

Wednesday, 18th April, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Fraser*.

The Petition from *John Stevens* was ruled out of order.

Mr. Allen presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claims of *Louis* and *Edward Gold* to certain land in the vicinity of Lot 392, Group 1, *New Westminster District*.

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

Mr. Allen presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claim of *Samuel Greer* to certain lands in the vicinity of *English Bay*.

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

Mr. Bole presented a Report from the Select Committee to whom was referred Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act relating to the Incorporation of the City of New Westminster," reporting the Bill complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Friday next.

The Hon. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs' Act, 1873,' and amending Acts."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

The Hon. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend certain Statutes."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. Semlin moved, seconded by the *Mr. Beaven*,—

Whereas *Henry Hunter*, of *Yale District*, near *Hope*, in British Columbia, has resided upon his land claim for twenty-one years, and has, at great labour and expense, improved said land, and has paid taxes upon one hundred and sixty acres as they fell due; that he has had his claim of one hundred and sixty acres surveyed by *Mr. Woods*, of the firm of *Woods, Turner & Gamble*, in August of 1886; that in the year following it was found that, owing to some defect in the pre-emption record, this claim was cut down to eighty acres. As all land in the railway belt not sold or alienated by the Provincial Government became lands of the Dominion Government;

Be it therefore resolved, that a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to urge upon the Dominion authorities the justice of allowing *Mr. Hunter* to complete the purchase of eighty acres at one dollar per acre.

Motion withdrawn with leave.

The Hon. *Mr. Robson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipalities Acts."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. Thomson asked the Hon. the Acting Attorney-General the following question:—

If his attention has been called to the inquiry before *Dr. Walkem*, Coroner at *Nanaimo*, into the cause of the death of one *Peter Richardson*; if so, whether it is the intention of the Government to re-open the inquiry before another Coroner?

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

“The matter has been reported to the Attorney-General’s Department, and, after making investigation, I am satisfied that there is no occasion for re-opening the inquiry before another Coroner.”

The Report on Bill (No. 44) intituled “An Act respecting Recognizances,” was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *T. Davie* moved—That Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act for the relief of the Settlers and Owners of land upon Matsqui Prairie,” be read a second time now.

Mr. *Duck* moved in amendment—To leave out the word “now” and insert in lieu thereof the words “this day six months.”

The amendment was negatived.

Bill read a second time and committed.

The Committee rose without report.

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

HALF-PAST SEVEN O’CLOCK, P. M.

The Order to resume the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act, 1884,’” was discharged.

The Order for the House to again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act to incorporate the City of New Westminster,” was discharged.

Bill (No. 42) intituled “An Act for the protection of Workmen’s Wages,” was read a second time and committed.

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

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

The Honourable *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 62) intituled “An Act to extend the provisions of ‘An Act to authorize the granting of a certain subsidy for, and in aid of, the construction of the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway.’”

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 55) intituled “An Act to amend the law relating to the sale or use of Poisons,” was read a second time and committed.

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

Report adopted.

Bill *Ordered* to be read a third time to-morrow.

According to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘City of Victoria Official Map Act, 1880,’” was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 52) “An Act to amend the ‘Municipalities Act, 1881,’ and amending Acts,” was considered in Committee of the Whole.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11 o’clock, p. m.

Thursday, 19th April, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Fraser*.

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

That this House considers that a classified quarterly statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Province should be published in the *British Columbia Gazette*, and that the Public Accounts for the fiscal year should be forwarded to the members of the Legislative Assembly as soon as printed prior to the annual Session of the Legislature.

The motion was resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Ladner,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>McLeese—7.</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Bole,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Mason,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Duck</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>
<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Anderson—12.</i>

Mr. *Bole* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jurors' Act, 1883.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Anderson* moved, seconded by Mr. *John*,—

That the report of the Committee of the Whole referring to the claims of *F. B. McNamee & Co.*, be adopted.

Mr. *Grant* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*,—

To insert after the words "*F. B. McNamee & Co.*," the following:—"In so far as they affect *John Nicholson's* claims for compensation and the other creditors in British Columbia "of that firm who assisted them in carrying on the work of constructing the Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*, by furnishing them with labour, material, cash and supplies."

Amendment put and carried.

Report as amended, adopted.

Mr. *Thomson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to erect a new school on *Gabriola Island* this year?

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

"No."

The Report from the Select Committee to whom was referred Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act relating to the Incorporation of the City of New Westminster," reporting the Bill complete with amendments, was considered.

Report adopted, and the Bill Ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

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

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

The Report on Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act for the protection of Workmen's Wages." was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Honourable *T. Davie* presented a Return to an Order of the House for copies of all letters, memorials and correspondence between the Government, or any member or any departmental officer thereof, and Mr. *Hussey*, Government Agent, or any other person, or between Mr. *Hussey* and any other person or persons, in reference to the disallowance of the licences of *Peter Fink*, hotel-keeper, of *North Bend*, and *H. B. Dart*, hotel-keeper at *Boston Bar*.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the sale or use of Poisons," was read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Act, 1881,' and amending Acts" was again considered in Committee of the Whole.

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

Ordered, That leave be granted for 7:30 p. m. to-day.

Mr. *Bole* presented a Report from the Select Committee to which was referred Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Administration of Justice Act, 1881,' and for other purposes," reporting a Bill intituled "An Act in relation to Civil Procedure."

The Report was read and received.

The Hon. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act in relation to Civil Procedure."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

According to Order, Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Act, 1881,' and amending Acts," was again considered in Committee of the Whole.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Mr. *Bole* presented a Report from the Select Committee to which was referred Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the Liens of Mechanics and others," and Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act for the benefit of Mechanics and Labourers."

