

Tuesday, 3rd April, 1894.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from *Robert T. Williams* (re submitting public binding to public competition).

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Pursuant to Order, Resolutions 50, 90, 202F, 209, 228, 240I, 240J, 240K, for the year ending 30th June, 1894, and numbers 14, 20, 28, 50, 70, 84C, 159A, 159B, 177, 191, 201A, 208A, 209A, 209B, 216, 228A, 246A, 246B, 246C, 246D, for the year ending 30th June, 1895, adopted in Committee of Supply on the 2nd April instant, were reported and received.

Resolutions read a first time (taken as read).

Read a second time.

Read a third time (taken as read) and agreed to.

The Report on Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to provide for the payment of Succession Duties in certain cases," was further considered.

Mr. *Milne* moved to amend sub-section (1) of section 3 by striking out in line one the word "five" and inserting "ten."

Negatived.

Mr. *Milne* moved to amend sub-section (2) of section 3 by striking out in line five the word "twenty-five" and inserting in lieu thereof "one hundred."

Negatived.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act respecting the Nakusp and Slocan Railway," was resumed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock<sup>3</sup> p. m.

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

Debate resumed.

The Bill was read a second time on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Fletcher—19.</i>
<i>Watt,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Leith—10.</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Milne,</i>		

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Mr. *Grant* presented a Petition from *W. C. Haywood* and others (opposing closing of shops on Sunday).

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* presented a Return showing names of Collectors of Statistics.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to authorize the issue of a Crown Grant of certain lands in the District of Kootenay, being the site of the Town of Three Forks," was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to authorize certain Dyking and Drainage Works in the District of New Westminster," was considered.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved to amend section 2, line 11, by inserting after the word "Luck-a-kuck" the words "and Chilliwack, below its junction with the Luck-a-kuck."

Carried.

Mr. *Hunter* moved the following as sub-section (a) to section 8:—

"(a.) Notwithstanding anything in this section contained, the Commissioners may, on receiving the sanction of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and under such conditions as he may impose, turn the waters of Vedder Creek, or part of them, into the channel of the Luck-a-kuck before all the works necessary for the protection of the lands on the said Luck-a-kuck are completed, if in his opinion such diversion is necessary or advisable for carrying out the work of protection: Provided, however, that the dam across the head of Vedder Creek shall not be closed until the works on the Luck-a-kuck, considered by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to be necessary for the protection of the land along its banks, are completed."

Carried.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved the following as sub-section (1) of section 8:—

"(1.) Provided that any existing bridge which may be rendered useless by reason of any increased volume of water in the Luck-a-kuck River, caused by the waters of Vedder Creek being turned into the said river, shall be rebuilt to suit the changed conditions by and at the cost of the Commissioners, and the Commissioners shall also carry out at their own cost any repairs or alterations of line or grade in any existing road which may be rendered necessary as aforesaid by the increased volume of water in the Luck-a-kuck River."

Carried.

Report as amended adopted.

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

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to authorize the Hall Mines, Limited, to construct Tramways and Electrical and other works in the vicinity of Nelson," was again committed, with Mr. *Rogers* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

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

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

Wednesday, 4th April, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *McKenzie* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the management of the *Gauvreau* Expedition, together with the evidence taken by the Committee.

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

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from *Robert T. Williams* (re submitting public binding to public competition).

Laid on the table.

The Petition from *Robert T. Williams* on the same subject, presented yesterday, was ruled out of order, on the ground that it contained no prayer.

On the motion of Mr. *Rogers*, seconded by Mr. *Hunter*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas by the Dominion tariff a bounty of two dollars per ton of pig iron is allowed ;  
And whereas there is a large quantity of lead ore in the Province which might be mined and become a valuable industry and source of profit ;

Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Dominion Government be urged to make a similar regulation in the tariff and allow a bounty on pig lead.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to authorize the Hall Mines, Limited, to construct Tramways and Electrical and other Works in the vicinity of Nelson," was again committed, with Mr. *Rogers* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Consolidated Railway and Light Company," was committed, with Mr. *Croft* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

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 :—

E. DEWDNEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Further Supplementary Estimates for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1894, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*3rd April, 1894.*

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

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1891,' and amending Acts," was again committed, with Mr. *Grant* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Mr. *Brown* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government the following questions :—

1. Have any charges been preferred against the Government Agent in *West Kootenay District* (Mr. *Fitzstubs*) of improper conduct in the discharge of his official duties ?
2. If so, what was the nature of the charges ?
3. What steps has the Government taken to investigate the matter ?

