

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the marking of Cattle."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.40 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Thursday next.

Thursday, 1st April, 1875.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *William A. Robertson* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the manner in which a contract, for the supply of the City Prison with groceries and provisions, was awarded to *James Fell & Co.* (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Report was received.

The Honorable Mr. *Humphreys* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the Tariff question. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Report was received.

Ordered to be considered on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Humphreys* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will take into consideration the advisability of offering a premium with a view of encouraging the culture and manufacture of Tobacco.

The following suggestions herewith are respectfully submitted:—That the condition should be for the first one hundred pounds weight of merchantable Tobacco grown and manufactured in this Province.

Mr Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honorable Mr. *Ash* the following question:—

What Act, and which section of that Act, removed Mr. *H. A. S. Morley* from office as Collector of Voters for *Cowichan*?

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* replied as follows:—

"Act No. 12 of 1874, Section 1."

Mr. *W. A. Robertson* asked the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* the following question:—

Has the Government agreed to any proposal, in any way whatsoever, for the alteration, modification, or relaxation of the Railway clauses in the Terms of Union; and, if so, what is the nature of the same?

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* replied as follows:—

"No."

Pursuant to Order, the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting the construction of a Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*, and of Provincial Works."

A debate arose, which was adjourned until Friday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 6 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Friday next.

Friday, 2nd April, 1875.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Semlin* presented a Petition from *J. A. Newland* and others, which was read, and ruled out of order.

Mr. *Holbrook* presented a Petition from members of the Municipal Council of the City of *New Westminster*, which was referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Humphreys*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, it was Resolved,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that an additional Polling Place may be established at *Hat Creek*, in the Electoral District of *Lillooet*.

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

That the names of the "Ayes" and "Noes" upon the vote taken on the 23rd of March last, in Committee of the Whole, on the Independence of Parliament Bill, together with the date of such vote and the title of the measure, be entered upon the Journals of this House.

TUESDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1875.

In Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to render ineligible, as Members of the Provincial Assembly, persons accepting or holding offices or employment under the Dominion Government," Clause 2 of the Bill was passed on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Cogan,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>McCreight,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>A. Roche Robertson,</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Robinson.—13.</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Tolmie.—7.</i>
<i>William A. Robertson,</i>	<i>Holbrook,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	

The debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting the construction of a Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*, and of Provincial Works," was resumed. The debate was adjourned until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 4 P.M., until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, 5th April, 1875.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

On the motion of Mr. *McCreight*, seconded by Mr. *Smithe*, it was Resolved,—

That His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor be requested to send down to this House a copy of the Petition of *Arthur Vowell*, and all correspondence between the Government and the said *Arthur Vowell*, or his Attorney, relative thereto.

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

That the following gentlemen, viz., Messrs. *Humphreys*, *Mara*, *Robson*, *Todd*, *Robinson* and *Semlin*, be appointed a Committee to examine and report to this House on the Petition of *J. A. Newland* and others.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

Mr. *Smith* asked the Honorable Mr. *Ash* the following question :—

If Section 1 of the "Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1874," removed Mr. *H. A. S. Morley* from office; and if he was—as is conceded by all who know him—a good, faithful, competent, and thoroughly honorable and trustworthy Officer, why was he not re-appointed to office under the authority of the aforesaid Act?

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* replied as follows :—

"Mr. *H. A. S. Morley* was never appointed to an office by the Government, and therefore can have no claim against the Government for a re-appointment."

Mr. *Smith* asked the Honorable Mr. *Ash* the following question :—

What steps, if any, have been taken by the Government, as regards an Address to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, that he would recommend to the Dominion Government the expediency of establishing a Military Post at *Kamloops* or *Okanagan*.

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* replied as follows :—

"In pursuance of an Address of the House, the necessity for the establishment of a Military Post at *Kootenay* was urged upon the Dominion Government.