The Report was received.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the Liens of Mechanics and others" (previously considered on Report on 4th April) be placed on the Orders of the Day, for further consideration of the Report, to-morrow.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act for the benefit of Mechanics and Labourers," be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sales Ordinance, 1870,'" was read a second time and committed.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

According to Order the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting a Bill intituled "An Act granting to the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company certain lands for right of way and terminal purposes for Beecher Bay Branch."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee report to the House a Bill intituled "An Act granting to the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company certain lands for right of way and terminal purposes for Beecher Bay Branch."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Ladner*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill.

Report adopted.

On the motion of Hon. *T. Davie* Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act granting to the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company certain lands for right of way and terminal purposes for Beecher Bay Branch," was read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

According to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting a Bill intituled "An Act respecting a grant of land for right of way and terminal purposes to the Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway Company, British Columbia."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee report to the House a Bill intituled "An Act respecting a grant of land for right of way and terminal purposes to the Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway Company, British Columbia."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Ladner*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill.

Report adopted.

On the motion of Hon. *T. Davie*, Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act respecting a grant of land for right of way and terminal purposes to the Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway Company, British Columbia," was read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act, 1878,'" was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867,'" was considered.

Mr. *Semlin* moved in amendment to add the following to the Bill as a new clause:—

"The word 'resident' in this section means a person residing within the limits of the polling division that the licence is applied for, and who has resided within such polling division for the space of at least one calander month before signing the petition."

The motion was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. *Allen*, the following section was added as a new clause:—

"The word 'resident' in this section means a person residing within the limits of the town, village, or settlement that the licence is applied for, and who has resided within such limits for the space of at least one calendar month before signing the petition."

On the motion of Mr. *Martin* the following was added as a new clause:—

"No person shall be granted a licence to retail intoxicating liquors unless he has been a resident of the Province for a period of twelve months before applying for such licence."

Report adopted.

Bill *Ordered* to be read a third time to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Higgins*, seconded by Mr. *Cowan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for Returns containing the names and places of residence of all persons who have died intestate in the Province since the 31st December, 1883, who, at the time of their death, were possessed of any personal or real property; the nature and value of the property of each such person; by whom administered; the costs of administering such property; the proceeds of such administration; and the present condition of the said estates, if not finally administered.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:05 o'clock, p. m.

Friday, 20th April, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Fraser*.

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

That whereas *Henry Hunter*, near *Hope*, in British Columbia, has resided upon his land claim for twenty-one years, and has at great labour and expense improved said land, and has paid taxes upon one hundred and sixty acres as they fell due; that he had his claim surveyed by a Provincial surveyor in 1886; that in the year following it was discovered that Mr. *Hunter* had only recorded eighty acres, and that a Crown grant from the Provincial Government could only issue for the amount of eighty acres.

As all lands not sold by the Provincial authorities fell to the Dominion Government and ceased to be controlled by the Province, this House recognizing the hardship of Mr. *Hunter's* case, therefore resolves, that a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to urge upon the Dominion authorities the justice of allowing Mr. *Hunter* to complete the title to the eighty acres which he had surveyed as a part of one hundred and sixty acres, at the price of one dollar per acre.

Mr *Ladner* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

What action do the Government intend to take to comply with the prayer of the petition presented to this House during the present Session, of *John Derocher*, *Wm. Charters*, *Lawrence Hudson*, *J. McBride*, and others, in relation to the condition of the fences along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway in *New Westminster District*?

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

“It is intended to make proper representations to the Dominion Government upon the subject.”

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 60) intituled “An Act to amend certain Statutes,” was read a second time and committed.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 41) intituled “An Act for the benefit of Mechanics and Labourers,” was read a second time and committed.

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

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

Mr. *Bole* moved, seconded by Mr. *Orr*,—

That the Report of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claim of *Samuel Greer* to certain lands in the neighbourhood of *English Bay*, be adopted.

Mr. *Duck* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Allen*,—

To leave out all the words after the word "That" and insert in lieu thereof the words—"the Report be referred back to the Select Committee for further consideration and report."

Amendment put and carried.

Original motion as amended put and carried.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs' Act, 1873, and amending Acts," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock

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

According to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Ordinance, 1870,'" was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act granting to the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company certain lands for right of way and terminal purposes for Beecher Bay Branch," was read a second time and committed.

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

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act respecting a grant of land for right of way and terminal purposes to the Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway Company, British Columbia," was read a second time and committed.

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

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

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867,'" was read a third time and passed.

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

What amount of revenue did the Government receive from the Hastings and Moodyville Saw-mill Companies for timber cut on Government lands in 1887?

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

"\$2,815.38."

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 45) "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1885,'" was considered in Committee of the Whole.

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

Report Ordered to be considered on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:55 o'clock, p. m.

Monday, 23rd April, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

On the motion of Mr. *Cowan*, seconded by Mr. *Mason*, it was *Resolved*,—

That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that the money voted last Session to aid in the development of quartz mines, together with that granted as bonuses, be used to erect small mills and reducing works for testing purposes, in such places as the Government may determine, as it would enable individual miners to prospect and develop the quartz ledges in the outlying districts of the Province.

On the motion of the Hon. *T. Davie* the Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to aid in the further development of Quartz Mines," was introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Bole*, seconded by Mr. *Orr*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House do immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act for the relief of Settlers and Owners of Land upon Matsqui Prairie."

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the said Bill.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Wednesday next.

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters' Act, 1876.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

On the motion of *Anderson*, seconded by Mr. *Thomson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the petition of *John Drout*.