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

"No charges have been preferred against that officer."

Mr. *Brown* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government the following questions :—

1. Was not the attention of the Government called to the lawlessness prevailing in the *Northern Archipelago*, by responsible men, some months before the murder of *O'Connor* and *Green* ?
2. If so, why were no steps taken until after the occurrence of these crimes ?

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

“Information has been from time to time forwarded to the Attorney-General’s Department regarding liquor traffic and general order amongst the Indians, but, further than this, no complaints of lawlessness have been received, and as stated in my answer to the Hon. gentleman on the 20th March last, all reasonable steps have been taken, consistent with the scattered nature of the settlements and the geographical peculiarities of the district, to render life and property secure.

“The inference of the Hon. gentleman’s question, that no steps for the promotion of order were taken before the two crimes mentioned, is contrary to the fact.

“Further information upon the subject is contained in my answer to the questions of the 20th March last, and in a Minute of the Honourable the Executive Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on the 18th January, 1894, and transmitted to the Honourable the Secretary of State, for the information of His Excellency the Governor-General, on the 20th January, a copy of which will be laid before the House.”

The Report on Bill (No. 69) intituled “An Act respecting the Drainage and Dyking and Irrigation of Lands,” was further considered.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved to insert the following as section 13 :—

“13. Any proprietor may, at any time before the expiry of the time limited for appealing from the proposed assessment to the Court of Revision, notify the Commissioners of his dissent from the proposal to go on with the works; and if a majority in interest and number of the proprietors so notify the Commissioners, the Commissioners shall not be at liberty to go on with such works until the carrying on of such works has been assented to in writing by a majority in interest and number of the proprietors.”

Carried.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved to add the following as sub-section (c) of section 12 :—

“(c.) A certified copy of the request for the appointment of Commissioners under section 3, and of the selection of Commissioners under section 4 :

Carried.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved to add the following as sub-section (d) of section 12 :—

“(d.) A certified list of all dissentients under section 13.”

Carried.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved to amend section 13 (now 14) by inserting between the words “give” and “notice,” on the first line, the words “at least four weeks;” and by inserting after the word “known,” on second line, the words “of the filing of such plan and memorandum, and a copy of so much of the assessment roll as refers to his land, with a notice of the date and place at which the Court of Revision will be held.”

Carried.

Mr. *Sword* moved to insert at the end of the second line of section 53 the words “or have exercised.”

Carried.

The further consideration of the Report was adjourned.

Bill (No. 80) intituled “An Act respecting the Official Map of Quamichan District,” was committed, with Mr. *Stoddart* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 74) intituled “An Act respecting the Horsefly Hydraulic Mining Company (Limited Liability),” was committed, with Mr. *Sword* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for to-morrow.

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

HALF-PAST SEVEN O’CLOCK, P. M.

Bill (No. 35) intituled “An Act to authorize certain Dyking and Drainage Works in the District of New Westminster,” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to provide for the appointment of Official Scalers of saw-logs and other cut timber," was committed, with Mr. *Kitchen* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to authorize the issue of a Crown Grant of certain lands in the District of Kootenay, being the site of the Town of Three Forks," was committed, with Mr. *Grant* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Milne* moved that Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, 1890,'" be now read a second time.

