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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SESSION, 1894-95.

Monday, 12th November, 1894.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Seventh Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable EDGAR DEWDNEY, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the Twenty-seventh day of September, 1894, the Members having been sworn took their seats.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker*, 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. *Eberts*, Member for *South Victoria Electoral District*, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker *David Williams Higgins*, Esquire, Member representing *Esquimalt Electoral District*, which motion was seconded by Mr. *Cotton*, Member for *Vancouver City Electoral District*.

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

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

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 Queen 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 Colonel *Baker* 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 Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all 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:

It is with pleasure I welcome you to the first Session of a new House, and I hope that in the performance of your duties you will make the Seventh Parliament memorable for the wisdom and progressive character of its legislation.

The year which is now drawing to a close has been one of great financial depression throughout the world, and, consequently, in common with other countries, the revenue has not come up to expectation.

The floods of the present year, although happily unattended with loss of life, were productive of much damage to property, and expenditures became necessary in excess of the sums voted by the Legislature, for the purpose of restoring means of communication and extending temporary relief to those in need.

The moneys required were raised, with the advice of my Ministers, by special warrant, and you are called together at an earlier date than is usual, in order that you may ratify these and other expenditures demanded in the public service, and also to consider an Act for raising a loan to meet and be devoted to works of public utility.

In extending relief to sufferers from the floods, I caused seed to be supplied to farmers who had lost their crop, with the highly gratifying result that the produce has not been seriously diminished, and in some instances is equal to and greater than in former years.

Absurdly exaggerated reports of loss of life and property incident to the floods were published broadcast at a time when the extent of damage was unknown. My Ministers, however, took prompt measures to remove an impression created thereby, which, if permitted to remain, must have seriously affected the welfare of the Province.

Since the last meeting of the Assembly, the Province has had to deplore the death of one who for thirty-five years was its Chief Justice, the late Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, by whose demise has been removed a central figure in British Columbia's history, a man of distinguished ability, to whose memory society owes a debt of gratitude for establishing our effective code of justice on firm and lasting foundations.

Coal mining, which during the early part of the year was for lack of profitable foreign demand restricted in its operation, exhibits signs of renewed activity, and the output promises large increase.

The commencement is evident of a healthy reaction in the timber industry, and the exports of lumber have been larger than in preceding years.

Quartz mining in Kootenay, and the inauguration on a large scale, in Cariboo and elsewhere in the Province, of placer mining by improved hydraulic methods, have been most encouraging, and betoken an era of great mining development in British Columbia.

The season's operations in salmon canning have been large; the sealing industry has experienced a successful year, the fleet returning with an unprecedented catch; and it is gratifying to observe that attention has been directed to deep-sea fishing, and that a regular trade has now been established with eastern markets.

I am happy to state that the Nakusp and Slocan Railway is completed, and already large bodies of ore are being shipped over it. The bonds authorized by the Act of last Session have been negotiated in London, bearing interest at 4 per cent. per annum, and have been sold at a premium of 6 per cent.

My Attorney-General recently proceeded to Ottawa and discussed with the members of the Dominion Cabinet terms of settlement of the long pending dispute with reference to the lands in the railway belt. As a result I expect to be able to lay particulars of a settlement before you during the present Session. During his visit to Ottawa an arrangement was also concluded for the issuance of a joint departmental Commission, having for its object a report by expert engineers on the feasibility of a comprehensive scheme for the protection of the Fraser River Valley. Papers on this subject will be laid before you.

The Department of Immigration has effected the location of a Norwegian Colony of well-to-do settlers in Bella Coola Valley. The success of this effort will, doubtless, secure the establishment of future colonies of a similar character.

The Province has been favoured with a visit from His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada and his amiable Consort the Countess of Aberdeen, and it is highly satisfactory to know that on every hand Their Excellencies have met with enthusiastic expressions of welcome, and that they will take their departure with a warm and generous appreciation of the loyalty of Her Majesty's subjects in this portion of Her Dominions.

Amongst measures to be submitted for your consideration will be an Act to amend the Assessment Act, a consolidated Lien Act, a Small Debts Recovery Act, an Act for giving to Cities the option of Government by Commissioners, and an Act authorizing the revision of the Statutes.

The subject of further railway extension for the development of the resources of the Province will receive consideration, and should any practical proposal be forthcoming it will be laid before you in due course.

The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the ensuing year to be shortly laid before you will be found to be framed with strict regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

I now leave you to your deliberations in the confidence that your labours will be pursued with earnestness and zeal, and that they will redound to your own honour and the advantage of this favoured Province. May the Supreme Ruler direct your efforts.

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

Prayers by the Lord Bishop of British Columbia.

The certificates of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of the election of the Members at the General Election, and the election of *George Bohun Martin*, Esq., a Member for North Riding of *Yale Electoral District*, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the said *George Bohun Martin*, were laid on the table and *Ordered* to be appended to the Journals of the House.

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 ;

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.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act relating to Workmen’s Wages, and to make better provision for securing the payment thereof.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Davie*, seconded by the Hon. Colonel *Baker*,—

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

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

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* presented the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1894.

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

Thursday, 15th November, 1894.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

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

Mr. *R. P. Eithet* moved, seconded by Mr. *A. W. Smith*—

1. 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 First Session of the Seventh Parliament, and further to assure His Honour that we will endeavour to make the Seventh Parliament memorable for the wisdom and progressive character of its legislation.

2. That we learn with regret that the year which is now drawing to a close has been one of great financial depression throughout the world, and that, consequently, in common with other countries, the revenue has not come up to expectation.

3. That we note that the floods of the present year, although happily unattended with loss of life, were productive of much damage to property, and that expenditures became necessary in excess of the sums voted by the Legislature, for the purpose of restoring means of communication and extending temporary relief to those in need.

4. That we also note that the moneys required were raised, with the advice of His Honour's Ministers, by special warrant, and having been called together at an earlier date than is usual, we will devote our attention to the subject, in order that we may ratify these and other expenditures demanded in the public service, and that we will also consider an Act for raising a loan to meet and be devoted to works of public utility.