The House accordingly went into Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Grant* in the Chair. Committee rose without report.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to extend the provisions of 'An Act to authorize the granting of a certain subsidy for, and in aid of, the construction of the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway,'" was read a second time and committed.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again went into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the City of New Westminster."

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 24th April, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Fry* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the cause of the dismissal of *Philip Woollocott* from the Public Service in the year 1878.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* moved—That Bill (No. 65) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Qualification and Registration of Voters’ Act, 1876,” be read a second time now.

The motion was negatived.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 64) intituled “An Act to aid in the further development of Quartz Mines,” was discharged.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act in relation to Civil Procedure,” was read a second time and committed.

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 62) intituled “An Act to extend the provisions of ‘An Act to authorize the granting of a certain subsidy for, and in aid of, the construction of the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway,’” was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to amend the law relating to the Liens of Mechanics and others,” was considered.

Mr. *Bole* moved that the 6th section be amended by striking out the words “and consent in writing” on the third line of the section.

It passed in the negative.

Mr. *Bole* moved that section 15 be amended by striking out the words “the owner complying with the” in the twelfth line of the section, and by striking out the thirteenth and fourteenth lines of said section.

It passed in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Semlin,
Bole,

Beaven,
Robson,

Davie, T.,

Vernon—6.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Ladner,
Orr,
Higgins,

Baker,
Fry,

John,
Duck,

Dunsmuir,
Turner—9.

Mr. *Bole* moved that the Report be adopted.

It was resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Semlin,
Ladner,

Bole,
Beaven,

Orr,
John,

Duck—7.

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Higgins,
Baker,**Robson,
Davie, T.**Vernon,
Fry,**Dunsmuir,
Turner—8.*

The Report on Bill (No 41) intituled "An Act for the benefit of Mechanics and Labourers," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the "Municipality Act, 1881," and amending Acts," was considered.

Mr. *Bole* moved to add the following as a new clause:—

"Section 104 of the "Municipality Act, 1881," is hereby amended by adding the following sub-sections:—

"(110.) For purchasing real estate and improvements (if any) to aid the establishing of drill sheds within a municipality for the use of the Militia:

"(111.) To sell and dispose of such real estate and improvements (if any) as may not be required for corporate purposes, and to accept as payment for such real estate and improvements (if any) either money or real estate and improvements (if any): Provided, always, that any by-law dealing with the provisions of this and preceding sub-section shall not be passed until the assent of the electors has been obtained, in conformity with the requirements of this Act in respect of by-laws for creating debts."

It passed in the affirmative.

Report adopted as amended.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

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

HUGH NELSON.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to aid in the further development of Quartz Mines," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

24th April, 1888.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE).

Resolved That the Committee report to the House a Bill intituled "An Act to aid in the further development of Quartz Mines."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Anderson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill.

Report received.

On the motion of the Hon. *T. Davie* Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to aid in the further development of Quartz Mines," was read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

HUGH NELSON.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the granting of a certain land subsidy for and in aid of the Kootenay Railway," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

24th April, 1888.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act respecting a grant of land for right of way and terminal purposes to the Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway Company, British Columbia," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect Taxes on Property and Income," was considered and amended as follows:—

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* moved to strike out sub-section 19 of section 4 and insert in lieu thereof the following:—

(19.) So much of the personal property of any person as is equal to the just debts owed by him on account of such personal property, except such debts as are secured by mortgage upon his real estate, or are unpaid on account of the purchase money therefor.

It passed in the affirmative.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* moved to insert in line 3, section 31, after the word "assessed" the following:—"in the district in which the terminus or head office of the Railway Company is situated."

It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to add to clause 4, as sub-section 24, the following:—

"(24.) Land within the limits of a municipality."

It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to strike out clause 113.

It passed in the negative.

Mr. *Ladner* moved to strike out in sub-section 22 of section 4 the words "Household effects of whatever kind."

It passed in the negative.

Mr. *Ladner* moved to strike out section 47 of said Act.

It passed in the affirmative.

Report adopted as amended.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1884,'" was again considered in Committee of the Whole.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Robson* moved—That Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipalities Acts," be read a second time now.

The motion was negatived.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs' Act, 1873,' and amending Acts."

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday, 25th April, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Allen* presented a further Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claim of *Samuel Greer* to certain lands in the vicinity of *English Bay*; also a Minority Report.

The Reports were received.

The Hon. Mr. *Vernon* presented a copy of the Exploration Report upon the *Yukon* Country by Capt. *William Moore*.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed.

On the motion of Mr. *Ladner*, seconded by Mr. *Orr*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the report of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claim of the Rev. *Geo. Ditcham* to certain lands in the vicinity of *Coal Harbour* be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Allen*, seconded by Mr. *Bole*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the report of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claims of Messrs. *Gold* to obtain certain lands be adopted.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed for the purpose of preparing an Address to His Excellency the *Marquis of Lansdowne* upon the occasion of his retirement from the Governorship of the Dominion; such Committee to consist of Messrs. *Beaven*, *Martin*, and the mover.

Mr. *McLeese* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act respecting mining upon lands set apart as Indian Reservations."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to aid in the further development of Quartz Mines," was read a second time and committed.

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the granting of a certain land subsidy for, and in aid of, the Kootenay Railway."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee report to the House a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the granting of a certain land subsidy for, and in aid of, the Kootenay Railway."

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bole*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill.

Report received.

On the motion of the Hon. *T. Davie*, Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to authorize the granting of a certain land subsidy for, and in aid of, the Kootenay Railway," was read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act in relation to Civil Procedure," was considered.

