

Monday, 12th February, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

The following Petitions were laid on the table by Mr. *Macpherson* :—

From the "Vancouver Trades and Labour Council," *re* closing barber shops on Sunday.

From the "Vancouver Typographical Union, No. 226," *re* amendments to "Vancouver City Consolidation Bill."

From *W. C. Wainwright* and others, *re* "ward system" amendments to "Vancouver City Consolidation Bill."

From *J. H. Watson* and others, opposing prayers of Petitions against "Vancouver City Consolidation Bill."

By Colonel *Baker*, from *C. Kauffman* and others, residents of *East Kootenay*, in favour of Eight-hour Law.

Mr. *Green* presented the Thirteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 12th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the time for the reception of Reports on Private Bills be extended until Monday, the 19th day of February, instant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. GREEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the Report adopted.

The Hon. the Premier presented a Return of copies of all correspondence in the year 1898, or in any year subsequent thereto, between the Provincial Government and the Dominion Government, or any other parties, in relation to the seizure by the United States, in November, 1897, of certain cattle, the property of Mr. *Thomas Ellis*, of *Penticton*.

The Report on Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1897,'" was adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *R. Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Macpherson*, it was Resolved,—

That an Order of this House be granted for certain communications from *W. J. Ledingham*, dated January 1st, ult., with accompanying documents.

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

That a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. *A. W. Smith*, *Green*, *Prentice*, *Wells*, and the mover, be appointed for the purpose of enquiring into the cancellation of the pre-emption claim of *Thomas Tugwell* at *Log Cabin*, with power to call for persons and all documents and correspondence bearing on the subject, examine witnesses, and report to this House.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act,'" and Mr. *McPhillips'* amendment thereto, was resumed.

Mr. *Prentice* moved—That the debate be adjourned for ten days.

Motion negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prentice—18.</i>
<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>	<i>Neill—18.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>		

Mr. Speaker voted with the nays.

The debate was resumed.

Mr. *R. Smith* moved the adjournment of the debate.

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prentice—18.</i>
<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>	<i>Neill—18.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>		

Mr. Speaker voted with the nays.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock.

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

Debate resumed.

Mr. *Eberts* moved the adjournment of the House, for the purpose of considering the advisability of adjourning the House, so that the Members may attend a meeting of the citizens at the Drill Hall, to join in saying good-bye and to do honour to the members of the Strathcona Horse.

The motion was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Prentice—18.</i>
<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>	<i>Neill—18.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>		

Mr. Speaker voted with the nays.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY.

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

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Neill—19.</i>
<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Prentice—17.</i>
<i>Clifford,</i>			

Mr. Kellie moved the Previous Question, which was resolved in the affirmative on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Neill—19.</i>
<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Prentice—17.</i>
<i>Clifford,</i>			

Main question proposed and the Bill read a second time on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Neill—19.</i>
<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>	

 NAYS :

Messieurs

Pooley,
Booth,
Hall,
Robertson,
Clifford,

Martin, Jos.,
McBride,
Baker,
Turner,

Eberts,
Higgins,
Smith, A. W.,
Bryden,

Ellison,
Irving,
McPhillips,
Prentice—17.

To be committed to-morrow.

Mr. Booth presented a Petition from *A. D. Campbell* and others, opposing "Coal Mines Regulation Bill."

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

And then the House adjourned at 12:30 o'clock, A. M.

Tuesday, 13th February, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

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

From the "Vancouver Trades and Labour Council," *re* closing barber shops on Sunday.

From the "Vancouver Typographical Union, No. 226," *re* amendments to "Vancouver City Consolidation Bill."

From *W. C. Wainwright* and others, *re* "ward system" amendments to "Vancouver City Consolidation Bill."

From *J. H. Watson* and others, opposing prayers of Petitions against "Vancouver City Consolidation Bill."

From *C. Kauffman* and others, residents of *East Kootenay*, in favour of Eight-hour Law.

From *A. D. Campbell* and others, opposing "Coal Mines Regulation Bill."