5. That it is satisfactory to us to hear that, in extending relief to sufferers from the floods, His Honour caused seed to be supplied to farmers who had lost their crop, with the highly gratifying result that the produce has not been seriously diminished, and in some instances is equal to and greater than in former years.

6. That we deplore that absurdly exaggerated reports of loss of life and property incident to the floods were published broadcast at a time when the extent of damage was unknown. That it affords us satisfaction, however, that His Honour's Ministers took prompt measures to remove an impression created thereby, which, if permitted to remain, must have seriously affected the welfare of the Province.

7. That we learned with profound sorrow that since the last meeting of the Assembly the Province has had to deplore the death of one who for thirty-five years was its Chief Justice, the late Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, by whose demise has been removed a central figure in British Columbia's history, a man of distinguished ability, to whose memory society owes a debt of gratitude for establishing our effective code of justice on firm and lasting foundations.

8. That we receive with satisfaction the information that coal mining, which during the early part of the year was, for lack of profitable foreign demand, restricted in its operation, exhibits signs of renewed activity, and that the output promises large increase.

9. That we notice with pleasure that the commencement is evident of a healthy reaction in the timber industry, and that the exports of lumber have been larger than in preceding years.

10. That it is satisfactory to learn that quartz mining in Kootenay, and the inauguration on a large scale, in Cariboo and elsewhere in the Province, of placer mining by improved hydraulic methods, have been most encouraging, and betoken an era of great mining development in British Columbia.

11. That it is gratifying to observe that the season's operations in salmon canning have been large; that the sealing industry has experienced a successful year, the fleet returning with an unprecedented catch; that attention has been directed to deep-sea fishing, and that a regular trade has now been established with eastern markets.

12. That we are happy to be informed that the Nakusp and Slocan Railway is completed, and already large bodies of ore are being shipped over it, and that the bonds authorized by the Act of last Session have been negotiated in London, bearing interest at 4 per cent. per annum, and have been sold at a premium of 6 per cent.

13. That we are pleased to learn that His Honour's Attorney-General recently proceeded to Ottawa and discussed with the members of the Dominion Cabinet terms of settlement of the long pending dispute with reference to the lands in the railway belt, and that as a result His Honour expects to be able to lay particulars of a settlement before us during the present Session. It is also satisfactory to learn that during his visit to Ottawa an arrangement was also concluded for the issuance of a joint departmental Commission, having for its object a report by expert engineers on the feasibility of a comprehensive scheme for the protection of the Fraser River Valley. We will gladly receive papers on this subject.

14. That we note with pleasure that the Department of Immigration has effected the location of a Norwegian Colony of well-to-do settlers in Bella Coola Valley. The success of this effort will, we trust, secure the establishment of future colonies of a similar character.

15. That it is a matter of congratulation that the Province has been favoured with a visit from His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada and his amiable Consort, the Countess of Aberdeen, and it is highly satisfactory to know that on every hand Their Excellencies have met with enthusiastic expressions of welcome, and that they will take their departure with a warm and generous appreciation of the loyalty of Her Majesty's subjects in this portion of Her Dominions.

16. That we will devote ourselves to the consideration of all measures to be submitted to us, including an Act to amend the Assessment Act, a consolidated Lien Act, a Small Debts Recovery Act, an Act for giving to Cities the option of Government by Commissioners, and an Act authorizing the revision of the Statutes.

17. That we are pleased to learn that the subject of further railway extension for the development of the resources of the Province will receive consideration, and should any practical proposal be laid before us we will duly consider it.

18. That we are grateful to His Honour for the assurance that the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the ensuing year will be shortly laid before us, and that they will be found to be framed with strict regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

19. That we heartily unite in the prayer that the Supreme Ruler may direct our efforts and cause our labours to redound to the advantage of this favoured Province.

On the motion of Mr. *Kidd*, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Standing Orders were suspended, and the Honourable Mr. *Davis* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act respecting the Representation of the East Riding of Lillooet Electoral District."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

Friday, 16th November, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Martin*, the debate was adjourned until Monday next.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Davis* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act for the benefit of Mechanics and Labourers."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Davis* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to confer limited civil jurisdiction upon Stipendiary Magistrates and Police Magistrates."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Davis* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to repeal Chapter 28 of the Statutes of 1894, intituled 'An Act to amend the Licence Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

Monday, 19th November, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

Resolution proposed and agreed to.

The said Address was read a second time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

On the motion of the Honourable the Attorney-General, seconded by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, 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 Attorney-General, the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, the Honourable the Minister of Finance, the Honourable the President of the Executive Council, the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and Messrs. *Rieth* and *Smith*.

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

To the Honourable EDGAR DEWDNEY, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for your gracious Speech at the opening of this the First Session of the seventh term of the Provincial Parliament. We will endeavour to make it memorable for the wisdom and progressive character of its legislation.

We learn with regret that the year which is now drawing to a close has been one of great financial depression throughout the world, and that, consequently, in common with other countries, the revenue has not come up to expectation.

We note that the floods of the present year, although happily unattended with loss of life, were productive of much damage to property, and that expenditures became necessary in excess of the sums voted by the Legislature, for the purpose of restoring means of communication and extending temporary relief to those in need.

We also note that the moneys required were raised, with the advice of Your Honour's Ministers, by special warrant, and having been called together at an earlier date than is usual, we will devote our attention to the subject, in order that we may ratify these and other expenditures demanded in the public service, and that we will also consider an Act for raising a loan to meet and be devoted to works of public utility.

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We heartily unite in the prayer that the Supreme Ruler may direct our efforts and cause our labours to redound to the advantage of this favoured Province.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* presented the following papers:—

Statement of Commons established, showing revenue collected for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1894.

Regulations under the "Labour Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1894," presented to the Legislature in conformity with the provisions of section 23 of the said Act.

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

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

Messrs. *Eberts, Smith, Helmcken, Hunter, Williams, Kitchen, and Hume*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

Messrs. *Rithet, Booth, Mutter, Cotton, and Prentice*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Messrs. *McGregor, Mutter, Walkem, Sword, and McPherson*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Printing.