"Beyond the acknowledgment of the receipt of the Despatch, the Dominion Government have not, up to the present time, communicated with the Provincial Government on the subject; and it has therefore been deemed advisable to defer acting on the Address respecting the establishment of a Military Post at *Kamloops*."

The debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting the construction of a Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*, and of Provincial Works," was resumed.

Mr. Speaker gave his reserved decision upon a point of order, as follows :

"The question of Order, raised on Friday last, with respect to the Graving Dock Bill, appears to consist of two points, namely :—

"1st—That, according to Rule 85 of our Standing Orders, the Bill ought first to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

"2nd—That the Bill ought to be considered in the Committee of Ways and Means.

"Respecting the first point, I am of opinion that, as the Bill is not for any public aid or charge upon the people it clearly does not fall within the scope of Rule 85 and, therefore, need not be referred to a Committee of the Whole House, otherwise than in the ordinary course after the second reading.

"The second point is determined by a consideration of the functions of the Committee of Ways and Means; those functions are to appropriate funds to meet the expenditure for the year, as previously authorized by the Committee of Supply, and the amount so appropriated cannot exceed the amount authorized to be expended by the Committee of Supply. (See *Todd's Parliamentary Practice*, vol. 1, page 526).

"The Bill before the House is not an Appropriation Bill, and it is therefore unnecessary to consider its subject matter in Committee of Ways and Means; the moneys therein referred to can only be expended after appropriation by the Committee of Ways and Means.

"The policy of the Ministry, as to the time of the introduction of the Bill, is a matter for the decision of the House, and not a point of Order.

"I have found no authorities to sustain either of the objections raised, and I must adhere to my first impression, that the Bill is in Order for a second reading."

The Honorable Mr. *Humphreys* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Brown*.

That the Bill be postponed till the Estimates for 1875 are brought down to the House, and the House go into Committee on Ways and Means.

The amendment was put and negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:
Messieurs

<i>A. Roche</i>	<i>Holbrook,</i>	<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>
<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Mara.—10.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>			
<i>Robson,</i>	<i>W. A. Robertson,</i>		

NAYS:
Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>
<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>
<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Cogan.—13.</i>
<i>Todd,</i>			

The Bill was read a second time unanimously.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered That leave be granted for Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 6 P.M., until 2 o'clock on Tuesday next.

Tuesday, 6th April, 1875.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting the construction of a Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*, and of Provincial Public Works."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider the motion, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, the House resolved itself into the Committee.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

The Speech of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the Session, was read.

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

Resolved, That the Resolution be considered on Friday next.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered That leave be granted for to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.45 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Wednesday next.

Wednesday, 7th April, 1875.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *McCreight* presented a Report (being the seventh) from the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *McCreight*, seconded by Mr. *Booth*,

Ordered, That Rules 48 and 58, so far as regards the periods of time respectively therein mentioned, be suspended during the remainder of the Session.

On the motion of Mr. *Robson*, seconded by Mr. *William A. Robertson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to bring to the notice of the Dominion Government the great necessity that exists for more frequent mail communication between *Victoria*, *Nanaimo*, and other places on the *Strait of Georgia*.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting the construction of a Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*, and of Provincial Public Works," was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report of the Select Committee, appointed to enquire into and report upon the Tariff question, was considered.

The Honorable Mr. *Beaven* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Duck*,—

That in view of the fact that the Dominion Government have not the right to levy upon *British Columbia* a higher rate of taxation than is imposed upon other Provinces of the Dominion; and whereas it would be highly injurious to the spirit of Confederation and to the feeling of unity that should exist throughout the Dominion, if such a power existed; and whereas this Legislature has not now the power to alter the Customs Tariff; be it therefore *Resolved*:—

That, in the opinion of this House, it is useless and unwise to petition the Dominion Government to impose upon *British Columbian* consumers of beef cattle, agricultural products, or dutiable goods of any class, a higher rate of taxation than the general Customs Tariff of *Canada* provides for.