From "The New British Columbia Development Company" and others owning and operating metalliferous mines in the Province, *re* Eight-hour Law.

Mr. *Green* presented the Fourteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 13th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the time limited for the reception of Reports on Petitions should be extended until Monday, the 19th day of February, instant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. GREEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the Report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Kellie*, Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Explosives Storage Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Mining Committee.

Mr. *Jos. Martin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Clifford*,—

That whereas the Government has an extremely narrow majority (if any), and may at any time meet with defeat, and the result of such defeat may mean a general election:

And whereas the party which the present Government purports to represent took strong ground when in opposition against the present unfair distribution of seats:

Therefore, be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, a measure giving a fair and equitable redistribution of seats should be brought down by the Government before any other business is attempted, and the failure of the Government to take this course is much against the public interest.

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

Mr. *McPhillips* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

Is the report true that lately a person has been appointed as guard at the *Kamloops Provincial Gaol* who had some time before been dismissed for cause from the employment of the Government?

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

"James Sinclair has recently been appointed as temporary guard at Kamloops Provincial Gaol, during the illness of one of the permanent guards. He (Sinclair) was in October, 1894, dismissed by Superintendent Hussey; but the cause assigned for such dismissal is not, in the opinion of the Government and Superintendent Hussey, now sufficient to warrant the inference that he will not properly perform the duties assigned to him."

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Liquor Licence Act, 1899,'" was considered.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act'" was committed, with Mr. *Booth* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. *Helmcken* moved, seconded by Mr. *McBride*,—

That the House do now adjourn, to call the attention of the Government to the question of the salaries of the County Court Judges.

Motion withdrawn, with leave.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Cotton*, Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to provide for the establishment of a Bureau of Labour Statistics, and also for the formation of Councils of Conciliation and Arbitration," was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:59 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 14th February, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

The following Petitions were laid on the table :—

By Mr. *Kellie*, from *John McDowell*, *re* pension.

By Mr. *Green*, from *A. D. Menzies* and others, residents of *West Kootenay District*, *re* Sabbath observance.

By Mr. *Macpherson*, from *John Halford* and 417 others, opposing Petitions against "Vancouver City Acts Consolidation Bill."

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

By Mr. *Eberts*, from *Henry Watts* and others, *re* school-house on Lot 7, Section 42, *Lake District*.

Mr. *Green* presented the Fifteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 14th, 1900.

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 No. 10, Petition of Western Telegraph and Telephone Company, have not been complied with, and recommend that the prayer of the Petition be not granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. GREEN,
Chairman.

Mr. *Green* moved—That the Report be received.

Mr. *J. M. Martin* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *McPhillips*,—

That the Report of the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, in so far as it relates to the Petition of the Western Telegraph and Telephone Company, be not now received, but that the Standing Orders of this House be suspended to allow the Bill to be introduced, on payment of double fees.

Mr. *Pooley* objected to the suspension of the Rules and Orders without notice.

Mr. Speaker *Forster* ruled that the motion could not be put, in face of the objection ; the usual notice must be given. (*See* Speakers' Decisions, p. 98, and Rule 32.)

The debate on the original motion was adjourned for three days.

Mr. *Kidd* presented the Third Report from the Printing Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 14th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the following papers were ordered to be printed :—

Return of copies of all correspondence in the year 1898, or in any year subsequent thereto, between the Provincial Government and the Dominion Government, or any other parties, in relation to the seizure by the United States, in November, 1897, of certain cattle, the property of Mr. Thomas Ellis, of Penticton.

THOMAS KIDD,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Mr. *Kellie* presented the First Report from the Mining Committee, as follows:—

VICTORIA, February 14th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Mining Committee have the honour to present their first Report, and beg to ask that they be allowed to reduce the number required at present to form a quorum of the Committee from nine to seven members, the reason being that a number of the members are on other Committees, and find it difficult to attend the sittings when required.