Messrs. *Rithet, Irving, Bryden, Walkem, Braden, Adams, Kellie, Hunter, Rogers, McGregor, Kidd, Kennedy, McPherson, Sword, Forster, Graham, Prentice, and Kitchen*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

Messrs. *Smith, Bryden, Kellie, Rogers, Adams, Hume, Graham, Williams, and Forster*, were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Mining.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to confer limited civil jurisdiction upon Stipendiary Magistrates and Police Magistrates," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Upon the motion of Mr. *Rithet*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Martin*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House do forthwith resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution,—

That this Government be requested to take immediate steps to arrange with the Dominion Government for the joint management of the fisheries of this Province, upon the same terms as the Province of *Ontario*, until the final settlement of the question as to the control of the fisheries now pending between that Province and the Dominion Government.

The House accordingly went into Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Walkem* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

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

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

Tuesday, 20th November, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Smith* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Davie*,—

That in the opinion of this House it is not advisable to open the restaurant to supply meals to the Members of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session.

The motion was withdrawn, with leave.

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

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

Mr. *Kellie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of Tramway, Telephone and Telegraph Companies in West Kootenay District."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

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

By what authority does County Court Judge *Bole* try criminal cases? Has he the powers of a Supreme Court Judge, and more particularly when a Supreme Court Judge is available?

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

“By virtue of sections 35 and 37 of the ‘Supreme Court Act,’ and of a Commission of Oyer and Terminer issued by the Lieutenant-Governor. Mr. *Bole* is also a local Supreme Court Judge for *New Westminster County*, by virtue of the Governor-General’s Commission.”

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

When was the guarantee on the bonds of the *Nakusp and Slocan Railway* given, and to what amount?

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

“The Guaranteed Bonds are dated July 1st, 1893. The amount, \$17,500 per mile.”

The House again went into Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Walkem* in the Chair, to consider the Resolution—

That this Government be requested to take immediate steps to arrange with the Dominion Government for the joint management of the fisheries of this Province, until the final settlement of the question as to the control of the fisheries now pending between the Province and the Dominion Government.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act respecting the Representation of the East Riding of Lillooet Electoral District,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

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

Wednesday, 21st November, 1894.

TWO O’CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Cotton* presented a Petition from the *City of Vancouver* for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act.

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Williams* presented a Petition from the Official Board of the Methodist Church, *Vancouver* (re Sabbath observance).

Laid on the table.

Upon the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Davie*, seconded by the Honourable Colonel *Baker*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the introduction of a Bill intituled “An Act to authorize the Revision of the Statutes.”

The House accordingly went into Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Booth* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of “An Act to authorize the Revision of the Statutes,” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Mr. *Williams* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following question :—

What action, if any, has been taken by the Government towards securing the appointment of a Supreme Court or County Court Judge resident at *Vancouver*?

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

“The Government have forwarded the Resolution of the House recommending the appointment of a County Court Judge to the Dominion Government, and have by departmental correspondence urged such appointment. The Government have not asked the appointment of a Supreme Court Judge for *Vancouver*, as it is not deemed that the judicial requirements of the Province demand the appointment of a sixth Supreme Court Judge.”

Mr. *Semlin* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following question :—

Has the Government called for tenders for the Government book-binding since the close of the last House—April, 1894?

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* replied as follows :—

“Yes; tenders were invited.”

Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act respecting the Representation of the East Riding of Lillooet Electoral District,” was committed, with Mr. *Kellie* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

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

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to repeal Chapter 28 of the Statutes of 1894, intituled ‘An Act to amend the Licence Act,’” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed at next sitting of the House.

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to confer limited civil jurisdiction upon Stipendiary Magistrates and Police Magistrates,” was committed, with Mr. *Smith* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for next sitting of the House.

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

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

E. DEWDNEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to authorize the Revision of the Statutes,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
21st November, 1894.

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

Friday, 23rd November, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

From the *City of Vancouver*, for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act.

From the Official Board of the Methodist Church, *Vancouver* (re Sabbath observance).

Mr. *Prentice* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sword*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to send down to this House copies of any leases granted under the provisions of the Horsefly Hydraulic Mining Co.'s Act, or the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Co.'s Act, 1894.

Withdrawn, with leave.

Mr. *Sword* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following question :—

Were the bonds guaranteed for the *Nakusp and Slocan Railway* in sterling money or in dollars, and what was the gross amount guaranteed ?

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

“Sterling ; £131,400. There will probably be a small addition to this, when the exact mileage of the road is known.”

The Report from the Committee of the Whole, recommending the introduction of “An Act to authorize the Revision of the Statutes,” was considered and adopted.

Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to authorize the revision of the Statutes,” was then introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act respecting the Representation of the East Riding of Lillooet Electoral District,” was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to repeal Chapter 28 of the Statutes of 1894, intituled ‘An Act to repeal the Licence Act,’” was committed, with Mr. *Sword* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Honourable the Attorney-General presented the Twenty-first Annual Report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, abstract of 1893.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* presented the Regulations under the “Legislative Electorates and Elections Act, 1894,” in accordance with the provisions of section 23 of the said Act.

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to confer limited civil jurisdiction upon Stipendiary Magistrates and Police Magistrates,” was again committed, with Mr. *Smith* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

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

Mr. *Eberts* presented a Petition from the Provisional Directors of the *Red Mountain Railway Company*, for a Private Bill to amend Act of Incorporation.

Laid on the table.

And then the House adjourned at 4:55 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 26th November, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

By Mr. *Rogers*, from *Wm. Mackenzie, Geo. A. Cox* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Victoria Hydraulic Consolidated Mining Company."

By Mr. *Eberts*, from *J. C. Armstrong, J. R. Brown, and Jessica M. C. Brown*, for a Private Bill, *re* exemption of *Harrison Hot Springs* lands from *Kent Municipality*.

By Mr. *Kennedy*, from the *City of New Westminster*, for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act.

By Mr. *Eberts*, from "The Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company," for a Private Bill to revise and amend their Corporate Act.

By Mr. *Kennedy*, from "The Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company," for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act.