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

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1892,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cattle Act,'" was committed, with Mr. *Hall* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Act' and amending Acts," was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS

Messieurs

<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Rogers—9.</i>
<i>Watt,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>
<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Keith,</i>	<i>Booth—9.</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>			

Mr. Speaker voted in the affirmative.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

The adjourned debate (2nd April) on the Resolution moved by Mr. *Beaven*,—

"That this House is of opinion that whenever two or more Statutes bearing upon the same subject are combined and issued from the Printing Office prior to the consolidation being legalized by the Legislative Assembly, that the pamphlet so issued should bear an endorsement indicating that the consolidation had not been so legalized, but that the original Statutes could be perused in the annual volume mentioning it," was resumed.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* moved in amendment,—

To strike out all the words after "subject," on the second line, and add: "are legalized by the Legislative Assembly, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall be authorized to consolidate the said Statutes into one Act."

The amendment was withdrawn.

Original motion put and carried.

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

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

Thursday, 5th April, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. P. McF. Macleod.

The Petition from *Robert T. Williams* (re submitting public binding to public competition) was received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *McKenzie*,—

That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the Petition of *Robert T. Williams* with reference to the binding of the Statutes, Journals and Sessional Papers of the Assembly, and other work of a similar character required by the Province; and that copies of all tenders and contracts for such work, received or executed during the last eight years, be placed before the House and referred to such Committee.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Keith—9.</i>
<i>Sword,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Watt,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Anderson—15.</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* presented Abstract Statements of Public Accounts for the half-year ended 31st December, 1893.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented Papers relating to the cases of the Bank of British Columbia and *Atwell King & Co.*, and *Joshua Davies* and the Bank of British Columbia.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* presented a certified copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on the 18th day of January, 1894 (re liquor traffic on *North-West Coast*).

*Ordered* to be printed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, 1890,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1892,'" was committed, with Mr. *Rogers* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act, 1892,' and amending Act," was further considered.

Mr. *Brown* moved the following amendments:—

That the form of declaration appended to sub-section (e) of section 13 be amended by striking out the words "am the head of a family, and have occupied a dwelling house with my family" in the third and fourth lines of the said form of declaration," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "have been a householder;" and by striking out the words "house or

houses" in the sixth line of said form, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "or dwellings;" and by inserting between the words "rent" and "payable" on the twelfth line of the said form, the words "or rates or taxes upon land or improvements."

Carried.

Mr. *Kitchen* moved the following amendment:—

To insert as sub-section (*f*) of section 13 the following:—

"(*f*.) In a township or district municipality, in addition to those qualified under sub-section (*b*) or (*d*) of section 37 of this Act, any male or female, being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, who has resided and been a householder in the municipality for the six months immediately preceding the first day of November in each year, and who pays a rental or rent value as such householder of not less than forty dollars per annum: Provided, always, that no person shall be entitled to vote by reason of possessing a householder's qualification as defined in this sub-section (*f*) of section 37 of this Act, nor shall his or her name be included in the annual voters' list of a municipality in consequence of such qualification, unless he or she shall, on or before the third Monday in November in each year, enter with the Assessor or Clerk of the municipality his or her name as a voter."

Carried.

Mr. *Anderson* moved the following amendment:—

"17A. Section 104 of the 'Municipal Act, 1892,' is hereby amended by inserting after sub-section (77) of said section the following as sub-section (77a):—

"(77a.) To limit and define an area adjoining and surrounding the public markets of the said corporation, within which area so established by the Council no fish, game, poultry, or other articles which the Council may deem objectionable shall be sold, or exposed for sale, except at the public market or markets within the said area, and to fix a penalty for any contravention thereof."

Negatived.

Mr. *Beaven* moved the following amendment:—

To amend section 20 (108i), line ten, by striking out the words "a majority" and inserting in lieu thereof "at least sixty-five per cent. of the number."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Kitchen,*  
*Beaven,*

*Brown,*

*Booth,*

*Adams—5.*

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Grant,*  
*McKenzie,*  
*Sword,*

*Punch,*  
*Cotton,*  
*Smith,*

*Keith,*  
*Watt,*  
*Vernon,*

*Turner,*  
*Martin,*  
*Hunter—12.*

Mr. *Beaven* moved the following as section 22:—

"22. The 'Municipal Act, 1892,' is hereby amended by inserting the following as section 111A:—