J. M. KELLIE,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Standing Rules were suspended and the Report adopted.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking His Honour to send down to this House copies of all correspondence, tenders, &c., in connection with the letting of the contract for keeping open the sleigh-road between *Barkerville* and *Cottonwood House*, and all contracts let for such service.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between *John Lister*, of *Nakusp*, and the Government or Departmental officers, in relation to the purchase of one hundred and sixty acres of land on *Kooskanas Creek*, B.C.

The Hon. the Premier presented a Return of certain communications from *W. J. Ledingham*, dated January 1st, ult., with accompanying documents.

The Hon. Mr. *Cotton* presented the Report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

The adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Jos. Martin*, as follows:—

“That whereas the Government has an extremely narrow majority (if any), and may at any time meet with defeat, and the result of such defeat may mean a general election :

“And whereas the party which the present Government purports to represent took strong ground when in opposition against the present unfair distribution of seats :

“Therefore, be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, a measure giving a fair and equitable redistribution of seats should be brought down by the Government before any other business is attempted, and the failure of the Government to take this course is much against the public interest” —

was resumed.

The Hon. Mr. *Semlin* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Henderson*,—

To strike out all the words after “Whereas,” in the first line of the Resolution, and substitute therefor the following:—

“the party which supports the present Government has for years insisted upon a more representative system of electoral representation ;

“And whereas this House recognises that since the advent to power of the present Government, circumstances, and the administrative demands made upon it, have hitherto prevented action in this matter ;

“Therefore, be it Resolved, That this House is of opinion that the interests of the Province require that a fair and equitable measure for the redistribution of the electoral districts be introduced at an early date during the present Session.”

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock

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

The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Chilkat Pass Railway and Navigation Company" was committed, with Mr. *Deane* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Company, Limited," was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Taku and Atlin Railway and Navigation Company" was committed, with Mr. *Tisdall* in the Chair.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:20 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 15th February, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

The following Petitions were received:—

From *A. D. Menzies* and others, residents of *West Kootenay District*, *re* Sabbath observance.

From *Henry Watts* and others, *re* school-house on Lot 7, Section 42, *Lake District*.

The Petition from *John McDowell*, *re* pension, was ruled out of order, the petitioner not having signed the same.

On the motion of Mr. *McPhillips*, Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Hume* presented a Further Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government of British Columbia, or any member thereof, and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, or any member thereof; also, all correspondence between the Government of British Columbia and any person or persons, miners' or mine-owners' unions, relating to the enforcement of the provisions of section 4 of an Act intituled "Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Amendment Act, 1899."

Mr. *Jos. Martin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Robertson*,—

Whereas it has been publicly charged in this Province—

1. That the present Minister of Finance and Agriculture and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, while acting as Secretary for the Executive Council of this Province, deliberately falsified the minutes of the said Executive Council:

2. That the said Minister of the Crown, having been left in charge of valuable property by Mr. *Gordon*, through a breach of trust, converted the same to his own use, and after judgment had been obtained against him refused, upon examination, to disclose what he had done with the proceeds of said breach of trust, and for such refusal was found guilty of contempt of Court and sent to gaol :

3. That the said Minister of the Crown, having got into financial difficulties in the *State of Colorado* before coming to this Province, left that State clandestinely, for the purpose of evading his creditors and escaping from proceedings at their instance :

And whereas it is important that no suspicion of wrongdoing should attach to the character of such a high official :

Therefore, be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of this House be named by Mr. Speaker to investigate said charges, with power to said Committee to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses under oath, and to report the result of such investigation to this House.

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Helmcken—7.</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Neill—21.</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>			

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

1. Is it the intention of the Government to have another inspection made of the *Burnaby Small Holdings*, with a view to determining whether or not the leaseholders are complying with the terms of their leases ?

2. If such is the intention, when will the inspection be made ?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. A Government officer has been instructed to make an inspection at the earliest practicable date.”

The adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. *Jos. Martin* made on 13th February, instant, *re* the introduction of a Redistribution Bill, was further adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. *Turner* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ellison*—

That the House do now adjourn, to call the attention of the Government to the present position of the offer made by this House on the 4th January last to the Dominion Government, with reference to the British Columbia Contingent.

Motion withdrawn, with leave.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:59 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, 19th February, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*.