By Mr. *Cotton*, from "The Burrard Inlet Railway and Ferry Company," for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act.

By Mr. *Cotton*, from "The North Vancouver Electric Company," for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act.

The Petition from the Provisional Directors of "The Red Mountain Railway Company," for a Private Bill to amend Act of Incorporation, was read and received.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* presented papers relating to the Acts passed by the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia during the Session of 1894.

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

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
November 26th, 1894.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg to report:

That they recommend the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be extended for two weeks from this date.

D. M. EBERTS,
Chairman.

Received.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended and the Report was then adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Graham*, seconded by Mr. *Prentice*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all timber dues collected from pre-emptors to the east of the *Cascades*, and of the amounts collected by the different officials.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for copies of all tenders for departmental book-binding received during the year 1894.

Mr. *Kennedy* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following question:—

Does the Government intend to establish a better system of police protection amongst the islands of the *Gulf of Georgia* and the various settlements on both *Vancouver Island* and the *Mainland* north of *Howe Sound*; and if so, what system is to be adopted?

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

“The subject of adequate police protection throughout the whole *North-West Coast* of this Province has received the serious attention of the Provincial Government, and in view of the fact that the population of that region principally consists of Indians, whose management devolves upon the Federal Government, the Provincial Government has urged upon the Federal Government the duty of patrolling the waters which wash the *North-West Coast*, with an armed cutter. An Order in Council upon this subject was forwarded to the Federal Government early in the present year, to which a reply was received from the Federal Government; and upon the occasion of the recent trip of the Attorney-General to *Ottawa* the subject was discussed with the Dominion Executive, with the result that the latter Government promised to favourably consider the propriety of putting an armed cutter on the coast, for the preservation of peace with the Indians, and for the protection of the fisheries.”

Mr. *Prentice* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

Does *Thomas Barton*, Road Superintendent for *East Lillooet*, still receive pay as constable at *Clinton*; and if so, at what rate per annum?

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

“He does; \$400 per annum.”

Mr. *Prentice* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

How many Road Superintendents are at present employed in *Lillooet District*?

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

“Two; one in each riding.”

Mr. *Kennedy* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:—

Have the appointments of Official Scalers, in accordance with the provisions of Bill No. 77 of 1893, intituled “An Act for the appointment of Official Scalers of saw-logs and other cut timber,” been made? If not, why not, and when will they be made?

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

“No appointments have been made yet. The Government have the matter under consideration.”

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

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to authorize the Revision of the Statutes,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act relating to Workmen’s Wages, and to make better provision for securing the payment thereof,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act for the benefit of Mechanics and Labourers,” was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	<i>McGregor—16.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

*Kitchen,
Kennedy,
Hume,*

*Forster,
McPherson,
Kidd,*

*Sword,
Williams,
Semlin,*

*Cotton,
Prentice,
Graham—12.*

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:40 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 27th November, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *McPherson* presented a Petition from *William Cartwright* (*re Thetis Island* land grievance).

Laid on the table.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

From *Wm. Mackenzie, Geo. A. Cox*, and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate "The Victoria Hydraulic Consolidated Mining Company."

From *J. C. Armstrong, J. R. Brown*, and *Jessica M. C. Brown*, for a Private Bill, *re* exemption of *Harrison Hot Springs* lands from *Kent Municipality*.

From the *City of New Westminster*, for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act.

From "The Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company," for a Private Bill to revise and amend their Corporate Act.

From "The Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company," for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act.

From "The Burrard Inlet Railway and Ferry Company," for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act.

From "The North Vancouver Electric Company," for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented papers relating to the protection from overflow of the *Fraser River*.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Legal Professions."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Irving*, seconded by Mr. *Cotton*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That the Government be requested to take such action as may lie in their power to secure the trade of the *Yukon* mines for the merchants and traders in this Province.

The House accordingly went into Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Bryden* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

That the Government be requested to take such action as may lie in their power to secure the trade of the *Yukon* mines for the merchants and traders in this Province.

The Resolution was reported, and the Report adopted by the House.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to authorize the Revision of the Statutes," was committed, with Mr. *Kitchen* in the Chair.

Bill reported complete without amendment.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act relating to Workmen's Wages, and to make better provision for securing the payment thereof," was committed, with Mr. *Adams* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

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

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

Wednesday, 28th November, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

By Mr. *McPherson*, from the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour of Zion Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver* (*re* Sabbath observance).

By the Honourable Mr. *Turner*, from the Board of Management of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, *Victoria* (*re* Sabbath observance).

By the Honourable Mr. *Turner*, from *F. A. Lewis* and others (*re* Sabbath observance).

By Mr. *Rilhet*, from *Joseph Loewen*, *L. E. Erb*, and others (*re* land grievance).

The Petition from *William Cartwright* (*re* *Thetis Island* land grievance) was read and received.

Mr. *Williams* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cotton*,—

That the Government should introduce legislation for the purpose of enforcing the residence of a Supreme Court Judge at *Vancouver*.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until 4th December.

Mr. *Sword* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following question:—

With regard to the *Nakusp and Slocan Railway Co.*'s bonds guaranteed by the Province, who receives the difference between the selling price and the face value?

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

"The Province."

The Report on Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to authorize the Revision of the Statutes," was considered.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to amend section 1 by inserting on line five, between "Columbia" and "and," the words "and also, should the Lieutenant-Governor in Council see fit, of the statute law of England, in force in and applicable to this Province,"

Carried.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to amend section 2, lines three, four, and five, by striking out the words "Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations in force in the Province of British Columbia at the time of the revision and consolidation thereof," and substituting "laws of British Columbia and statute law of England applicable as aforesaid."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Eberts* in the Chair, to consider the motion that a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Resolution was reported.

Report *Ordered* to be considered forthwith and adopted.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

The Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to confer limited civil jurisdiction upon Stipendiary Magistrates and Police Magistrates," was considered.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to amend section 16 by adding thereto "or recommence the proceedings, according to the justice of the case."

Carried.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to amend section 21, in line six, "amount" to read "amounts."