On the motion of the Hon. *T. Davie* the following was added as a new clause:—

“At any time during the progress of any trial or hearing where a stenographer shall be employed under this Act, his notes shall be read by him at the oral request of any party to the trial or hearing, preferred at any time during such trial or hearing.”

Report adopted as amended.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act for the relief of the Settlers and Owners of Land on Matsqui Prairie,” was considered.

The following amendments were made:—

Clause 4 was struck out.

The following was inserted as clause 4:—

“4. Subject to the provisions herein contained, section 1 of this Act shall not come into operation provided the lands within the lines of dykes in townships 13 and 14, the northern half of township 16, and in townships 17 and 20 in New Westminster District, subject to overflow, be well and effectually dyked, as provided by section 12 of the ‘Sumas Dyking Act, 1878,’ as the same originally existed before the passage of the ‘Sumas Dyking Amendment Act, 1883,’ by the end of the year 1888, and are proved to be well and effectually dyked to the satisfaction of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and notice to that effect published in the *British Columbia Gazette*.”

Clause 5 was struck out.

The following was inserted as clause 5:—

“5. In case the said lands shall be so dyked, then the several parts of the “Sumas Dyking Act, 1878,” which were repealed by the ‘Sumas Dyking Amendment Act, 1883,’ shall be deemed to be revived and re-enacted, but so that none of the instalments mentioned in section 12 of the ‘Sumas Dyking Act, 1878,’ shall be payable before the times following, that is to say: One-half in four years, and the other half in nine years, dating from 1st January, 1888, bearing interest in the meantime as provided in the said section: Provided, always, that no interest shall be deemed to have accrued up to the 1st July, 1888; and provided, further, that neither principal nor interest shall be recoverable unless the lands subject to overflow shall be well and effectually dyked and protected from overflow within the meaning of section 12 of the ‘Sumas Dyking Act, 1878,’ aforesaid.”

Report adopted as amended.

Bill *Ordered* to be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 60) intituled “An Act to amend certain Statutes,” was considered.

The Hon. *T. Davie* moved to add the following as a new clause:—

“Notwithstanding anything in any Statute to the contrary, no Municipality, whether established under the general Municipal or any special Act, shall tax or assess any personal property already the subject of taxation for Provincial purposes.”

It passed in the affirmative.

Report *Ordered* to be further considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the City of New Westminster,” was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 45) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public School Act, 1885,’” was considered.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bole*, to insert the following as a new clause:—

“Notwithstanding anything contained in any law or Order in Council to the contrary, on and after the 1st day of January, 1889, in each of the Cities of Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, and Nanaimo, all the functions, powers, and duties of the Public School Trustees, then elected and holding office as such, shall absolutely cease and determine; and the boundaries of the School District of Victoria, as defined on 25th June, 1869, and as

altered on 1st June, 1878, and as re-defined on 27th May, 1880, and on 14th April, 1887, shall be and are hereby cancelled, and on and after the 1st day of January, 1889, the boundaries of the School District of Victoria shall be the same as the municipal boundaries of Victoria City, and shall not extend beyond those limits; and the Public School Trustees of each of the School Districts of Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, and Nanaimo shall be nominated and elected at the same time and place, and in the same manner, and by the same persons only, as the Municipal Councils for the above-mentioned cities are nominated and elected, and in each of the cities above-mentioned the persons qualified and entitled to vote for the Municipal Councillors shall alone be entitled to vote for Public School Trustees; and the Councils of the Municipalities of the Cities of Victoria, and of Vancouver, and of New Westminster, and of Nanaimo are each hereby fully empowered, and they each may from time to time make, alter, and repeal by-laws for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this clause into full force and effect; and any Acts or portions of an Act in conflict with such by-law shall thereupon be deemed to have been repealed."

Mr. *Grant* moved in amendment to the clause proposed by Mr. *Beaven*, on line 14, after the word "Councillors," insert—

"and the wife of any householder or freeholder resident in any ward of any City School District for a period of six months previous to the application to register."

Question proposed on Mr. *Grant's* amendment resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Bole,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Duck—5.</i>
<i>Grant,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Ladner,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Fry,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Orr,</i>	<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>
<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Anderson—15.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	

Question proposed on Mr. *Beaven's* motion and resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Bole,</i>	<i>Beaven—4.</i>
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YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Ladner,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Fry,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>Orr,</i>	<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Anderson—16.</i>

The Honourable Mr. *Robson* moved to add to section 2, after the word "misconduct," the following:—

"Provided always that in any case where the trustees have suspended or dismissed any teacher on a charge of gross misconduct, such teacher may appeal to the County Court Judge of the District, who shall have power to take evidence and confirm or reverse the decision of the trustees; but in case of a reversal of the decision, the teacher shall not, without the consent of the trustees, be reinstated in the same school."

It passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report be further considered this evening.

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

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

HUGH NELSON.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Schedules A, B, and C to the Supply Bill; also Supplementary Estimates for the years ending 30th June, 1888, and 30th June, 1889, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
25th April, 1888.*

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

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

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

The Report on Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1885,'" was further considered.

The Hon. *T. Davie* moved to add the following to sub-section 3 of section 10:—

"But in settling such amount the Board shall make provision by which pupils, whose parents or guardians find it beyond their means to pay the tuition fees imposed by the Board, may have the advantages of the High School, either altogether without fee or at some smaller fee within the means of the parent or guardian."

It passed in the affirmative.