The following Petitions were laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Macpherson*, from *J. H. Shrewsbury* and others, in favour of the "Vancouver City Consolidation Bill."

By Mr. *Tisdall*, from *J. M. Atkins* and others, opposing Eight-hour Law.

By Mr. *Tisdall*, from the "Vancouver Board of Trade," opposing Eight-hour Law.

By Colonel *Baker*, from *D. McKenzie* and others, residents of *Fernie*, in favour of Eight-hour Law.

By Mr. *Green*, from *A. E. Teeter* and others, residents of *Slocan*, in favour of "Compulsory Arbitration Bill."

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

THOS. R. McINNES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act for the Redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts, and to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
19th February, 1900.

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

Mr. *Turner* moved that the House do now adjourn, for the purpose of calling the attention of the House to the fact that a stranger is sitting on the floor of the House and taking part in the deliberations.

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Helmcken—17.</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Neill—19.</i>
<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>	

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

Mr. *Green* presented the Sixteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 19th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

(1.) That the time limited for the reception of Reports on Petitions be extended until Monday, the 26th day of February, instant.

(2.) That the time limited for the reception of Reports on Private Bills be extended until Monday, the 26th day of February, instant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. GREEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

Mr. *Macpherson* presented the Seventh Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 19th, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

We have considered Bill No. 33, "An Act to Incorporate the Lake Bennett Railway," and herewith report the preamble of said Bill proved, and beg leave to submit the said Bill with amendments.

R. MACPHERSON,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Hon. Mr. *Henderson* presented a Return of all moneys paid, and to whom paid, for legal services rendered to the Government, or any of the Public Departments, and the nature of such services, during 1899.

And then the House adjourned at 4:10 o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, 20th February, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*.

The following Petitions were received:—

From *J. H. Shrewsbury* and others, in favour of the "Vancouver City Consolidation Bill."
Ordered to be printed.

From *J. M. Atkins* and others, opposing Eight-hour Law.

From the "Vancouver Board of Trade," opposing Eight-hour Law.

From *D. McKenzie* and others, residents of *Fernie*, in favour of Eight-hour Law.

From *A. E. Teeter* and others, residents of *Slocan*, in favour of "Compulsory Arbitration Bill."

Mr. *Kidd* presented the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 20th, 1900.

ML. SPEAKER :

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

That the following papers were ordered to be printed :

1. Copies of all correspondence and other documents relating to the closing of Craigflower Road by the Corporation of the City of Victoria that have passed between the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Victoria, or any person or persons whatsoever, relative to the same matter.

2. Return to an Order of the House for certain communications from W. J. Ledingham, dated January 1st, ult., with accompanying documents.

3. Additional correspondence relating to the enforcement of the provisions of section 4 of an Act intituled "Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Amendment Act, 1899."

THOMAS KIDD,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting Bill intituled "An Act for the Redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts, and to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" with Mr. *Kellie* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act for the Redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts, and to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

Mr. *Kellie*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill.

The Hon. Mr. *Semlin* moved the adoption of the Report.

Mr. *Higgins* objected to the motion, on the ground that the Report could not be considered on the same day on which it was reported from the Committee of the Whole, as the Bill reported created a charge upon the people.

Mr. Speaker *Forster*—The motion is in order. The Bill does not create a charge upon the people. (*May*, 370, 528 and 529.)

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

The Chair was sustained on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Neill—19.</i>
<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Helmcken—18.</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>		

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>
<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Neill—20.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Helmcken—17.</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>			

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 3:40 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 21st February, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell.*

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

And then the House adjourned at 2:25 o'clock, P. M., out of respect to the memories of the British Columbia members of the Canadian Contingent to *South Africa*, who have been killed at *Modder River*, the news of which has just been received.

Thursday, 22nd February, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell.*

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

By Mr. *Kellie*, from the "Trout Lake Trades Committee," opposing Bill to Incorporate the "North Kootenay Power and Light Company."

By Mr. *J. M. Martin*, from *R. B. Kerr, Chas. Cummings, Joseph Stirrett*, and others, *re* Incorporation of the *City of Phoenix*.