"111A. No by-law for borrowing money, which is not to be repayable within the then current year, or for contracting a debt or otherwise upon the credit of the corporation of a city municipality to meet an expenditure or to incur a liability beyond the municipal revenue for the then current year, shall be introduced or passed by the Council of the corporation unless (in addition to the other requirements in that respect) a petition signed by the owners of the land or real property in the limits of the municipality subject to taxation, and representing at least one-half in value of the land or real property on the then last revised assessment roll, has first been presented to the Council requesting that a by-law may be introduced and considered by the Council, stating definitely its purpose."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Milne,*

*Beaven—2.*

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Watt,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Hunter—15.</i>
<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Keith,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	

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

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

Mr. *Beaven* moved to strike out section 26.

Carried.

Mr. *Grant* moved to amend section 197, sub-section (5), of the "Municipal Act, 1892," by adding the following words at the end thereof:—

"except in cases where rates are imposed under any by-law authorizing any work of local improvement, for which such lands or improvements, or both, would be subject to taxation or rating, if held by a private individual or corporation."

Carried.

Mr. *Beaven* moved the following as section 30:—

"30. The 'Municipal Act, 1892,' is hereby amended by inserting the following as section 235:—

"235. The person to whom a new license to sell liquor by retail has been granted and issued shall not be entitled or allowed to transfer the same to any other person."

Negatived on the following division:—

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Keith,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Booth—10.</i>
<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>		

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Watt,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Anderson—15.</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	

Mr. *Beaven* moved the following amendments:—

In section 37, sub-section (2), line one, to insert "the" before "real property."

In section 37, sub-section (10), line two, to strike out "as aforesaid."

In section 37, sub-section (11), line three, to insert "main or common" before "sewer."

In section 37, sub-section (11), line four, to insert "main or common" before "sewer."

In section 37, sub-section (12), line six, to insert "main or common" before "sewer."

In section 37, sub-section (12), line seven, to insert "main or common" before "sewer."

Carried.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to amend section 38, sub-section (10a), line fourteen, by inserting "rate or" before "tax."

Carried.

Mr. *Brown* moved that the following be inserted as a new section, between sections 21 and 22:—

"Section 141 of the 'Municipal Act, 1892,' is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

"141. It shall be lawful for the Council of any municipality (including the Cities of Vancouver and New Westminster), with the consent of the lawful holder of any debenture or debentures issued under any by-law or by-laws, to recall and cancel such debenture or debentures, and to cause to be issued and delivered to such holder instead thereof another debenture or debentures of the like or an equivalent amount, but expressed to be payable in sterling



money instead of currency, or in currency instead of sterling money, as the case may be, and at any different place, if, and as may be agreed upon between such holder and the Council, instead of the currency or sterling money or at the place in the debenture or debentures so called in and cancelled, but so as that every such new debenture shall bear the same date and be made payable on the like days and times, both as to principal and interest, as the debenture for which it is substituted; and the assent of the ratepayers to any by-law to be made under the authority hereby conferred shall not be necessary."

Carried.

Mr. *Grant* moved that the following be inserted as a new section:—

"The 'Municipal Act, 1892,' is hereby amended by inserting the following as section 115A:—

"115A. A Board of Commissioners, consisting of three persons to be appointed as hereinafter mentioned, shall have the control and management of all the sinking funds and interest of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, and of all moneys realized from special loans until such time as the same be required for the purpose or purposes for which they were obtained. Such Board of Commissioners may invest such sinking funds either in acquiring local improvement debentures issued by the said Corporation, or on first mortgage of real estate, provided that no advance shall be made on mortgage as aforesaid for an amount greater than than one-third of the assessed value of such real estate, and at a rate of interest not greater than seven per cent., or may be deposited in any chartered bank doing business in the said City of Victoria from time to time as may be necessary, but in no case shall any investment of any particular sinking fund, or of any unexpended moneys or special loans, be made for a period longer than the periods specified in the by-law or other authority authorizing such loans at which the same matures, or in case of unexpended moneys beyond a period of one year; and all interest and other accumulations arising from such investments as aforesaid shall be subject to be dealt with in like manner and as aforesaid.