Carried.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to amend section 21 as follows:—

Strike out all the words after "by" in line seven, and substitute "giving such security as the Magistrate may approve, and the deposit or security, as the case may be, shall be immediately transmitted to the Registrar of the Appellate Court by the Magistrate."

Carried.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to amend section 22, line 5, as follows:—

Strike out "month" and substitute "week," and between the words "against" and "give" insert "or within such further time as the Magistrate may allow, not to exceed one month, make such deposit, or."

Carried.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to amend section 24 as follows:—

Strike out all the words after "shall," in line 3, and substitute "make the deposit or give the security mentioned in section 21."

Carried.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to strike out section 52 and substitute the following:—

"52. The Magistrate may allow a fee, not to exceed ten dollars, to any duly qualified barrister or solicitor, as costs against the unsuccessful party, but where less than ten dollars is recovered, the plaintiff shall recover no barrister or solicitor's costs."

The motion was lost on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Williams,
Graham,
Baker,
Davie,

Eberts,
Rithet,
Walkem,

Pooley,
Turner,
Hunter,

Irving,
Braden,
McGregor—13.

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rogers—16.</i>

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act relating to Workmen's Wages, and to make better provision for securing the payment thereof," was again committed, with Mr. *Adams* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

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

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

Thursday, 29th November, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Sword* presented a Petition from *R. T. Williams & Co.* (*re* Government book-binding work).

Laid on the table.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

From the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour of Zion Presbyterian Church, *Vancouver* (*re* Sabbath observance).

From the Board of Management of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, *Victoria* (*re* Sabbath observance).

From *E. A. Lewis* and others (*re* Sabbath observance).

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 29th, 1894.

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 :

1. The Petition of J. C. Armstrong, John R. Brown, and Jessica M. C. Brown.
2. The Petition of "The Burrard Inlet Railway and Ferry Company."

D. M. EBERTS,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Sword*, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return showing the conditions on which the lands at *Bella Coola* have been taken up by the colony of Norwegian settlers, and all correspondence in connection with the same.

Mr. *Kennedy* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions :—

Have not a sufficient number of persons passed the necessary examination to fill the positions of “log scalers”? And if so, why are the appointments not made?

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

“Out of thirty-five candidates who presented themselves for examination before the Board of Examiners for Official Scalers of Logs, only six obtained over 50 % of the standard marks (235), viz. :—

<i>J. Chase</i>	176
<i>C. W. Murray</i>	142
<i>G. W. DeBeck</i>	138
<i>Perry D. Roe</i>	133
<i>J. Warren Bell</i>	129
<i>J. B. Tiffin</i>	120

“The selection and appointment of Official Scalers is now under consideration by the Government.”

Mr. *Eberts* asked the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture the following question :—

Is it the intention of the Government, this Session, to offer any scheme by which compensation will be paid to the owners of cattle which have been quarantined or killed, in order to suppress tuberculosis?

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

“The subject is being considered by the Government.”

Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Legal Professions,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act relating to Workmen’s Wages, and to make better provision for securing the payment thereof,” was again committed, with Mr. *Adams* in the Chair. The Committee rose without report.

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act for the benefit of Mechanics and Labourers,” was committed, with Mr. *Hunter* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

The Petition from *Joseph Loewen, L. E. Erb* and others (*re* land grievance) was ruled out of order, under Rule 93.

The Petition from *R. T. Williams & Co.* (*re* Government book-binding) was ruled out of order, under Rule 93.

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.

Friday, 30th November, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

By Mr. *Kidd*, from the Christian Endeavour Society of the *Richmond* Presbyterian Church (*re* Sabbath observance).

By Mr. *Kidd*, from the Session of the *Richmond* Presbyterian Church (*re* Sabbath observance).

Mr. *Sword* appealed from the decision of the Chair ruling out of order the Petition presented yesterday from *R. T. Williams & Co.* (*re* public binding).

The Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Wa'kem,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Poo'ey,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>McGregor—20.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Prentice—10.</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>		

Mr. *Smith* presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Mining, as follows:—

30th November, 1894.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Committee on Mining have the honour to report :

That in the opinion of the Committee on Mining, the establishment of a Mining Bureau in British Columbia would be of great advantage to the Province, by placing before capitalists reliable information regarding our mineral resources.

A. W. SMITH,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented the Report of Colonel the Honourable *James Baker*, *re Fraser River Relief.*

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Twenty-third Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province for the year 1893-94, by the Superintendent of Education.

Mr. *Kellie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bryden*,—

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole and submit to Committee the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, it is advisable, in the interest and development of the mineral resources of this Province, that a Mining Bureau and a School of Mines be established.

Carried.

The Honourable the Attorney-General stated that, for the purposes of this Resolution, the interests of the Crown were placed in the hands of the House.

The House accordingly went into Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Booth* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, it is advisable, in the interest and development of the mineral resources of this Province, that a Mining Bureau and a School of Mines be established.

The Resolution was reported, and the Report adopted.

Mr. *Kennedy* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following question :—

Does the Government intend to provide any better protection to the settlers on the islands and along the *North-West Coast*, *pro tem.*, or until the Dominion Government establishes some system of protection ?

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

“The Government contemplate increasing the constabulary in the localities referred to.”

Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Legal Professions,” was committed, with Mr. *Forster* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for 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 5:55 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 3rd December, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *S. Cleaver*.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

From the Christian Endeavour Society of the *Richmond* Presbyterian Church (*re* Sabbath observance).

From the Session of the *Richmond* Presbyterian Church (*re* Sabbath observance).

Mr. *Eberts* presented a Petition from *Muirhead & Mann, Taylor Mill Co.*, and many others, in favour of the passage of the Mechanics' Lien Bill.

Laid on the table.

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

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor asking His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House copies of the following papers in regard to floating the *Nakusp and Slocan* bonds, viz.:—Prospectus, letter 4th June, 1894; letter and telegram, July 4th; letter, January 12th, 1893; letters and telegrams of following dates :—June 27th, July 4th, July 11th, July 25th, August 15th, August 1st, August 27th, August 13th, August 28th, September 26th, without list and postscript, October 5th without inclosure.

