in the very successful celebration of the Simon Fraser Centenary at New Westminster.

It is my sad duty to refer to the death of my esteemed and distinguished predecessor in office, Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, whose demise was regarded throughout the Dominion as a national loss. His amiability, courtesy and kindness in private life, and his sterling qualities as a public man, won for him the love and respect of all classes, and his memory will long be cherished by Canadians.

I have again to congratulate the horticulturists of the Province on the remarkable success they have achieved with British Columbia fruit at the exhibitions in Great Britain. The Minister of Finance and Agriculture, who assisted in the work this year, is also to be congratulated on the favourable impression made by him upon the press and public of the Motherland. I must also express my gratification in the fact that British Columbia fruit-growers won several thousand dollars in prizes at the Spokane Apple Show, where the fruit was in competition with the principal fruit-growing States of the Union.

The rapid development of the Province and the extension of settlement in new districts, necessitating the construction of roads, trails and bridges, the establishment of new schools and the surveying of large areas of agricultural lands, have rendered extraordinary expenditure imperative during the recess. You will, therefore, be asked to confirm certain disbursements made under the authority of special warrant.

The negotiations between my Government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company respecting the townsite of Prince Rupert have been concluded, and the work of surveying, subdividing and laying out the new city is proceeding satisfactorily.

In consequence of the rapidly increasing demand for water for irrigation and power purposes, coincident with the expansion of the fruit-growing industry, you will be asked to consider a Bill for the more effectual and equitable distribution of water required to meet the new conditions.

The Act passed at the last Session, providing for the creation of a Department of Works, has been put in force, and a Minister of Works appointed. It is confidently expected that the new arrangement will be found effective in expediting the public service in connection with the public lands and the carrying out of public works.

The Public Accounts for the past financial year will be at once submitted for your consideration, as well as the Estimates for the coming year.

In leaving you to your deliberations, I have every confidence that they will result in promoting the welfare and prosperity of 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. *Bowser*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Magistrates' 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. *Bowser*,—

Resolved, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration on Friday, the 22nd January, instant.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented the Public Accounts of the Province for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1908.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented the Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province of British Columbia—1907-08.

Also the following papers:—

Report of the Free Text Book Branch of the Education Department.

Papers relating to the Acts passed by the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia during the Session of 1908.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:25 o'clock, P.M.

Friday, 22nd January, 1909.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

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. *Parson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Davey*,—

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

1. We are pleased to be congratulated upon the prosperity which has prevailed throughout the Province during the past year, and to be assured that indications of continual progress are manifest on every hand.

2. While the almost complete destruction of Fernie by fire was a great disaster, much satisfaction may be derived from the fact that it has but served to awaken the indomitable energy and enterprise of the people of the Province, and has resulted in the speedy rebuilding of the city on a more substantial scale. His Honour's Government is to be commended upon the prompt measures taken for the relief of the municipality and individual sufferers. This action is most heartily approved by this House. It is gratifying to be informed that messages

of sympathy were received from His Majesty the King and His Excellency the Governor-General, and that from various parts of Canada, Great Britain, Australia and the United States came assistance and sympathy for the sufferers.

3. The Tercentenary celebration of the founding of Quebec, and the Centenary of Fraser's overland journey to the Pacific and discovery of the Fraser River, were certainly two notable events of the past year. We learn with pleasure that at the former His Honour represented British Columbia and, on behalf of the Province, donated a substantial sum to the fund for the preservation and nationalisation of the Quebec battlefields. We are also pleased to be informed that His Honour's Government assisted in the very successful celebration of the Simon Fraser Centenary at New Westminster.

4. We regret that to His Honour has fallen the sad duty of recording the death of His Honour's esteemed and distinguished predecessor in office, Sir Henri Joly de Lotbinière, whose demise was regarded throughout the Dominion as a national loss. His amiability, courtesy and kindness in private life, and his sterling qualities as a public man, won for him the love and respect of all classes, and his memory will long be cherished by Canadians.