"The Corporation of the City of Victoria may appoint, by resolution under the seal of the Corporation, one of such Commissioners; the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, by Order in Council, appoint one of such Commissioners; and the third of such Commissioners shall be appointed by a Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia upon application in a summary manner by the said Corporation.

"Each of the said Commissioners shall hold office during the pleasure of his appointor, and all the sinking funds and accumulated interest in connection with special loans of the said Corporation shall be vested in the said Commissioners, in trust for the purpose for which they were obtained, subject to investment as hereinbefore provided.

"Such Commissioners shall be paid for their services such remuneration as may be agreed upon by the Council of the said Corporation."

Negatived.

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

" . . . When the corporation of any municipality shall have a sum of money on hand which has been borrowed for a special purpose by the authority of a loan by-law, and when the council deems it undesirable to expend for such purpose the money borrowed, it shall be lawful for the council to place before the ratepayers a by-law providing for the expending of such sum of money for some other purpose; said by-law shall be subject to the provisions of the 'Municipal Act, 1892,' and amendments as to the passage of by-laws for creating debts."

Carried.

Mr. *Grant* moved to insert as clause the following:—

"Section 47 of the 'Municipal Act Amendment Act, 1893,' is hereby repealed."

Carried.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to insert the following as section 4:—

"4. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, when granting letters patent of incorporation to a district municipality, vary the boundaries of the district as mentioned in the petition, for the purpose of making the same regular and in conformity with the boundaries of neighbouring municipalities, or so that no small piece of land may be excluded from any municipality, or otherwise, as may be considered expedient."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cattle Act,'" was considered and adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Act' and amending Acts," was committed, with Mr. *Smith* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order for the passage and third reading of the Bill, and of the adoption of the Report thereon, was rescinded.

Report *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act respecting the Drainage and Dyking and Irrigation of Lands," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'County Courts Act,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public School Act, 1891,'" was considered.

Mr. *Milne* moved to repeal sub-section (10) of section 6 and insert the following:—

"To suspend or cancel for immorality the certificate of qualification of any teacher; provided, always, that such teacher may appeal from any such order to the County Court Judge of the district, or to a Supreme Court Judge, who shall have power to take evidence and confirm or reverse the decision of the Council."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Semlin,*  
*McKenzie,*

*Sword,*  
*Cotton,*

*Milne,*  
*Beaven,*

*Forster—7.*

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Horne,*  
*Smith,*  
*Watt,*  
*Baker,*

*Stoddart,*  
*Booth,*  
*Adams,*

*Turner,*  
*Martin,*  
*Croft,*

*Hunter,*  
*Rogers,*  
*Fletcher—13.*

Mr. *Milne* moved to repeal section 50 and insert the following:—

"The Trustees of any School District shall from time to time select and appoint (from amongst those persons properly qualified) the teacher or teachers in the School District of such Trustees, and may remove and dismiss such teacher or teachers, upon giving at least thirty days' notice to the teacher or teachers of such intention of removal and dismissal, and the reasons therefor. Nothing in this section shall be taken to confer on any teacher a right to such thirty days' notice, or salary in lieu of notice, where any teacher has been suspended by the Trustees for gross misconduct: 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 such Judge shall not order the teacher to be reinstated in the same school, without the consent of the Trustees."

Negatived.

Mr. *Milne* moved to repeal section 56 and substitute the following:—

"No certificate shall be given to any person as a teacher who does not furnish satisfactory proof of good moral character."

Negatived.

Mr. *Milne* moved to repeal sub-section (10) of section 60 and substitute :—

“To obey the Rules and Regulations made by the Council of Public Instruction.”

Negatived.

Mr. *Milne* moved to repeal section 61 and substitute :—

“Salaries of public school teachers in rural districts shall be paid monthly from the Provincial Treasury.”

Negatived.

Mr. *Milne* moved to repeal section 64 and substitute :—

“School buildings and school lands in rural districts shall be under the control of the Lands and Works Department ; but the people in any district shall not be deprived of the use of the school building for the purposes of education, without the consent of the Trustees of the district ; and provided no public school reserve shall be alienated without the consent of the Trustees of the School District in which such reserve is situate.”