By Mr. *Tisdall*, from *Clarke & Stuart* and others, of *Vancouver*, *re* printing of Supreme Court appeal books.

By Mr. *Green*, from the "Sandon Miners' Union," *re* Eight-hour Law.

Mr. *Green* presented the Seventeenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 22nd, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to revise and consolidate the Vancouver Incorporation Act," and beg to submit the same herewith, with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. GREEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The Hon. Mr. *Semlin* moved—"That the House proceed to the Orders of the Day."
Motion withdrawn, with leave.

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

By Mr. *McPhillips*—Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting the closing of Shops, and the employment of Children and Young Persons therein."

By Mr. *Jos. Martin*—Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend chapter 43 of the Statutes of 1899, being the 'Master and Servant Amendment Act, 1899.'"

By Mr. *Prentice*—Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act, 1899.'"

The Hon. Mr. *Semlin* moved—"That the House proceed to the Orders of the Day."
Carried on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>
<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Neill—20.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Helmcken—17.</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>			

The following Returns and papers were presented:—

Return of all papers and correspondence in connection with the floating of the Loan of 1899 in *London*, including a copy of the prospectus of the Loan, copy of instructions to agents, and of the applications for allotment, and letters of underwriters.

Abstract of Revenue and Expenditure of the Province of British Columbia from 1st July to 31st December, 1899.

Statement of Special Warrants signed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the expenditure incurred thereon, between the 27th January, 1899, and the 14th February, 1900, required by the "Revenue Act," chapter 166, section 42.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to make special provision with regard to the qualifications of the Members of the Council of the City of Sandon," was committed, with Mr. *Bryden* in the Chair.

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

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was committed, with Mr. *Macpherson* in the Chair.

Progress reported.
Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Queen's Counsel Act, 1899,'" was resumed.

The Hon. Mr. *Henderson* announced that the Crown consented to the Bill being proceeded with.

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

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act.'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Mr. *McPhillips* moved—"That Bill (No. 51) intituled 'An Act to amend the Provincial Elections Act' be read a second time now."

Motion negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Helmcken—16.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>
<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>McKechie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Neill—20.</i>

The Hon. Mr. *Semlin* moved—"That Bill (No. 54) intituled 'An Act for the Redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts, and to amend the Provincial Elections Act,' be read a second time now."

A debate arose.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock.

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

Debate resumed.

Mr. *Turner* moved in amendment, seconded by Colonel *Baker*,—

To strike out all the words after "That," and insert in place thereof the following:—
"this Bill shall not be read a second time until full and adequate information and maps are submitted to the House, showing boundaries of the new districts, together with statistics showing the number of voters in each district."

The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

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

Friday, 23rd February, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*.

The Hon. Mr. *Semlin* presented a Petition from the City Missions Board of the *City of Vancouver*, *re* cruelty to children.

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

From the "Trout Lake Trades Committee," opposing Bill to incorporate the "North Kootenay Power and Light Company."

From *R. B. Kerr, Chas. Cummings, Joseph Stirrett*, and others, *re* incorporation of the *City of Phoenix*.

From *Clarke & Stuart* and others, of *Vancouver*, *re* printing of Supreme Court appeal books.

From the "Sandon Miners' Union," *re* Eight-hour Law.

Mr. *Green* presented the Eighteenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 23rd, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

The preamble proved of Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kitimaat-Caledonia Company, Limited," and beg to submit the same herewith with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. GREEN,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Cotton*—Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act respecting the Measurement of Timber."

By Mr. *J. M. Martin*—Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to accelerate the Incorporation of the Town of Phoenix."

On the motion of Mr. *J. M. Martin*, seconded by Mr. *McPhillips*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Report of the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, in so far as it relates to the Petition of the Western Telephone and Telegraph Company, be not received, but that the Standing Orders of this House be suspended to allow the Bill to be introduced, on payment of double fees.