5. It affords us great satisfaction that His Honour can again congratulate the horticulturists of the Province on the remarkable success they have achieved with British Columbia fruit at the exhibitions in Great Britain. The Minister of Finance and Agriculture, who assisted in the work this year, is also to be congratulated on the favourable impression made by him upon the press and public of the Motherland. We share His Honour's gratification in the fact that British Columbia fruit-growers won several thousand dollars in prizes at the Spokane Apple Show, where the fruit was in competition with the principal fruit-growing States of the Union.

6. We can readily understand that the rapid development of the Province and the extension of settlements in new districts, by necessitating the construction of roads, trails and bridges, the establishment of new schools and the surveying of large areas of agricultural lands, have rendered extraordinary expenditure imperative during the recess.

7. It is satisfactory that the negotiations between His Honour's Government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company respecting the townsite of Prince Rupert have been concluded, and that the work of surveying, subdividing and laying out the new city is proceeding.

8. We shall carefully consider any measure introduced for the more effectual and equitable distribution of water required for irrigation and power purposes.

9. We are pleased to be informed that the Act passed at the last Session, providing for the creation of a Department of Works, has been put in force, and that a Minister of Works has been appointed. We are confident that the new arrangement will be found effective in expediting the public service in connection with the public lands and the carrying out of public works.

10. The work of the present Session will be greatly facilitated by the early submission of the Public Accounts for the past financial year and of the Estimates for the coming year, referred to by His Honour.

11. We join His Honour in hoping that our deliberations will result in promoting the welfare and prosperity of the Province.

On the motion of Mr. Macdonald, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

Monday, 25th January, 1909.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

The election returns showing the election of *James Hurst Hawthornthwaite*, Esq., as a Member to represent Nanaimo City Electoral District, were read and *Ordered* placed on the Journals of the House, as follows:—

“PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
“25th January, 1909.

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by the resignation of *James Hurst Hawthornthwaite*, a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Nanaimo City Electoral District, and

“Whereas on the 22nd day of December, 1908, a Writ for the election of a Member to represent such Electoral District was duly issued to *Fred. G. Peto*, the Returning Officer of the said District.

“Now, I do hereby certify that on the 25th day of January, 1909, the Writ was returned to me by the Returning Officer, with his Certificate attached, whereby it appears that the electors of the said District have chosen *James Hurst Hawthornthwaite* to represent the Nanaimo City Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
“Deputy Provincial Secretary.

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

James Hurst Hawthornthwaite, Esq., the Member elected to represent Nanaimo City Electoral District, being duly sworn, was introduced to Mr. Speaker and took his seat.

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

Hon. Mr. *Fulton* presented copies of all correspondence, telegrams, agreements or other documents between the Government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co., and the Grand Trunk Pacific Town and Development Co., under the provisions of Chapter 19, Statutes of 1908.

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 the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Parson* presented a petition from *F. E. Sine* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to Incorporate the Shuswap and Thompson River Boom Company, Limited. (No. 6.)

And then the House adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Tuesday, 26th January, 1909.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

The following Petitions were presented :—

By Mr. *Ellison*—From the Coldstream Estate Company, Limited, and the White Valley Irrigation and Power Co., for leave to introduce a Private Bill for amalgamation and confirmation of their powers. (No. 7.)

By Mr. *Jardine*—From *W. K. Houston* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Victoria and Barclay Sound Railway Co. (No. 15.)

By Mr. *Macgowan*—From the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the City's Corporate Act. (No. 9.)

By Mr. *Thomson*—From *John Hopp*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to consolidate certain placer mining holdings and water rights. (No. 4.)

The Hon. Mr. *Tatlow* presented a Statement of Special Warrants signed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the expenditure incurred thereon between 21st May, 1908, and 25th January, 1909, required by the Revenue Act.

The petition from *F. E. Sine* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to Incorporate the Shuswap and Thompson River Boom Company, Limited (No. 6), was received.