Report adopted as amended.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs' Act, 1873,' and amending Acts," was read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 40) "An Act to amend the 'Land Act 1884,'" was considered.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to amend section 5 by striking out "and the Act of 1887, chapter 17," on the 2nd line, and insert "and sections 1 to 10, inclusive, and the Schedule of 'An Act to amend the Land Act, 1884,' 50 Victoria, chapter 17, assented to 7th April, 1887."

It passed in the affirmative.

On the motion of the Honourable *T. Davie* the following was added as a new clause:—

Provided always, that in land required for military and naval purposes it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to release the same from all reservations and exceptions whatsoever, and notice of such release shall be published in the Government Gazette for one month

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*, clauses 35 and 36 were struck out.

Mr. *Bole* moved to amend section 33 by inserting, between the words "any" and "lumber," on the second line, the following words: "piles and spars, or of any."

It passed in the affirmative.

Report adopted as amended.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. *Grant*, moved on the 10th April, instant, relative to payments out of the Treasury except in pursuance of warrants under the hand of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, was resumed.

It passed in the negative on the following division :—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Ladner,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Orr—6.</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Bole,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>
<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Fry,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Anderson—15.</i>
<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	

Upon the Order of the day being called for second reading of Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886,'" and a point of order having arisen, Mr. Speaker gave the following decision :—

I am asked to decide whether Mr. *Orr*, as a private member, can proceed with a Bill intituled "Vancouver Incorporation Act Amendment Bill" (No. 53). Objection is taken that this is an Act to amend a Private Bill, and, therefore, interfering with private interests.

In *May's Parliamentary Practice*, 8th edition, folio 692, all Private Bills are required to be brought in by petition, and (folio 693) Bills brought in affecting private interests are required to go through the same formalities as Private Bills. This is also laid down in *Bourinot*, folios 608 and 610.

The Vancouver Incorporation Act was passed through the Legislative Assembly as a Private Bill in 1886; and was amended as a Private Bill in the year 1887.

Stress has been laid upon the fact that the Act contains a clause (221) which reads: "This Act may be amended at any subsequent Session of the House of Assembly." I do not attach any weight to these words as taking from this Act its character of a Private Act.

These words merely re-enact, though not so fully, the provisions already enacted in subsection (31) of section 7 of the "Interpretation Act, 1872."

Section 221 means, in my view, nothing more than that the Act may be amended, but subject to the usual proceedings and formalities attaching to Bills affecting private interests.

I do not think Mr. *Orr*, as a private member, can proceed with this Bill, as it affects private interests, and no notice of the Bill has been given, or petition for its introduction as a Private Bill presented.

Mr. *Bole* moved—That Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the Jurors' Act, 1883," be read a second time now.

The motion was withdrawn.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the Jurors' Act, 1883," was discharged.

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

And then the House adjourned at 9:45 o'clock, p. m.

Thursday, 26th April, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended.

The Hon. T. *Davie* then asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to adjust the rights of Settlers on the former townsite of Granville."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the ways and means for raising the supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Upon the Order of the Day being called for the House to again resolve itself into Committee of Supply,

Question proposed—"That I do now leave the Chair."

Mr. *Semlin* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Ladner*,—

That all the words after "That" to the end of the question be left out, and the following words added instead thereof:—"this House consider the Government is blamable for not attempting to carry out its wishes, as expressed by the following Resolution of the 5th April, 1887:—

"That in the opinion of this House it is desirable in the interest of British Columbia to exchange land in the *Peace River* Country, near the eastern boundary of the Province, for such land as the Dominion may be entitled to claim under the Terms of Union and the Settlement Act, between *Burrard Inlet* and the *Eastern Boundary* of the Province."

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>Cowan,</i>	<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Craft,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Anderson—15.</i>
<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Fry,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Ladner,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>McLeese—6.</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Bole,</i>		

The House then went into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,825.56 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Interest, to 30th June, 1888.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,710 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Sinking Fund, to 30th June, 1888.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,046.83 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Premium and Exchange, to 30th June, 1888.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,400.09 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Discount and Commission, to 30th June, 1888.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Provincial Secretary's Department, Printing Branch, to 30th June, 1888.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Temporary Departmental Assistance, to 30th June, 1888.

16A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,725 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Provincial Timber Inspector, to 30th June, 1888.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Police and Gaols, New Westminster City, to 30th June, 1888.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$880 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Police and Gaols, Kootenay District, to 30th June, 1888.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$450 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Police and Gaols, Cassiar District, to 30th June, 1888.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$180 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Police and Gaols, Kamloops, to 30th June, 1888.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Police and Gaols, Similkameen, to 30th June, 1888.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Police and Gaols, Cowichan District, to 30th June, 1888.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Expenses of Elections, to 30th June, 1888.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Printing Office, Victoria, to 30th June, 1888.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Prosecution and Interpreters, to 30th June, 1888.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (other than Salaries), Rents, to 30th June, 1888.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Education Office, to 30th June, 1888.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$465 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Esquimalt District, to 30th June, 1888.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$715 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Nanaimo District, to 30th June, 1888.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$966.50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, New Westminster City District, to 30th June, 1888.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$822.50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, Hope-Yale District, to 30th June, 1888.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Transport, Travelling Expenses of Officers on Duty, to 30th June, 1888.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, Repairs to Government Buildings, Victoria (including \$560 for heating House of Assembly), to 30th June, 1888.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works, Repairs to Government Buildings, Yale District, to 30th June, 1888.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$350 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, Repairs to Gaol at Victoria (laying on gas), to 30th June, 1888.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, Gaol at Kamloops (construction), to 30th June, 1888.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, Law Courts, Victoria (re-vote, \$7,500), to 30th June, 1888.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, Furniture for Government Offices, to 30th June, 1888.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, Public Schools, Victoria (repairs), to 30th June, 1888.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$66 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, Public School, Nanaimo (furniture), to 30th June, 1888.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400.80 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, Public School, Tolmie (construction), to 30th June, 1888.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33.25 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, Public School, East Wellington (furniture), to 30th June, 1888.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$263.27 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, Public School, Kamloops (addition), to 30th June, 1888.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$124.64 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, Public School, Centreville, to 30th June, 1888.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$320 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, Public School, Vancouver (furniture and fencing), to 30th June, 1888.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, Public Schools throughout the Province (sundry repairs), to 30th June, 1888.