Mr. *D. W. Higgins* presented the following report from the Select Committee appointed to visit the Lunatic Asylum at *New Westminster* :—

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, Victoria :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Select Committee appointed to examine into the management and working of the Asylum for the Insane at New Westminster have the honour to submit this report :—

(1.) They visited the Asylum on the 3rd instant, and were received, in the absence of Dr. Bodington, the Medical Superintendent, by Dr. Manchester, the Assistant Medical Superintendent, who afforded the Committee every facility in the pursuit of their enquiries.

(2.) The Committee visited all the wards, and made as exhaustive an examination of the entire establishment as was possible during the limited time at their disposal. They found the patients, the wards, and the cells cleanly and generally well adapted for the purposes of a Lunatic Asylum.

(3.) The establishment has been enlarged by the erection of two additions which, being built on modern lines, are a great improvement on the buildings originally provided for the use of the lunatics.

(4.) The Committee learned that the Government have a reserve of about 160 acres which, in their opinion, should be handed over to the Asylum authorities for cultivation, and as recreation grounds for the inmates. The mildly insane patients might be employed in gardening and in raising vegetables required for the use of the establishment. Modern asylums have adopted the principle of acquiring an acre for every patient, that is, if they build an asylum for three hundred patients they acquire three hundred acres of land. In that respect our Provincial Asylum is far behind, as we have two hundred and forty patients now and only forty acres of land all told. The Committee would recommend that this suggestion be acted upon as far and as soon as possible.

(5.) The laundry should be enlarged and improved in every respect. Better appliances should be introduced for the cleansing of clothes. The necessity for an improvement is now more apparent than ever, because of the new hospital department, which cannot be conducted successfully without a good laundry fitted with the most improved appliances.

(6.) Complaint was made that the steam engine which drives the electrical dynamo for the lighting of the Asylum is situated beneath the dormitories, the consequence being that the noise from the machinery when in motion prevents many of the patients from sleeping at night, and keeps the inmates in a constant fever of excitement. The engines and dynamo should be set up near the laundry, which is sufficiently remote from the dormitories to remove this just cause of complaint.

(7.) There are many skilled artisans confined in the Asylum. Some of these men are experts in the use of tools, and while insane upon some subjects are harmless, and are anxious to be employed at their various trades. We saw specimens of handiwork in furniture made by a patient, which were equal to any work performed by a person in full possession of his senses. It would be an act of economy to provide quarters where the various trades and tools for a carpenter shop, a smithy, a paint shop, a plasterer shop, a brush and broom shop, with chair caning, and more apartments in the laundry for the women to do ironing, etc. All the various trades enumerated above are represented on the staff. Larger shoemaker and tailor shops, and sleeping quarters for those employees who now reside in the town, to the occasional inconvenience of the establishment, are absolutely necessary. If these shops were built of wood, there is a possibility that, with a good foreman to direct them, the patients might furnish most or all the labour.

(8.) The Committee were surprised to find twenty-five Chinese patients; a few of these work in the laundry from choice, but the larger number are unfit for employment of any kind. The Committee believe that an effort should be made to have this class of patients sent to China for treatment by their own Government, and so relieve the Province of the burden of supporting them.

(9.) J. D. Hopkins, a carpenter employed at the Asylum, complained to the Committee that he is engaged by the year at \$60 a month, and that, falling sick, the sum of \$79.80 was deducted from his wages for time lost. The Committee would recommend that the Asylum authorities be communicated with respecting this complaint.

(10.) The Committee say in conclusion that they found the Hospital in very good order, which reflects great credit on the Superintendent, Dr. Bodington, and on his assistant, Dr. Manchester, who has been in full charge in Dr. Bodington's absence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. W. HIGGINS,
Chairman.

The Report was received.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act for the Redistribution of British Columbia into Electoral Districts, and to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" be read a second time now, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Turner*, as follows:—

"To strike out all the words after 'That,' and insert in place thereof the following:—

" 'this Bill shall not be read a second time until full and adequate information and maps are submitted to the House, shewing boundaries of the new districts, together with statistics shewing the number of voters in each district' "—

was resumed.

The amendment was withdrawn, with leave of the House.