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 the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Ross* presented the following Petitions :—

From *D. C. Corbin* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to Incorporate the Flathead Valley Railway Company. (No. 1.)

From *Malcolm B. King* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to Incorporate the Meadow Creek Logging Railway Company. (No. 2.)

The following Members were appointed on the Standing Committees :—

Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders—Messrs. *Ross, Garden, Thomson, Shatford, Henderson, Jones and Williams*.

Committee on Mining—Messrs. *Mackay, Grant, Parsons, Schofield, Hunter, Thomson, McGuire, Behnsen, Macgowan, Davey, Ellison, Kergin, Brewster, Jones, Macdonald, Hall, King, Henderson, Eagleson and McInnis*.

Committee on Agriculture—Messrs. *Ellison, Parson, Grant, Hayward, Yorston and Eagleson*.

Committee on Municipal Matters—Messrs. *Schofield, Manson, Macgowan, Mackay, Gifford, Behnsen, McGuire, Davey, Hayward, Oliver, Naden, Kergin, Hall and Brewster*.

Committee on Railways—Messrs. *McPhillips, McGuire, Gifford, Hayward, Shatford, Ellison, Hunter, Macgowan, Behnsen, Grant, Parson, Manson, Schofield, Jardine, Henderson, King, Naden, Brewster, Yorston, Eagleson, Kergin, Hall and Hawthornthwaite*.

Committee on Public Accounts—Messrs. *Parson, Manson, Schofield, Mackay, Henderson, Oliver and Naden*.

Committee on Printing—Messrs. *Macgowan, Garden, Davey, Henderson and Jones*.

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

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to License Clubs to sell Intoxicating Liquor," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
26th January, 1909.

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

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Leave granted for to-morrow.

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

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to Authorise the Revision of the Statutes of British Columbia," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
26th January, 1909.

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, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to Authorise the Revision of the Statutes of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

1. What roads or bridges were made or repaired in Delta District during the present fiscal year ?
2. What was the amount expended on each road or bridge, and under what foreman ?
3. In what month was the work done in each case ?
4. To what votes were the respective amounts charged ?

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

"1, 2, 3, and 4 answered as follows :—

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Expended.</i>	<i>Month.</i>	<i>Foreman.</i>	<i>Vote.</i>
Brown Road	\$ 12 00	July		139
Coast Meridian Road	827 50		W. Figg & C. B. McKenzie	139
Hjorth Road	191 25	October		139
Johnston Road	152 85	September	J. Johnston	139
Yale Trunk Road	9,089 20	July to Oct.	{ G. I. Blair C. W. McCallum R. D. McKenzie }	164
Canoe Pass Bridge	25,378 80	July to Oct.	W. A. Williscroft	189

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

1. What moneys have been expended in Dewdney Riding during the present fiscal year ?
2. For what purpose was such expenditure made ?
3. To what vote has such expenditure been charged ?

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

“1. \$37,335.61.

“2. To construct and maintain public roads, streets, bridges, wharves and ferry.

“3. Votes 140, 162, 163, 189 and 198.”

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

1. What amount of money was collected by way of tolls for the use of the Government Bridge at New Westminster during the twelve months ending December 31st, 1908?

2. Who were the Toll Collectors employed, and what amount was paid to each Collector during the same period?

3. Is it the intention of the Government to accede to the wishes of the people of the New Westminster City and District by discontinuing the imposition of tolls for the use of the New Westminster Bridge?

4. Has any agreement been made between the Government and the B. C. Electric Railway Co. for the use of the New Westminster Bridge?

5. If so, will the Government cause copies of such agreement to be laid before the House, for its information, forthwith?

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

“1. \$25,702.60, including \$15,000 rental from the V. Y. & E. Railway Company.

“2. G. Hargreaves, \$900; C. Eagles, \$720; E. Oddy, \$720; T. Anderson, \$720; W. Kingsley, \$10; T. Dominy, \$92.50.