115A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$308 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, Public School, Shuswap Prairie (addition), to 30th June, 1888.

115B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, Lock-up at Asheroft (removal), to 30th June, 1888.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Government House, Victoria, Repairs to buildings, to 30th June, 1888.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Government House, Victoria, Furniture, to 30th June, 1888.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Government House, Victoria, Improving grounds, to 30th June, 1888.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves, Victoria District, to 30th June, 1888.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves, Esquimalt District (including \$1,000 for Barracks road), to 30th June, 1888.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves, Victoria and Esquimalt Districts (drills, &c., for rock crusher), to 30th June, 1888.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves, Comox District, to 30th June, 1888.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves, Yale District, to 30th June, 1888.

140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves, Yale District, Thompson River Bridge at Kamloops, to 30th June, 1888.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves, Lillooet District, to 30th June, 1888.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Refunds, to 30th June, 1888.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$235 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Telephone Service, to 30th June, 1888.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Consolidation of Statutes, paper and printing, to 30th June, 1888.

182B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Subsidy for monthly mail service to Alberni, to 30th June, 1888.

182C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Gratuity to the wife of the late Hon. Wm. Smithe, to 30th June, 1888.

182D. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$225 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Gratuity to the wife of the late Geo. Wise (3 months' salary), to 30th June, 1888.

182E. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,106.20 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, North-west Coast Indian Commission, to 30th June, 1888.

182F. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Donation to Nanaimo Relief Fund (Vancouver Colliery Explosion, 1887), to 30th June, 1888.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,033.91 be granted to Her Majesty to dispose of a certain sum which appears in the Balance Sheet of the Province as an asset, and to bring the same to account in the Expenditure of the Province, to 30th June, 1888.

Schedule B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,002.50 be granted to Her Majesty to liquidate certain claims due to the persons hereinafter mentioned, for services in connection with the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, up to the date of the transfer of works to the Dominion Government; the same to be chargeable to the Dominion Government, under Act 47, Vict., entitled "An Act relating to the Island Railway, Graving Dock, and Railway lands of the Province," viz.: Messrs. Kinipple & Morris, \$7,275, William Bennett, \$727.50.

Schedule C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,072.79 be granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the Public Service, for the year ended 30th June, 1887, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Forestry Inspector, to 30th June, 1889.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Police and Gaols, Cassiar District, to 30th June, 1889.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, New Westminster District, to 30th June, 1889.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Higgins*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received at the next sitting of the House.

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

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

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

HUGH NELSON.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly, for reconsideration, Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act for increasing the efficiency of County Courts."

Government House,
26th April, 1888.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That clauses 7 and 10 be struck out of the Bill, and that the Committee report the Resolution to the House, and the Bill as amended.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Higgins*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill as amended.

Report *Ordered* to be considered forthwith.

Resolved, That clauses 7 and 10 be struck out of the Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

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

HUGH NELSON.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly, for reconsideration, Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to constitute a Court for the consideration of Crown Cases Reserved."

Government House,
26th April, 1888.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee do recommend to the House that the Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to constitute a Court for the consideration of Crown Cases Reserved," be discharged, and that the Resolution that the Bill do pass be rescinded.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Higgins*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the resolution.

Report received and adopted.

Resolved, That the Resolutions "That Bill (No. 8) intituled 'An Act to constitute a Court for the consideration of Crown Cases Reserved,' be read a third time," and "That the Bill do pass," be rescinded.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 66) "An Act to authorize the granting of a certain Land Subsidy for and in aid of the Kootenay Railway," was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Anderson—15.</i>
<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Fry,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>McLeese,</i>	<i>Higgins—6.</i>
<i>Ladner,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>		

Ordered to be committed at 7:30 to-night.

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

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

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to authorize the granting of a certain land subsidy for and in aid of the Kootenay Railway."

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Hon. *T. Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act for the protection of the Public Roads."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act respecting certain Statutes," was further considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act respecting mining upon lands set apart for Indian Reservations," was read a second time and committed.

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

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10:30 o'clock, p. m.

Friday, 27th April, 1888.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. Reid, D.D.

The Honourable Mr. Robson presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor-General, reporting an Address as follows:—

To His Excellency the Most Noble HENRY CHARLES KEITH PETTY-FITZMAURICE, Marquis of Lansdowne, in the County of Somerset, Earl of Wycombe, of Chipping Wycombe, in the County of Bucks, Viscount Clan and Clanstone, in the County of Wilts, and Lord Wycombe, Baron of Chipping Wycombe, in the County of Bucks, in the Peerage of Great Britain; Earl of Kerry and Earl of Shelburne, Viscount Clanmaurice and Fitzmaurice, Baron of Kerry, Lixnaw, and Dunkerron, in the Peerage of Ireland; Governor-General of Canada, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, desire to avail ourselves of the occasion of your retirement from the high and important position you have filled with so much acceptance, to express to Your Excellency our deep sense and admiration of the ability and statesman-like qualities which have distinguished your administration of the affairs of the Dominion, and at the same time to assure Your Excellency of our devotion and loyal attachment to the person and Government of our Gracious Sovereign.