Mr. *Hall* moved the Previous Question, which was carried on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Prentice—19.</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>	<i>Neill—18.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>		

Original question resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>	<i>Neill—18.</i>
<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Prentice—19.</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:20 o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, 27th February, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Percival Jenms*.

The Hon. Mr. *Semlin* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Henderson*,—

That this House, being fully alive to the great loss, inconvenience and expense to the country of any interruption of the business of this House at the present time, begs hereby to express its regret that His Honour has seen fit to dismiss his advisers, as in the present crisis they have efficient control of the House.

A debate arose.

Mr. *Jos. Martin* objected to the motion being made without notice.

Mr. Speaker *Forster* ruled that the matter was a question of privilege and a matter of urgency, and was therefore in order. (*May*, p. 258.)

Mr. *McPhillips* objected to the motion, as reflecting on the action of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Speaker *Forster* ruled the motion to be in order. (*See May*, 316.)

Mr. *Jos. Martin* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Irving,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Neill—23.</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Helmcken—13.</i>
<i>Hall,</i>			

Debate resumed.

Original question resolved in the affirmative on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Kinchant,</i>
<i>Irving,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Martin, J. M.,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>	<i>Neill—22.</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>		

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Eberts,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Martin, Jos.,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>McPhillips—15.</i>
<i>Hall,</i>	<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	

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

On the motion of Mr. *Helmcken*, seconded by Mr. *McPhillips*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House desires to renew their feelings of loyalty and devotion to the person and throne of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, and to extend to Her their heartfelt congratulations on the victory of Lord *Roberts*, whereby this House trusts the war in *South Africa* will be brought to an early termination :

Be it further *Resolved*, That the thanks of this House be extended to Lord *Roberts* and his gallant forces :

Be it further *Resolved*, That copies of these Resolutions be telegraphed to Governor-General of Canada, for presentation to Her Majesty and Lord *Roberts* and his officers and men.

And then the House adjourned at 5:30 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 28th February, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Percival Jenns*.

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

Mr. *Joseph Martin* informed the House that he had been called upon by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to form a Government, and he expected to be able to make a statement to the House to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 3:05 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 1st March, 1900.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Percival Jenns*.

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

That this House has no confidence in the third Member for *Vancouver* (Mr. *Jos. Martin*), who has been called in by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to form a Government.

Carried on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Helmcken,</i>	<i>McKechnie,</i>
<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Henderson,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>
<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Smith, A. W.,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kidd,</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Prentice,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>
<i>Clifford,</i>	<i>Ellison,</i>	<i>Tisdall,</i>	<i>Green,</i>
<i>McBride,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>	<i>Deane,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>McPhillips,</i>	<i>Hume,</i>	<i>Neill--28.</i>

NAYS :

Mr. *J. M. Martin.*

HIS Honour the Hon. THOMAS R. McINNES, Lieutenant-Governor, having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair, delivered the following Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :

The usual references to the various measures passed during the Session cannot be made on this occasion, as, although you have been sitting almost to a day for the same period of time occupied by the House last year, there has been practically no work accomplished.

I regret that on account of this failure to transact the business required in the interests of the Province, it will be necessary to go to the expense of holding another Session before the expiry of the fiscal year.

During the last few days there have been exceedingly gratifying reports of British success in South Africa. The surrender of Commandant Cronje, and the relief of Ladysmith, have brought joy to our hearts, and I am sure you will join with me in praying that the war may be satisfactorily ended at an early day.

I refer with pride to the conspicuous gallantry shewn by the Canadian troops in action. The message of Lord Roberts must have brought home to the hearts of all Canadians in a most striking manner the intimate relations which exist between the Mother Land and her Colonies.

While we rejoice over the gallantry of our Canadian troops, our rejoicing cannot but be tempered with sorrow for the loss of those, including some from our own Province, who have given up their lives in their country's service.

They have fallen, however, in a noble cause, and no higher praise can be awarded to any man than that he died fighting bravely for his Mother Land.

I now release you from further attendance.

THOMAS FORSTER, *Speaker.*