Negatived.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 77) intituled “An Act to provide for the appointment of Official Sealers of saw-logs and other cut timbers,” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Consolidated Railway and Light Company,” was considered.

Mr. *Horne* moved the following amendment :—

In section 25, line one, to strike out the two first words, viz.: “Provided that.”

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12:15 o'clock, a. m., April 6th.

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Friday, 6th April, 1894.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from *Robert T. Williams* (re public binding).

The motion to receive the Petition was negatived.

Mr. *Milne* presented a Petition from *John N. Muir* (re Public School Act).

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Watt* presented a Petition from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Independent Order of Good Templars.

Received.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the Petition of *Robert T. Williams* with reference to the binding of the Statutes, Journals and Sessional Papers of the Assembly, and other work of a similar character required by the Province ; and that such Committee consist of Messrs. *Booth, Smith, Martin, Sward, and Sem/in*, with power to call for persons, books and papers.

Mr. *Cotton* asked the Hon. the Leader of the Government the following question:—

As the papers laid before the House shew that Mr. Justice *Crease*, Mr. Justice *Walkem*, and Mr. Justice *Drake* all agree that it is impracticable to assess railway property under the present Assessment Act, is it the intention of the Government to bring in an amendment to the Assessment Act this Session?

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

“It is the intention of the Government to bring in an amendment to the Assessment Act.”

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

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

(No. 7) An Act to amend the “Supreme Court Act.”

(No. 27) An Act to further amend the “Legal Professions Act.”

(No. 30) An Act to further amend the “British Columbia Railway Act,” and amending Acts.

(No. 34) An Act to authorize the issue of a Crown grant of certain lands in the District of Kootenay, being the site of the Town of Three Forks.

(No. 37) An Act respecting the Victoria Electric Railway and Lighting Company, Limited.

(No. 38) An Act relating to certain Public Works in the Corporation of the Township of Chilliwack.

(No. 56) An Act to amend the “Companies’ Act, 1890,” and amending Acts.

(No. 67) An Act to aid the construction of a Railway and Highway Traffic Bridge across the Fraser River at the City of New Westminster.

(No. 68) An Act to amend the “Land Act.”

(No. 73) An Act to amend the “Jurors’ Act” and amending Acts.

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.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply, with Mr. *Martin* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

7. *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), extra assistance, printing revised voters’ lists, to 30th June, 1894.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$343.70 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Sheriffs, Acting Sheriff, Vancouver County (T. J. Armstrong), 27th October, 1892, to 6th July, 1893 = 8¼ months @ \$41.66, to 30th June, 1894.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Registration of Voters and Revision of Voters’ Lists (additional to \$6,000 voted), to 30th June, 1894.

240L. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Indemnity to J. E. McMillan, Sheriff, Victoria, *re* Atwell King seizure, to 30th June, 1894.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Resolutions were reported and received. Resolutions read a first and second times, taken as read, and agreed to.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means, with Mr. *Martin* in the Chair.

(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:—

\$	65,154.09	for the financial year ending 30th June, 1893.
	211,853.03	for the financial year ending 30th June, 1894.
	1,262,158.30	for the financial year ending 30th June, 1895.
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\$	1,539,165.42	

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Resolution was reported.  
Report received and adopted.

The Honourable Mr. *Turner* presented a Bill (No. 83) 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.  
The Bill was then committed, with Mr. *Martin* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," be reported to the House.

The Chairman reported the Resolution and the Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act respecting the Horsefly Hydraulic Mining Company (Limited Liability)," was again committed, with Mr. *Sword* in the Chair.

The Committee reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act respecting the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company (Limited Liability)," was committed, with Mr. *Semlin* in the Chair.

The Committee reported the Bill complete with amendments.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act' and amending Act."

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Act, 1890.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock, p. m.