The amendment was put and negatived, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Beaven,

McCreight,

Duck.—3.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Walkem,
Armstrong,
Ash,
Cogan,

Robinson,
Semlin,
Robson,
Hughes,

Humphreys,
Tolmie,
Booth,

W. A. Robertson,
Brown,
Smithe.—14.

The Report was adopted on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Walkem,
Armstrong,
Ash,

Cogan,
Semlin,
Robson,

Humphreys,
Booth,
Tolmie,

W. A. Robertson,
Brown,
Smithe.—12.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Beaven,
Robinson,

McCreight,

Duck,

Hughes.—5.

Mr. *Booth* presented a proposed Petition from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the Tariff question.

Ordered to be printed.

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Thursday next.

Thursday, 8th April, 1875.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of papers respecting the disallowance of "An Act to make provision for the better administration of Justice," and "An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting Crown Lands in *British Columbia*."

Mr. *Holbrook* presented a Petition from *W. D. Ferris* and others, which was read and referred to the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Holbrook* presented a certified copy of a Resolution of the Municipal Council of *New Westminster*, which was read and ruled out of order.

Mr. *William A. Robertson* presented a Petition from *William Baker* and others, which was read and laid on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of correspondence and papers relating to Indian affairs. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honor.

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

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain of the sums required for the service of the Province of British Columbia for the year ending 31st December, 1875, and he recommends these Estimates to the House of Assembly. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

Government House,
Victoria, April 5th, 1875.

Ordered, That the said message, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Honorable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of correspondence between *Benjamin Richardson*, of the City of *Nanaimo* and the Government, respecting a certain piece of land situate in the *Nanaimo* District; and between *John Gemmell*, of the City of *Nanaimo* and the Government, respecting a certain piece of land situate in the *New Westminster* District. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 P. M., until 2 o'clock on Friday next.

Friday, 9th April, 1875.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

On the motion of Mr. *Duck*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, it was *Resolved*, That a Select Committee, to consist of the Honorable Chief Commissioner, and Messrs. *Smithe*, *Semlin*, *Robinson*, and the mover and seconder, be appointed to ascertain and report to the House the proprietorship of certain lands, consisting of about thirteen acres, more or less, situated in the City of *Victoria*, at present known as the "Church Reserve," and upon which Christ Church and other buildings are situated.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act relating to the Indemnity to Members, and the Salary of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* presented, by command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, the Annual Report of the Minister of Mines. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the marking of cattle."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered That the Report be considered on Monday next.

Mr. *Todd* moved, that Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to explain and amend the 'Cemetery Ordinance, 1870,'" be read a second time.

The Order for the second reading was discharged.

And then the House adjourned at 5:50 P. M. until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, 12th April, 1875.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *McCreight* presented a Petition from *R. P. Rithet* and others, which was read, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Ordered, That the name of Mr. *Barnston* be substituted for that of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, on the Select Committee to ascertain and report to the House the proprietorship of certain lands, consisting of about thirteen acres, more or less, situated in the City of *Victoria*, at present known as the Church Reserve, and upon which Christ Church and other buildings are situated.

Mr. *McCreight* presented a Report (being the eighth) from the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Holbrook* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hughes*,—

That the Bill for relief of parties who have bought lots at the Tax Sales, *New Westminster*, be referred back to the Committee for report, so as to enable the same to be laid before this House.

The amendment was withdrawn, by leave of the House.

The Report was received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *McCreight* presented a Report (being the ninth) from the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was received.

On the motion of Mr. *Tolmie* seconded by Mr. *W. A. Robertson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Committee consisting of the following members, viz:—Messrs. *Tolmie*, *W. A. Robertson*, *Smithe*, *Semlin*, *Robinson*, and *Duck*, be appointed to inquire into charges preferred in a petition submitted to this House against *John Nicholson*, Superintendent of Roads for *Victoria*, *Saanich* and other districts, with power to call for persons and papers; and to report on these charges to this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the laws affecting Crown Lands in British Columbia."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *McCreight* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act respecting Boundary Fences."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

On the Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Supply, a debate arose.