We consider that we should be wanting in duty if we failed to assure Your Excellency that the interest you have evinced in the material progress of this the western Province of Canada is highly appreciated; and we venture to express the opinion that the knowledge which Your Excellency must have acquired of the resources of Canada and the character of the people from your visit to British Columbia, *via* the Canadian Pacific Railway, must have been both pleasurable and instructive; and we shall always remember Your Excellency as the first Governor-General of Canada who in visiting this Province was enabled to travel by rail through British territory solely.

We pray that the Supreme Ruler of Nations may vouchsafe to bestow upon Your Excellency and the Marchioness of Lansdowne His choicest blessings, and that you may be long spared to take a prominent part in the affairs of that mighty Empire to which it is our pride to belong, and to which Your Excellency has already rendered such important service.

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

That the said Address be engrossed, and that Mr. Speaker do sign the same and forward it to the Honourable the Secretary of State for Canada, for presentation to His Excellency.

Pursuant to Order, the Resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 16, 16A, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 38, 41, 53, 58, 62, 65, 67, 69, 71, 76, 80, 83, 88, 91, 94, 96, 99, 102, 103, 104, 110, 111, 113, 115, 115A, 115B, 116, 117, 121, 124, 125, 127, 134, 139, 140, 141, 162, 172, 175, 182B, 182C, 182D, 182E, 182F, for the year ending 30th June, 1888; and Schedules A, B, and C; and numbers 16, 29, 74, for the year ending 30th June, 1889, adopted in Committee of Supply on Thursday, the 26th April, instant, were reported and received.

The Resolutions were read first time, read second time, and taken as read, and agreed to.

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, the following sums be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of British Columbia:—

\$	12,072	79	for the financial year ending 30th June, 1887.
	113,405	55	for the financial year ending 30th June, 1888.
	793,436	05	for the financial year ending 30th June, 1889.
	8,002	50	to be brought to account as per Schedule B.

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

Report received and adopted.

Ordered, That the House will at its next sitting resolve itself into the said Committee

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* presented a Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

Ordered, That the said Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," be reported to the House.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Higgins*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

Report adopted.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time now.

Bill read a second time and committed.

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

Report considered.

Mr. *Grant* moved to add the following as a new clause—

"It shall not be lawful for any person to obtain any sum of money on the credit of the Government of British Columbia, either by issue of debentures, or as a temporary loan, or by an overdraft at a bank, without having first obtained therefor the sanction of the Legislative Assembly."

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Bole,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>McLeese—5.</i>
<i>Grant,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Thomson,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Dunsmuir,</i>	<i>Anderson—14.</i>
<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Fry,</i>		

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act for the relief of the Settlers and Owners of Land on Matsqui Prairie," was read a third time on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Ladner,</i>	<i>Orr,</i>	<i>Davie, T.,</i>	<i>John,</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Higgins,</i>	<i>Allen,</i>	<i>Thomson—11.</i>
<i>Bole,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Fry,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>McLeese,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Turner—8.</i>

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

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

HUGH NELSON.

The Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the enclosed amendment to Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to aid in the further development of Quartz Mines."

Government House,
27th April, 1888.

[ENCLOSURE.]

That the words "thirty-five," in the third line of clause 4 of Bill No. 64 be struck out, and that the words "sixty-four" be substituted in lieu thereof.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That "An Act to aid in the further development of Quartz Mines" be amended in its 4th clause by striking out "thirty-five" and inserting "sixty-four" in its place.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Grant*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill as amended.

Report received.

The Report on Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to aid in the further development of Quartz Mines," was considered.

On motion of Honourable Mr. *Davie* clause 4 was amended by substituting "sixty-four" for "thirty-five" in the third line thereof

Report adopted as amended.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

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

HUGH NELSON.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly for reconsideration Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company, and suggests that the enclosed clause be substituted for clause 19.

Government House,
27th April, 1888.

[ENCLOSURE.]

"19. The right of way of the Company shall not be subject to Provincial taxation for a period of five years from the passing of this Act, and the railway and steamers, and all stations and station grounds, workshops, buildings, yards, rolling stock, appurtenances, and other property required and used for the construction, equipment, and working of the said line of steamers and railway, and the capital stock of the Company, and all personal property owned or possessed by the Company in British Columbia, shall be free from Provincial taxation until the lapse of two years after the completion of the line of steamers and railway."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company," be amended in the 19th clause, by striking out the word "lands" in the first line, and inserting the words "right of way" in lieu thereof; and that the words "unless the same are leased or worked, or in anywise alienated by the Company," in the second, third, and fourth lines of section 4, be struck out.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Higgins*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

Report received.

Resolved, That the 19th clause of Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company," be amended by striking out the word "lands" in the first line, and inserting the words "right of way" in lieu thereof; and that the words "unless the same are leased or worked, or in anywise alienated by the Company," in the second, third, and fourth lines of section 4, be struck out.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to authorize the granting of a certain Land Subsidy for, and in aid of, the Kootenay Railway," was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order for the consideration of Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act respecting Mining upon Lands set apart as Indian Reservations," on Report, was discharged.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to adjust the rights of Settlers on the former Townsite of Granville," was read a second time and ordered to be committed at 7:30 to-night.

Mr. *Bole* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claims of *James Morrison*.

The Report was received.

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to adjust the rights of Settlers on the former Townsite of Granville."