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

The Honourable *D. W. Higgins*, Speaker of the House, being absent, the Honourable Mr. *Turner* moved, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*,—

That Mr. *Martin*, the second Member for the District of *Yale*, do preside at this meeting of the House as Speaker, and the Question being put by the Clerk of the House, was unanimously *Resolved* in the affirmative.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act respecting the Nakusp and Slocan Railway," was committed, with Mr. *Grant* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to authorize the Hall Mines, Limited, to construct Tramways and Electrical and other Works in the vicinity of Nelson," was considered.

Mr. *Martin* moved to strike out all the words after "thereof" on the eleventh line of the Preamble down to and including the word "purposes," on the thirteenth line.

Carried.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to strike out of section 3, in lines 10 and 11, the words "other purposes," and insert "of their works."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until half-past seven o'clock, p. m., to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11:50 o'clock, p. m.

## Saturday, 7th April, 1894.

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

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Martin* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act respecting the Nakusp and Slocan Railway," was adopted.

*Ordered* to be read a third time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Act, 1890,'" was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Watt* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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:—

E. DEWDNEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*7th April, 1894.*

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

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 86) intituled “An Act to assess, levy, and collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies.”

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and the Bill.

Report adopted.

On the motion of the Honourable the Attorney-General,—

Bill (No. 86) intituled “An Act to assess, levy, and collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies,” was read a first time.

Bill read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

Bill (No. 81) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Creditors’ Trust Deeds Act, 1890,’” was committed, with Mr. *Croft* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented Papers relating to charges made against *N. Fitzstubs*, Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works, *West Kootenay*.

On the Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 58) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Act, 1892,’ and amending Act,” being called,—

Mr. *Grant* moved that the Order for the third reading be discharged, and the Bill recommitted on Monday next for the purpose of considering the striking out of section 31.

Carried.

Mr. *Grant* moved, as an instruction to the Committee, to consider the insertion of the following as a new clause:—

“Sub-sections (a), (1), (b), (2), (c), (3), and (d) of section 227 of the ‘Municipal Act, 1892,’ shall not apply to the Municipality of the City of Kaslo, but the following shall apply to the said Municipality of the City of Kaslo in lieu thereof:—

“(a) A petition or requisition for the granting of such license signed by the following persons living in the block of land within which the premises for which the license is sought and business will be carried on is situate:

“(1.) At least two-thirds of the resident lot owners; and also by at least two-third of the wives (if any) of such lot owners living with them; and also by at least two-thirds of the resident householders, and the wives (if any) of such houses holders living with them:

“(b.) The petition shall also be signed by the following persons, living in the block of land on the same street and opposite the block in which the said premises are situate:

“(2.) At least two-thirds of the resident lot owners; and also by at least two-thirds of the wives (if any) of such lot owners living with them; and also by at least two-thirds of the resident householders, and the wives (if any) of such householders living with them:

“(c.) If the premises for which the license is sought is situated on a lot at the corner of two streets, then, in addition to the above, the petition or requisition for the granting of such license must be signed by the following persons, either living in the blocks of land opposite the corner lot upon which the premises are situate or the business will be carried on:

“(3.) At least two-thirds of the resident lot owners; and also by at least two-thirds of the wives (if any) of such lot owners living with them; and also by at least two-thirds of the resident householders, and the wives (if any) of such householders living with them:

“(d.) A map or plan of the lots and blocks of land as above, drawn on a scale of not less than one inch to every one hundred feet, showing each lot or subdivision of a lot, and the name of the resident owner, and stating whether he is married or single.”

Carried.

Mr. *Grant* moved, as an instruction to the Committee, to consider the following proposed amendment:—

“The provisions of section 4 of the ‘Liquor License Regulation Act, 1891,’ shall not apply to Municipalities in respect to the selling of liquor by retail; provided that in all places where liquor is or may be sold by retail no sale or other disposal of the said liquor shall take place therein, or on the premises thereof, or out of or from the same, to any person or persons whomsoever, from the hour of six of the clock on Sunday morning until the hour of one of the clock on Sunday afternoon, and from six of the clock on Sunday evening until the hour of nine of the clock on Sunday evening.

“(1.) Any infraction of this section shall be punishable for a first offence by a fine of not less than twenty dollars, or more than fifty dollars, and for a second offence by a fine of not less than thirty dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, to be recoverable in either case, with costs, upon summary conviction.”