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

7:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

The debate was continued.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's Department, for the year 1875.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,530 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department, for the year 1875.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,720 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Printing Branch, for the year 1875.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Treasury Department, for the year 1875.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,080 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lands and Works Department, for the year 1875.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department, for the year 1875.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,360 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Registrar-General's Department, for the year 1875.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, for the year 1875.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,880 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Supreme Court, for the year 1875.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Sheriffs, for the year 1875.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,056 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Victoria*, for the year 1875.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,044 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *New Westminster*, for the year 1875.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,108 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Kootenay*, for the year 1875.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,812 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Cariboo*, for the year 1875.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,704 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Omineca*, for the year 1875.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,704 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Cassiar*, for the year 1875.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Yale*, for the year 1875.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Kamloops*, for the year 1875.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,728 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Nanaimo*, for the year 1875.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Assay Office, for the year 1875.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,784 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lunatic Asylum, for the year 1875.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Collector of Tolls, *Spence's Bridge*, for the year 1875.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Acting Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolutions, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered That the Report be considered on Tuesday next.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee, on Tuesday next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Armstrong*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, *Resolved*, That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

And then the House adjourned, at 9.55 P. M., until 2 o'clock on Tuesday next.

Tuesday, 13th April, 1875.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* presented, by command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of the Petition of *Estulon Jose Bitancourt* to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, concerning a piece of land to which the said *E. J. Bitancourt* lays claim, together with all correspondence and documents connected with and relating to said Petition. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* presented, by command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, the Municipality Returns. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, copy of correspondence and papers respecting "An Act to extend the provisions of the 'Coroners' Jury Act, 1866,' to the Mainland of *British Columbia*," and "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters," passed by the Legislature of the Province in the thirty-seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *Smith* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to visit the Lunatic Asylum and Royal Hospital.

The Report was received, and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Todd* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Ash*,—

That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of granting leave for the introduction of a Bill intituled "An Act to explain and amend the 'Cemetery Ordinance, 1870.'"

The motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Pursuant to Order, the First Report of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply was considered.

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, for the year ending 31st December, 1875, the sum of \$89,110 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of *British Columbia*.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered That the Report be considered on Wednesday, 14th instant.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee on Thursday, 15th instant.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,041 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1875.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$725 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Assay Office (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1875.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Printing Office (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1875.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1875.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1875.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Revenue Services (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1875.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lunatic Asylum (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1875.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolutions, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Wednesday next.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee on Wednesday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.55 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Wednesday next.

Wednesday, 14th April, 1875.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Booth* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ballot Act, 1873.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Second Report of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply was considered
Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,450 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Charitable Allowances, for the year 1875.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, for the year 1875.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Surveys, for the year 1875.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$344.50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Rent, for the year 1875.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Transport, for the year 1875.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Immigration, for the year 1875.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Interest, for the year 1875.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$52,951 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, for the year 1875.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolutions, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Thursday next.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee on Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 6 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Thursday next.

Thursday, 15th April, 1875.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address for a Return of lands taken up by purchase, by pre-emption, by timber lease; also, land under application for at the present time, and land given up, with the names of the parties holding or applying for the same, in the *New Westminster* District, from the year 1872, inclusive, to the present time.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. *Booth* asked the Honorable Mr. *Ash* the following question:—

Why is there no mention of the Road Tax having been collected within the Municipality of *Langley*, in the financial return of that Township, for the year 1874?

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* replied as follows:—

“I regret that I am unable to give the Honorable gentleman any information on the subject.”

Pursuant to Order, the Third Report of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply was considered.

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee at its next sitting.

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

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$413,160 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Roads, Streets, and Bridges throughout the Province, and Graving Dock, for the year 1875.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,638.91 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1875.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Municipalities, for the year 1875.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Acting Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolutions, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Friday next.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee, on Friday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 11.55 P.M., until 2 o'clock on Friday next.