“3. The Government is prepared to make reductions in the tolls from time to time as the traffic increases.

“4. Yes.

“5. Yes.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

Wednesday, 27th January, 1909.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

The following petitions were presented :—

By Mr. *Thomson*—From the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the “Victoria Water-works Act, 1873,” and amending Acts. (No. 16.)

By Mr. *Schofield*—From *E. V. Bodwell* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to Incorporate the Goat River Water, Power and Light Company, Limited. (No. 11.)

By Dr. *Kergin*—From *M. King* and *H. B. Robertson*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Prince Rupert and Port Simpson Railway Company. (No. 5.)

By Dr. *Kergin*—From *E. M. Tracksell* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Graham Island Railway Company. (No. 14.)

The following petitions were received :—

From the Coldstream Estate Company, Limited, and the White Valley Irrigation and Power Co., for leave to introduce a Private Bill for amalgamation and confirmation of their powers. (No. 7.)

From *W. K. Houston* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Victoria and Barclay Sound Railway Co. (No. 15.)

From the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the City's Corporate Act. (No. 9.)

From *John Hopp*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to consolidate certain placer mining holdings and water rights. (No. 4.)

From *D. C. Corbin* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to Incorporate the Flathead Valley Railway Co. (No. 1.)

From *Malcolm B. King* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to Incorporate the Meadow Creek Logging Railway Co. (No. 2.)

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

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
27th January, 1909.

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, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horticultural Board Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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 the next sitting of the House.

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

The name of Mr. *Naden* was added as a Member of the Mining Committee.

The name of Mr. *Munro* was added as a member of the Agricultural and Municipal Committees.

And then the House adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Thursday, 28th January, 1909.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

The following petitions were received :—

From the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the "Victoria Water-works Act, 1873," and amending Acts. (No. 16.)

From *E. V. Bodwell* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Goat River Water, Power and Light Company, Limited. (No. 11.)

From *M. King* and *H. B. Robertson*, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Prince Rupert and Port Simpson Railway Company. (No. 5.)

From *E. M. Tracksell* and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Graham Island Railway Company. (No. 14.)

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 28th, 1909.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned Petitions have been complied with :—

Petition No. 6—An Act to Incorporate "The Shuswap and Thompson Rivers Boom Company, Limited."

Petition No. 15—An Act to Incorporate "The Victoria and Barclay Sound Railway Company."

Your Committee further report—

That the Standing Orders in connection with Petition No. 2, "Meadow Creek Logging Railway Company," have been complied with, but with reference to this Petition your said Committee beg leave to call the attention of your Railway Committee to the discrepancy between the prayer of the Petition and the notice of same as they appear in the newspapers and British Columbia Gazette.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. R. Ross,
Chairman.

The report was received.

The following Private Bills were introduced :—

By Mr. *Jardine*—Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Victoria and Barclay Sound Railway Company."

Read first time and referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Parson*—Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Shuswap and Thompson Rivers Boom Company, Limited."

Read first time and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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 the next sitting of the House.

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

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

Friday, 29th January, 1909.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

The following petitions were presented :—

By Mr. *Macgowan*—From the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904. (No. 10.)

By Mr. *Thomson*—From the Pacific Coast Coal Mines, Ltd., for leave to introduce a Private Bill granting the Company enlarged powers. (No. 13.)

By Mr. *Davey*—From the South-East Kootenay Railway Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to extend the time limited for the construction of said railway. (No. 12.)

Mr. *Ross* presented the Second Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 29th, 1909.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the under-mentioned Petitions have been complied with :—

Petition No. 7—An Act to authorise the amalgamation of the Coldstream Estate Company, Limited, and the White Valley Irrigation and Power Company, Limited.

Petition No. 4—An Act to authorise the consolidation of certain Mining Leases in Cariboo by *John Hopp*.

Petition (No. 11)—An Act to Incorporate the Goat River Water, Power and Light Company.