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

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended.

Mr. *Allen* then moved, seconded by Mr. *John*,—

That in the opinion of this House the interest of the public, with respect to the mail service between *Ashcroft* and *Cariboo*, and between *Ashcroft* and *Lillooet*, would be best served by tenders being called for before any contract is awarded, and that a copy of this Resolution be at once sent to the Honourable the Postmaster-General at *Ottawa*.

The motion was withdrawn with leave.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended.

Mr. *Allen* then moved, seconded by Mr. *John*, and it was *Resolved*,—

That the Reports of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the claim of *Samuel Greer* to certain lands in the vicinity of *English Bay* be adopted.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved—That Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act for the preservation of the Public Roads," be read a second time now.

The motion was negatived.

The adjourned debate on the motion of Colonel *Baker*, that this House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the petition of *Arthur Farwell* and others, was resumed, and resolved in the affirmative.

The Committee rose without Report.

Mr. *McLeese* moved that the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the claims of *James Morrison* be adopted.

The motion was negatived.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:05 o'clock, p. m.

Saturday, 28th April, 1888.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *Cridge*.

His Honour *Hugh Nelson*, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair,

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

An Act to amend the "Justices of the Peace and Coroners' Oaths Act, 1874."

An Act relating to Pawnbrokers.

An Act to repeal an Act, chap. 33 of 1887, intituled "An Act for the Preservation of the Peace within the Municipal limits of the City of Vancouver."

An Act to constitute County Judge's Criminal Courts.

An Act respecting the "Married Woman's Property Acts."

An Act to enable Foreign Mining Companies to carry on business in British Columbia.

An Act respecting the changing of the names of Incorporated Companies.

An Act for increasing the efficiency of County Courts.

An Act to amend the "Assize Court Act, 1885."

An Act to prevent the spreading of Noxious Weeds.

An Act to enable the Nicola Mining Company, Limited, of London, to hold lands in the Province of British Columbia, and for other purposes.

An Act to Incorporate the Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company.

An Act to amend the "Municipality Amendment Act, 1887."

An Act to Incorporate the City of New Westminster.

An Act to Incorporate the Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway Company.

An Act to further amend the "Land Registry Ordinance, 1870."

An Act to Incorporate the Harrison Hot Springs Tramway Company, Limited.

An Act for the relief of the Settlers and Owners of Land upon Matsqui Prairie.

An Act to enable the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company to construct a Branch Line to Beecher Bay.

An Act to amend "An Act respecting Absconding Debtors."

An Act to further extend the powers of Trustees.

An Act to extend the provisions of the "Bridges Protection Act, 1864," to the Mainland of British Columbia.

An Act to amend "An Act to provide for the better protection of Cattle Ranges."

An Act to amend the "Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877."

An Act to amend the "Trial of Controverted Elections Act, 1871."

An Act to amend the "Game Protection Act, 1887."

An Act to amend the "Land Act, 1884."

An Act for the benefit of Mechanics and Labourers.

An Act for the protection of Workmen's Wages.

An Act to amend the "Licences Ordinance, 1867," and amending Acts.

An Act respecting Recognizances.

An Act to amend the "Public School Act 1885," and amending Acts.

- An Act to assess, levy, and collect Taxes on Property and Income.
 An Act to further amend the "Companies' Act, 1878."
 An Act to amend the "City of Victoria Official Map Act, 1880."
 An Act to amend the "Municipality Act, 1881," and amending Acts.
 An Act in relation to Civil Procedure.
 An Act to amend the Law relating to the Sale or Use of Poisons.
 An Act to amend the "Bills of Sale Ordinance, 1870."
 An Act granting to the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company certain lands for right of way and terminal purposes for Beecher Bay Branch.
 An Act respecting a grant of land for right of way and terminal purposes to the Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway Company, British Columbia.
 An Act to amend the "Sheriffs' Act, 1873," and amending Acts.
 An Act to amend certain Statutes.
 An Act to extend the provisions of "An Act to authorize the granting of a certain subsidy for, and in aid of, the construction of the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway."
 An Act to aid in the further development of Quartz Mines.
 An Act to authorize the granting of a certain Land Subsidy for, and in aid of, the Kootenay Railway.
 An Act to adjust the rights of Settlers on the former townsite of Granville.

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

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

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

Then the Honourable Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour 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 Honour's acceptance a Bill intitled "An Act for granting certain sums of money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I am glad that the state of the public business now enables me to close this somewhat protracted Session, but before relieving you from further attendance I desire to express my appreciation of the careful attention you have given to the several subjects placed before you for consideration.

The provision you have made for promoting the development of the great quartz resources of the Province will, it is hoped, lead to satisfactory results; the important measure dealing with our valuable timber lands, while carefully guarding the interests of those engaged in that important industry, promises a substantial increase to the public revenue; the measures relating to the administration of justice, taken in connection with the appointment of additional County Court Judges, will, I feel assured, materially conduce to efficiency and economy in that branch of the public service.

The amendment to the Public School Act will doubtless meet with general approval, designed, as it is, to slightly relieve the public revenue of a constantly increasing burden for education, without interfering with the freedom and efficiency of our liberal common school system.

I have every confidence that these and other measures will contribute to the prosperity of the Province.

I have to thank you for the liberal provision you have made for the public service, and to assure you that every care will be taken to administer the various sums with due regard to economy and efficiency.

In now relieving you from further attendance, I desire to express the earnest hope that our mutual labours for the advancement of the best interests of this portion of the Dominion may be crowned with abundant success.

The Honourable Mr. *Robson*, Provincial Secretary, then said,—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :

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