Friday, 16th April, 1875.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *McCreight* presented a Report (being the tenth) from the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was received.

Mr. *Smithe* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,—

That the Petition and correspondence now lying on the Table of this House, concerning the claim of *Estulon Jose Bitancourt* to a parcel of land on *Salt Spring Island*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of the following Members:—Messrs. *Smithe*, *Booth*, *Robson*, *Semlin*, *Brown*, and *W. A. Robertson*; and that such Committee be instructed to report thereon to this House.

The motion was amended, by naming the following Members to form the Committee: Messrs. *Smithe*, *Hughes*, *Beaven*, *Robson*, *Brown*, and *Robinson*.

The motion, as amended, was put and carried.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Humphreys*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, it was Resolved,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report on the expediency of reducing the County Court Fees, with power to call for persons and papers.

The following Members were named to form the Committee:—Messrs. *Humphreys*, *Robson*, *Beaven*, *Robinson*, *McCreight*, and *Barnston*.

The Honorable Mr. *Humphreys* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to alter and amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Duck* moved, seconded by Mr. *Barnston*,—

That authority is hereby granted to the Select Committee appointed to ascertain and report to the House the proprietorship of certain lands, known as the "Church Reserve," to call for persons and papers.

The motion was put and carried, on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Barnston,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Cogan,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>
<i>Hughes.</i>	<i>William A. Robertson,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>
<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Tolmie.—13.</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Smith.—6.</i>
<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Holbrook,</i>		

Mr. *Holbrook* asked the Honorable Mr. *Beaven* the following question:—

What steps have been taken by Government as to redeeming the Toll Trail from *Glenora* to *Dease Lake*, *Cassiar*?

The Honorable Mr. *Beaven* replied as follows:—

"The gentleman to whom was given the right to collect a Toll upon the trail from the head of steamboat navigation on *Stickeen River* to the waters of *Dease Lake*, has been requested to furnish the Lands and Works Department with his Vouchers of Expenditure for construction of the said trail, as the Government intend to redeem the right, under the Memorandum of Agreement dated 12th April, 1873. Certain books and papers have been received and are under examination."

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting Crown Lands in *British Columbia*," was read a second time.

Ordered, to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Todd*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with one amendment.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Fourth Report of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply was considered.

Report adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honor.

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

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits a Supplementary Estimate to provide for the Expenditure of the year 1874, for which no vote was granted, which he recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Government House,

16th April, 1875.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$73,775.88 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of sums expended in 1874, being, either arrears of previous years, or in excess of vote for 1874, or for which no vote was taken.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve into the said Committee, on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the Acts relating to Public Schools," was read a second time.

Ordered, to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Todd*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.55 P.M., until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, 19th April, 1875.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. Robson presented a Petition from *J. R. Chellev* and others, which was read, and Ordered to be printed.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, a copy letter and order respecting the conveyance of land in connection with the construction of the proposed Railway from *Esquimalt* to *Nanaimo*. (See *Sessional Papers*.)

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, a copy of a letter, dated 24th March, 1875, from the Honorable *A. Mackenzie* to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor. (See *Sessional Papers*.)

Mr. *McCreight* presented two Reports (being the eleventh and twelfth) from the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Reports were received.

Mr. *McCreight* presented a Report from the Committee to whom Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867,'" was referred.

The Report was received.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act respecting the *Esquimalt* and *Nanaimo* Railway."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Holbrook*, seconded by Mr. *Robson*, it was Resolved,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that he will recommend the Dominion Government to grant a Mail Subsidy for a steamer, from *Victoria*, direct to the boundary on *Stickeen River*, to avoid Custom House complications at *Wrangel*.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Barnston* introduced a Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act for the protection of the *Lightning Creek* Fire Brigade."

Bill read a first time.

Bill referred to Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to recommend to the Dominion Government the expediency of appointing a Board of Pilot Commissioners for this Province, to carry out the Pilot Regulations according to the Act for the protection of shipping and the salvation of life and property.