The motion was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Graham—12.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Irring,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Ridhet,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>McGregor—20.</i>

On the motion of Mr. *Hume*, seconded by Mr. *Kellie*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas, owing to custom, the Indians of the *State of Washington*, in the *United States*, do annually come into *British Columbia* and hunt along the *Columbia River* and *Arrow Lakes*, and by so doing exclude the Indians of *Kootenay*, in *British Columbia*, from following the chase in those parts of the Province above-mentioned :

And whereas there are known cases of the maltreating of settlers along said river and lakes :

Be it therefore *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to move the Dominion Government to take such steps as may be deemed advisable with the *United States Government* to exclude these Indians from crossing the International Boundary.

Mr. *Williams* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 12) intituled "The Woodman's Lien for Wages Act."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act respecting the Sinking Funds existing under the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1877,' and the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1887.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Legal Professions," was again committed, with Mr. *Forster* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

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

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

December 3rd, 1894.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders beg to report : That they recommend that the time limited for presenting Private Bills to the House be extended for two weeks, and that the time limited for reporting Bills to the House be also extended a similar time.

D. M. EBERTS,

Chairman.

The Report was received and adopted.

Mr. *Cotton* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Burrard Inlet Railway and Ferry Company Incorporation Act, 1891.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

Mr. *Eberts* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 15) intituled "Harrison Hot Springs Exclusion Bill."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

The House again went into Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Walkem* in the Chair, to consider the Resolution moved by Mr. *Rithet*—

That this Government be requested to take immediate steps to arrange with the Dominion Government for the joint management of the fisheries of this Province, until the final settlement of the question as to the control of the fisheries now pending between the Province and the Dominion Government.

The Committee reported the following Resolution :—

That this Government be requested to take immediate steps to arrange with the Dominion Government for the appointment of a Joint Commission to enquire into all matters connected with the fisheries of this Province, and to report the result of their enquiries to the Government of the Dominion of *Canada* and to the Government of the Province of *British Columbia*.

The Report was considered forthwith and adopted.

Mr. *Kitchen* presented a Petition from Lodge No. 24, I. O. G. T. (*re* Sabbath observance). Laid on the table.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Kitchen*, seconded by Mr. *Sword*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a return showing the number of mining leases applied for and granted on the *Fraser River* between *Mission City* and *Quesnelmouth*, the acreage and annual rental of such leases.

On the motion of Mr. *Kitchen*, seconded by Mr. *Kennedy*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a return showing :—

1st. The names of persons or corporations from whom seed and supplies were purchased for aid to settlers on the *Lower Fraser*.

2nd. Quantity of each kind purchased, and cost of same.

3rd. The quantity of different kinds of seed or supplies distributed.

4th. The name of, and quantity of seed or supplies supplied to, every person receiving aid.

5th. The quantity of seed delivered by each of the steamers, respectively, and the amount paid to each steamer for said delivery.

6th. The names of all the distributors or persons who signed orders for delivery of grain.

7th. The quantities of seed or supplies distributed by each of such distributors, respectively.

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

Thursday, 6th December, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *S. Cleaver*.

The Petition from *Muirhead & Mann, Taylor Mill Co.*, and many others, in favour of the passage of the Mechanics' Lien Bill, was read and received and *Ordered* to be printed.

The following Petitions were presented, read and received, and *Ordered* to be printed :—

By Mr. *Eberts*, from "The Brunette Saw-mill Company, Limited," and others, in favour of the passage of the Mechanics' Lien Bill.

By Mr. *Eberts*, from "The B. C. Mills Timber and Trading Company," and others, on same subject.

By Mr. *Eberts*, from *Turnbull & Working* and others, on same subject.

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

By Mr. *McPherson*, from *James F. Malkin* and *George Hunter* (*re* Sabbath observance).

By Mr. *Kitchen*, from Perseverance Lodge, No. 1, Independent Order of Good Templars (*re* Sabbath observance).

By Mr. *McGregor*, from "The Nanaimo Water-Works Company," for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act.

Mr. *Helmcken* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Execution Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Helmcken* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Pharmacy Act, 1891.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Eberts* moved the following Resolution :—

That section 10 of the Rules and Orders be amended by inserting between the words "House" and "in," in the third line, the following words :—

"immediately after the ruling, and after debate, the question to be put by the Speaker to the House shall be, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' and the question shall be decided by a majority of votes."

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

On the motion of Mr. *Adams*, seconded by Mr. *Booth*, it was *Resolved* :—

Whereas there are many coming into this Province from foreign countries who are absolutely without means, to the great detriment of the labouring classes and those in business and the taxpayers generally :

Therefore, be it Resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to move the Dominion Government to enact such legislation so as to prevent the coming into our country of such people.

On the motion of Mr. *McPherson*, seconded by Mr. *Kidd*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. *Braden*, *Booth*, *Kellie*, *Kitchen*, and the mover, be appointed, for the purpose of enquiring into the subject-matter of the Petition presented to this House by *William Cartwright*, with power to call for persons, books and papers in connection therewith, and to report to this House from time to time.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kennedy*,—

Whereas at the final count of ballots at the *Chilliwack Polling Division* of the *Chilliwack Riding* of the Electoral District of *Westminster*, at the general election of 1894, it was found that after the count of ballots on election day the ballot-box had been tampered with, and 44 of the ballots cast for *T. E. Kitchen*, one of the candidates, had had additional marks placed upon them; and

Whereas *Horatio Webb*, Returning Officer; *George Melhuish*, Election Clerk; *Samuel A. Cawley*, a candidate, and *J. Pelly*, barrister, his agent; *A. S. Vedder*, agent for, and *Thos. Forster*, acting for, *T. E. Kitchen*, requested the Lieutenant-Governor, in writing, to cause a strict investigation to be immediately made; and

Whereas said investigation has not been made; and

Whereas it is in the public interest that all such offences should be strictly investigated; Therefore, be it *Resolved*, That a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. *Booth*, *Bryden*, *Helmcken*, *Williams*, and *Cotton*, be appointed, for the purpose of making such investigation, with power to call for persons, books, papers and records in connection therewith, and to report from time to time to this House and recommend such action as will best conserve the public interests.