Petition (No. 16)—An Act to amend the Victoria Water Works Act of 1873 and amending Acts.

Petition (No. 5)—The Prince Rupert and Port Simpson Railway Company.

Your Committee further report that the Standing Orders in connection with Petition (No. 1), An Act relative to the Flathead Valley Railway Company, have been complied with, but with reference to this Petition your said Committee begs leave to call the attention of your Railway Committee to the discrepancy between the prayer of the Petition and the notices of the same as they appear in the newspapers and the British Columbia Gazette.

Your Committee further recommend that the time limited for the receiving of Petitions for Private Bills be extended until February 8th, 1909.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. R. ROSS,
Chairman.

The report was received.

The Standing Rules were suspended, and that portion of the Report referring to the extension of time was adopted.

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 the next sitting of the House.

The following Private Bills were introduced and read a first time :—

By Mr. *Ross*—Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Flathead Valley Railway Company.

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Ross*—Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Meadow Creek Logging Railway Company."

Referred to the Railway Committee.

By Mr. *Schofield*—Bill (No. 60) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Goat River Water, Power and Light Company, Limited.”

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

On the motion of Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*, Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act,’” was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *McInnis*, Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act, 1899,’” was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

1. What portion of the \$25,378 expended upon the Canoe Pass Bridge was for labour?
2. What amounts were for each kind of material?
3. Does this expenditure include all the material required in construction of said bridge?

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

“1. \$5,031.97.

“2. Lumber, \$42.98; tools, etc., \$135.27; rock, \$768; tools, etc., \$30.50; board and expenses, \$26.30; tools, etc., \$56.20; freight, \$15.50; livery, \$5; tools, \$2.75; freight, .25; engineering, \$9.35; rock, \$650.40; piles, \$1,193.73; board and expenses, \$22.70; lumber, \$544.45; scow rent, \$81.50; freight, \$6; tools, \$4.75; steel-work, \$8,071.53; lumber, \$4.12; livery, \$7.50; board and expenses, \$13.90; tools, etc., \$24.05; iron bolts, etc., \$172.92; lumber, \$117.41; lumber, \$250.86; lumber, \$146.16; lumber, \$472.99; board and expenses, \$58.95; tools, \$8.50; engineering, \$9.35; fuel, \$106.88; lumber, \$24; lumber, \$249.90; lumber, \$440.57; bolts, etc., \$385.39; W. & C. iron, \$682.95; W. & C. iron, \$9.18; freight, \$9; livery, \$15; iron-work, \$115.75; scow rent and towing, \$70; board, \$30.55; horse hire, \$19.50; engineering, \$19.90; board, 27.80; coal, \$52.50; bolts, supplies, etc., \$251.07; lumber, \$293.85; lumber, \$687.13; bolts, \$4.75; lumber, \$506.80; piles, \$580.65; board, \$17; lumber, \$269.62; lumber, \$341.42; lumber, 537.73; piles, \$588.84; board, \$32.55; spikes, nails, supplies, \$253.38; engineering, \$9.85; coal, \$121.05; towing, \$80; piles, \$477.60.

“3. Yes.”

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

1. What amounts of money were expended during the calendar year 1908 in connection with painting the New Westminster bridge?
2. To whom were such moneys paid, and for what consideration?

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

“1. \$3,109.50, \$155.50, \$4, \$1,177.30, \$385, \$204.75, \$100.65, \$103.25, \$53.40, 42.90, \$3.50, \$15, \$160.

“2 *F. Darling*, purchase sand blast plant; *M. H. Rushton*, erection of sand blast plant; *B. C. Transfer Co.*, hauling; *B. A. Paint Co.*, purchase of paint; *W. S. Phipps*, purchase of sand; *D. Marshall*, foreman painter; *W. Costigan*, *A. Robertson*, *J. Sinclair*, *R. Curnew*, painters; *J. Rennie*, engineer.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:30 P.M.