Mr. *Smith* asked the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* the following question:—

What action does the Government intend to take, with regard to a Resolution passed by this House on the 12th March?

"That, whereas there arrives in this Province annually, foreign drovers with large bands of cattle; and whereas these cattle are fed or pastured, for some three months of the year, in the valleys and winter runs, thereby destroying what our own settlers are endeavoring to preserve, in order to provide for their stock in winter; therefore, be it Resolved,—

"That an humble Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honor to take the matter into his earnest consideration, with a view of removing the grievance in such a manner as he may think proper."

The question was withdrawn by leave of the House.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, by command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, informed the House that the Government would consent to the guarantee for the repayment of \$50,000, to be obtained by the City of *Victoria*, under the provisions of the Bill before the House.

The Honorable Mr. *Ash* presented, by command of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments, touching the boundary line between British Columbia and Alaska. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, the Fifth Report of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply was considered.

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, for the year ending 31st December, 1875, the sum of \$670,510.91 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of British Columbia; and that a further sum of \$73,775.88, for moneys paid for which no vote was taken, be granted, to be charged against the said Consolidated Revenue Fund.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Acting Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

Report adopted.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Armstrong*,—

Resolved, That a Bill of Supply, for the several sums mentioned in the Estimates, be introduced.

Pursuant to Order, the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* introduced a Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the year 1875, and for making good certain sums expended in the Public Service in 1874, and for other purposes."

Bill read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Todd*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the Schedule of the 'Constitution Act, 1871,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Todd*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act relating to the Indemnity to Members, and the salary of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Booth*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters," was considered.

The Bill was re-committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6 P.M., until 8 P. M.

8 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, by leave of the House, introduced a Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act relating to 'An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters.'"

Bill read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Act, 1873,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cogan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the Corporation of Victoria Water Works Act, 1873," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Todd*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with one amendment.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to make provision for the better Administration of of Justice," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Semlin*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act respecting Boundary Fences," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the Marking of Cattle," was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

By leave of the House, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the Acts relating to Public Schools," was withdrawn.

And then the House adjourned, at 11 P.M., until 2 o'clock on Tuesday next.

Tuesday, 20th April, 1875.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *McCreight* presented a Report (being the thirteenth) from the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was received.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act for the protection of the *Lightning Creek* Fire Brigade," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed at the present sitting of the House.

Mr. *Smithe* presented a Report from the Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the condition of the Indians of *British Columbin*, with respect to their Lands and Reserves.

The Report was referred back to the Committee, in order that the Government might be afforded the opportunity of putting the Committee in possession of any information it might possess bearing upon the subject.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the year 1875, and for making good certain sums expended in the Public Service in 1874, and for other purposes," was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters," was considered.

Report adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* moved, that the Bill be now read a third time.

The Honorable Mr. *Humphreys* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Smithe*,—

That the Bill be read a third time this day six months.

The amendment was put and resolved in the negative, on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Smithe,
Humphreys,

Brown,
Holbrook,

W. A. Robertson,
Robson.

Tolmie.—7.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Walkem,
Robinson,
Hughes,
Booth.

Beaven,
Cogan,
Barnston,

Ash,
Todd,
Duck,

Armstrong,
Semlin,
McCreight.—13.

The original motion was put and carried.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act relating to 'An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act relating to the Indemnity to Members, and the Salary of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly," was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act for the protection of the *Lightning Creek* Fire Brigade."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cogan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* moved, pursuant to order, that Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to authorize the grant of certain Public Lands to the Government of the Dominion of *Canada*, for Railway purposes," be read a second time.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:55 P. M. until 8 P. M.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

The debate was resumed.

The Bill was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cogan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the Licences Ordinance, 1867," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST APRIL, 1875.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Todd*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Tolmie* moved that Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act for regulating the Assessment of Real Property, and for amending the 'Municipality Act, 1872,' and the 'Municipality Act Amendment Act, 1873,'" be now read a second time.