The motion was negatived upon the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>McGregor—13.</i>
<i>Forster,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithel,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Braden—18.</i>
<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>		

On the motion of Mr. *Hume*, seconded by Mr. *Kellie*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return giving the location, extent, and rental of all timber limits and leases in *Kootenay* :

(a.) Amount due and owing to the Government for rent on same, and timber dues on timber cut, together with the names of the parties so in debt :

(b.) Names of all parties who have taken out hand-loggers' licences in *Kootenay*, under section 70 of the "Land Act" :

(c.) A statement showing the names of all who are liable in *Kootenay* to make returns under section 75 of the "Land Act," and the particulars of such returns.

The Honourable Mr. *Martin* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the year ending 31st December, 1894.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* presented copies of all tenders for departmental book-binding received during the year 1894.

Also a return showing the conditions on which the lands at *Bella Coola* have been taken up by the Colony of *Norwegian Settlers*, and the correspondence in connection with the same.

On the motion of Mr. *Hume*, seconded by Mr. *Sword*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be laid before the House a copy of the Report of Mr. Justice *Crease*, who acted as Commissioner to enquire into certain charges made against Capt. *Fitzstubs*, Government Agent.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented a copy of the Report of the Royal Commission on charges preferred against Captain *N. Fitzstubs*.

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

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

E. DEWDNEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act for the promotion of the Mining Industry by the establishment of a Government Bureau of Mines,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
6th December, 1894.

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

Mr. *Williams* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following questions :—

Are there any grounds for the statement published in the issue of the “*Canadian Gazette*” of the 15th November, 1894, that “Professor *Odlum*, of this Province, has been instructed by the *British Columbia* Government with a commission to enquire into the operations of the land regulations in the other Provinces of the Dominion?”

If so, what are the terms of the commission, amount of salary or honorarium, and date of commission?

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

“Mr. *E. Odlum* was deputed on the 11th August, 1894, to examine into and report to the Minister of Education concerning the manner in which the Public Schools and the School of Practicial Science in the Province of *Ontario* are conducted; also with regard to the arrangement of the free land grants system in the said Province. As a remuneration Mr. *Odlum* was to receive \$300 for his services.”

Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act respecting the Incorporation of Tramway, Telephone and Telegraph Companies in West Kootenay District,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 12) intituled “The Woodman’s Lien Act,” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act respecting the Sinking Funds existing under the ‘*British Columbia Loan Act, 1877*,’ and the ‘*British Columbia Loan Act, 1887*,’” was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Legal Professions,” was considered.

Mr. *McPherson* moved to amend section 37, clause 3, sub-section (a), line 12, by inserting between the words “Arts” and “in” the words “or Bachelor or Doctor of Laws.”

Carried.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved to strike out all the words of section 59 after "admission," on the fifteenth line.

Carried.

Mr. *Kennedy* moved to strike out all the words after the word "information," in the eighth line of section 69 of said Act.

Carried.

Mr. *McPherson* moved to strike out section 71.

Negatived.

Mr. *Sword* moved to strike out section 72.

Negatived.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved to strike out all the words after "peace," on second line of section 98

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Graham—10.</i>
<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>McGregor—19.</i>
<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Rithet,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act for the benefit of Mechanics and Labourers," was again committed, with Mr. *Hunter* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

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

Friday, 7th December, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *S. Cleaver*.

The following Petitions were read and received and *Ordered* to be printed :—

From *James F. Malkin* and *George Hunter* (*re* Sabbath observance).

From Perseverance Lodge, No. 1, Independent Order of Good Templars (*re* Sabbath observance).

The Petition from "The Nanaimo Water-Works Company," for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act, was read and received.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Eberts* in the Chair, on the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of 6th December, enclosing a Bill intituled "An Act for the promotion of the Mining Industry by the establishment of a Government Bureau of Mines."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act for the promotion of the Mining Industry by the establishment of a Government Bureau of Mines," and recommend the introduction of the same.

The Committee reported the Resolution.
Report adopted.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act for the promotion of the Mining Industry by the establishment of a Government Bureau of Mines," was then introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Legal Professions," was further considered.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to add at end of section 9 the following:—

"Provided always, that any person who before the passing of this Act has been duly called to the Bar or admitted as a Solicitor, or who has been called to the Bar or admitted as a Solicitor within six months from the date of the coming into force of this Act, shall be entitled to be called to the Bar or admitted as a Solicitor, as the case may be, upon passing such examination, if any, as the Benchers may think fit to require, and upon payment of the prescribed fees."

Carried.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to strike out section 72, and to change in section 73 the word "six" in line 1 to "five."

Carried.

Mr. *Eberts* moved to add the following as section 96:—

"96. Notwithstanding any law or usage to the contrary, any Solicitor in this Province may contract, either under seal or otherwise, with any person or persons or corporation whatsoever, as to the remuneration to be paid him for services rendered or to be rendered to the said person, persons, or corporation, in lieu of or in addition to the costs which any tariff in force are allowed to the said Attorney or Solicitor, and the contract entered into may provide that such Attorney or Solicitor is to receive a portion of the proceeds of the subject-matter of the action or suit in which any such Attorney or Solicitor is or is to be employed, or a portion of the moneys or property for which such Solicitor or Attorney may be retained, whether an action or suit has been brought for the same or a defence has been entered, and such remuneration may also be in the way of commission or percentage on the amount recovered or defended, or on the value of the property about which any action, suit or transaction is concerned."

Negatived.