The Honorable Mr. *Beaven* moved in amendment, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The amendment was put, and negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Beaven,

Ash.—2.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Smithe,

Brown,

Holbrook,

Booth,

W. A. Robertson,

Tolmie,

McCreight,

Duck,

Humphreys,

Hughes,

Barnston,

Robson,

Robinson,

Cogan,

Armstrong,

Walkem.—16.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Duck*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Honorable Mr. *Humphreys* moved, that Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to alter and amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,'" be now read a second time.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* moved, in amendment, that the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The amendment, and motion as amended, was put and carried.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Duck* moved that Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to incorporate the *British Columbia* Protestant Orphans' Home Association," be now read a second time.

Mr. Speaker ruled that, as the Bill related to religion, it ought to have originated in Committee of the whole House, and was, therefore, not in order.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned to half-past two o'clock on Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.50 A. M.

Thursday, 22nd April, 1875.

2.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

His Honor *Joseph William Trutch*, Lieutenant-Governor, having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair.

The Clerk of the House read the Titles of the following Bills:—

An Act respecting injuries caused by Animals of a domestic nature.

An Act to amend and extend the provisions of the "*Williams Creek* Flume Ordinance, 1866."

An Act to render ineligible as Members of the Provincial Assembly; persons accepting or holding offices, contracts, or employment under the Dominion Government.

An Act to repeal the "Game Amendment Act, 1873."

An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting Crown Lands in *British Columbia*.

An Act to amend the Schedule of the "Constitution Act, 1871."

An Act to amend "The Corporation of *Victoria* Water Works Act, 1873."

An Act to make provision for the better Administration of Justice.

An Act respecting the Marking of Cattle.

An Act respecting the Construction of a Graving Dock at *Esquimalt* and of Provincial Public Works.

An Act to make Powers of Attorney valid in certain cases.

An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters.

An Act relating to an Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters.

An Act relating to the Indemnity to Members and the Salary of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

An Act for the protection of the *Lightning Creek* Fire Brigade.

An Act to authorize the grant of certain Public Lands to the Government of the Dominion of *Canada*, for Railway purposes.

An Act to amend the "Licences Ordinance, 1867."

An Act to amend the "Municipality Act Amendment Act, 1873."

His Honor was pleased, in Her Majesty's name, to give the Royal assent to these Bills.

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

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

Then, the Honorable the Speaker addressed His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOR :

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *British Columbia*, in Session assembled, approach Your Honor, at the close of our labours, with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honor's acceptance, a Bill intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money required for defraying the Expenses of Civil Government for the Year 1875, and for making good certain sums expended in the Public Service in 1874, and for other purposes."

To this Bill, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honor's command, did thereupon say:—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

Then, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

The Session now closing, concludes the First Parliament of *British Columbia* under Confederation.

I congratulate you on the accomplishment of your labors, and feel assured that you will have good cause to look back with satisfaction on the legislation of the last four Sessions, especially in the direction of Public Education which has, through efforts, been placed upon a footing creditable alike to yourselves and to a young community such as ours.

The inauguration and prosecution of Public Works, on a scale large in proportion to the resources of the Province, have given new life to many of our industrial pursuits.

During the present Session, the Railway and Dock questions have been prominent amongst the subjects of your deliberations. I shall not fail to use every effort to render the conclusions at which you have arrived upon these vital matters, practically serviceable to British Columbia.

I have given my assent to the various Acts which you have passed.

I thank you for the liberal manner in which you have provided for the wants of the public service.

In taking leave of you I cordially tender my sincere thanks for the attention you have given to your Parliamentary duties, and I desire to express my warmest wishes for your welfare.

The Honorable Mr. *Ash*, Provincial Secretary, then said,—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

It is His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until Thursday, the Tenth day of June next, to be then here holden, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Thursday, the Tenth day of June next.