Mr. *Graham* moved to amend section 98 by adding the following:—

"excepting such fines as may be imposed under section 68 of this Act, which shall be paid into the Provincial Treasury."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>McPherson,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>
<i>Kennedy,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Graham—11.</i>
<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Mutter,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Braden,</i>
<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>	<i>McGregor—16.</i>

Mr. *Eberts* moved the following as a new section :—

“Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, it shall be competent for a Solicitor to make an agreement with his client, and for a client to make an agreement with his Solicitor, before or after or in the course of the transaction of any such business, for the remuneration of the Solicitor, to such amount and in such manner as the Solicitor and the client think fit, either by a gross sum, or by commission or percentage, or by salary, or otherwise; and it shall be competent for the Solicitor to accept from the client, and for the client to give to the Solicitor, remuneration accordingly. The agreement shall be in writing, signed by the person to be bound thereby, or by his agent in that behalf.”

Ruled out of order, as being similar in principle to a clause negatived by the House at a previous sitting.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act respecting the Sinking Funds existing under the ‘British Columbia Loan Act, 1877,’ and the ‘British Columbia Loan Act, 1887,’” was committed, with Mr. *Eberts* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to confer limited civil jurisdiction upon Stipendiary Magistrates and Police Magistrates,” was further considered.

Mr. *Walkem* moved to amend clause 27 by striking out the words “forty dollars” (line 17), and substituting therefor the words “thirty dollars,” and also adding thereto “in case the judgment debtor is a married person or one upon whom another or others is dependent for support, and the sum of twenty dollars should the judgment debtor be a single person.”

Carried.

Mr. *Walkem* moved to amend clause 27, line 21, by striking out the word “forty” and substituting “thirty and twenty” between the words “of” and “dollars.”

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned to Monday next.

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act for the benefit of Mechanics and Labourers,” was again committed, with Mr. *Hunter* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for 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 5:25 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 10th December, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

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

By Mr. *Kennedy*, from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session, *New Westminster* (re Sabbath observance).

By Mr. *McPherson*, from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of *Vancouver* (re Sabbath observance).

By Mr. *Kidd*, from "The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars of British Columbia" (*re* Sabbath observance).

By Mr. *Walkem*, from *Thos. Jamieson* and others, settlers of *Gabriola Island*, complaining of trespassers and injury to stock by dogs.

By Mr. *Graham*, from *D. D. McLaren* and others, residents of *Kettle River* (*re* road construction). Ruled out of order.

The following Petitions were presented, read and received :—

By Mr. *McGregor*, from the *City of Nanaimo*, for a Private Bill (*re* official map.)

By Mr. *Helmcken*, from *T. J. Beattie* and others, for a Private Bill (*re* *Stave River Water-Works*).

By Mr. *McGregor*, from the *City of Nanaimo*, for a Private Bill (*re* public water-works).

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* presented a large bundle of books and papers relating to the *Fraser River Relief*.

Mr. Speaker presented the Annual Report on the Legislative Library.

Mr. *Sword* was appointed a member of the Public Accounts Committee, in the place of Mr. *Cotton*, who was relieved.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
December 10th, 1894.

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 :

No. 9—The Petition of North Vancouver Electric Company.

No. 1—The Petition of the City of Vancouver.

No. 5—The Petition of the City of New Westminster.

No. 2—The Petition of the Red Mountain Railway Company.

Your Committee beg further to report the preamble proved of an Act intituled "The Harrison Hot Springs Exclusion Act, 1894," and the Bill complete with amendments.

D. M. EBERTS,
Chairman.

The Report was received and adopted.

Mr. *Helmcken* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following question :—

What reply (if any) has been received from the Government of the Dominion of *Canada* to the Resolution of this House praying for the removal of the Indians from the *Songhees Indian Reserve*?

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* replied as follows :—

"The last Resolution in this connection was passed on the 10th of February, 1893, and in compliance with the Resolution of the 31st of January, 1894 (*vide* page 17 of the Journals), a Return of all correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments and Orders in Council relative to the *Songhees Indian Reserve* was presented to the House on the 9th of February, 1894. This Return is printed in Volume I., p. 777, of the Sessional Papers, 1894."

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act relating to the Government of Cities."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Homestead Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Helmcken* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Act to regulate the practice of Dentistry in the Province of British Columbia.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *McGregor*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to be caused to be laid before this House a return of all Intestate Estates either administered or unadministered by the Official Administrator for the past three years.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *McGregor*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House all the papers in connection with the late enquiry into the management of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, together with the letter of instructions to the Commissioners appointed to make the enquiry.

The Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Legal Professions," was called.

The Honourable Mr. *Davis* moved to add the following to section 41:—

"Provided, also, that any Solicitor of the Province of ten years' standing as such, and who for such period before the passing of this Act has been enrolled as a Student-at-Law, shall be entitled to be called to the Bar, upon the Benchers being satisfied as to his fitness to practise as a Barrister; and the Benchers may also, subject to such rules and regulations as may from time to time be passed, admit as Solicitors any person who, although not actually admitted, are entitled to admission as Solicitors, Law Agents, or Attorneys, in any of Her Majesty's Courts in England, Ireland, or Scotland."

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act for the benefit of Mechanics and Labourers," was again committed, with Mr. *Hunter* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Execution Act,'" was read a second time. *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "The Woodman's Lien for Wages Act," was committed, with Mr. *McGregor* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Mr. *Eberts* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Red Mountain Railway Company Act, 1893.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:20 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 11th December, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. P. McE. Macleod.

The following Petitions were read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed:—

From St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session, *New Westminster* (*re* Sabbath observance).

From the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of *Vancouver* (*re* Sabbath observance).

From "The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars of British Columbia (*re* Sabbath observance).

From *Thos. Jamieson* and others, settlers of *Gabriola Island*, complaining of trespassers and injury to stock by dogs.

From Lodge No. 24, Independent Order of Good Templars (*re* Sabbath observance).

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act for the promotion of the Mining Industry by the establishment of a Government Bureau of Mines," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Execution Act,'" was committed, with Mr. *Kennedy* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Incorporation of Tramway, Telephone and Telegraph Companies in West Kootenay District," was committed, with Mr. *Rithet* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, papers in connection with the late enquiry into the management of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, together with the letter of instructions to the Commissioners appointed to make the enquiry.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Homestead Act,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "Harrison Hot Springs Exclusion Act," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved that Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act relating to the Government of Cities," be read a second time now.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Thursday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:15 o'clock, p. m.