Carried.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* to move, as an instruction to the Committee, to consider a motion to strike out section 34.

Carried.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* to move, as an instruction to the Committee, to consider the insertion of the following as a new section after section 32:—

“33. Section 276 of the ‘Municipal Act, 1892,’ is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following as sub-section (18):—

“(18.) The provisions of this section shall be deemed to extend to the lowering of the waters of any lake or pond for the purpose of reclaiming flooded land, or more easily draining any lands.”

Carried.

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

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

E. DEWDNEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Kaslo and Slocan Railway Subsidy Act, 1892,’” and in accordance with the provisions contained in section 54 of the “British North America Act, 1867,” he recommends the Bill to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*7th April, 1894.*

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Croft* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Davie*,—

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 88) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Kaslo and Slocan Railway Subsidy Act, 1892.’”

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Resolution and the Bill were reported.  
Report adopted.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Davie*,—  
Bill (No. 88) intituled “An Act to amend the Kaslo and Slocan Railway Subsidy Act, 1892,” was read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.



Mr. *Grant* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act.'"

Leave granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

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

E. DEWDNEY,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Aid Act, 1893,'" and in accordance with the provisions contained in section 54 of "The British North America Act, 1867," he recommends the Bill to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*7th April, 1894.*

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Croft* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Honourable the Attorney-General,—

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Aid Act, 1893.'"

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, the Resolution and the Bill were reported.  
Report adopted.

On the motion of the Honourable the Attorney-General,—

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Aid Act, 1893,'" was read a first time.

*Ordered* to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Report on Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Act' and amending Acts," was considered.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved to insert the following as section 6 :—

"6. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, in districts where there is a resident Stipendiary Magistrate, who is also Government Agent for the district, no licence for the sale of intoxicating liquors by retail shall be granted, except by the sanction of such Stipendiary Magistrate, and such Magistrate shall have full power, for proper cause, to cancel any retail liquor licence heretofore granted."

Carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Kitchen* asked the Honourable the Premier the following questions :—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to do anything in regard to the *Chilliwack* Railroad?

(2.) On what grounds did the Executive fail to carry out the legislation of last Session regarding the *Chilliwack* Railroad?

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

"To the first question—Yes.

"To the second question—The question carries an assumption with which I cannot agree."

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

Is it implied in questions 7 and 8 of the “Interrogatories to be answered by claimants for enrolment as Provincial Voters,” that an elector who has duly established his right to registration as a voter, and been so registered in any district in the Province, may have his name entered at once on the register of voters of any other district to which he may remove, provided he shall have resided in the latter district for two months immediately prior to his application for such registration?

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

“By reference to section 10 of the Act it will be seen that the names of persons who are resident in another district are forwarded to the Collector of the district in which the voter is now residing. It is, therefore, the evident object of questions 7 and 8 to ascertain where the voter is entitled to be registered.

“I think the question could, therefore, be answered by saying that ‘the voter may have his name so entered on the register without being posted for the usual period.’”

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

And then the House adjourned at 10:40 o'clock, p. m.

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Monday, 9th April, 1894.

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TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by Rev. *E. Robson*.

Mr. *Horne* moved, seconded by Mr. *Grant*,—

Whereas it is desirable to encourage the industry of ship building in *British Columbia*;

And whereas the building of large ships would be of great benefit to this Province;

And whereas there is an abundance of good timber and other material eminently adapted to the prosecution of such industry;

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the Government should endeavour to ascertain what steps are necessary to insure the prosecution of the ship-building industry in this Province.

Negatived.

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

Is the Act of the Imperial House, known as the “Colonial Probates Act, 1892,” sufficient to justify the Government in bringing into force, with respect to the *United Kingdom*, the Act, chap. 19 of the Statutes of 1889, which provides for the recognition in this Province of probates and letters of administration granted in the *United Kingdom*, and does the Government intend to bring the Act into force?

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

“I think the Imperial Statute referred to is sufficient. It is the intention of the Government to bring the Provincial Act in force.”

The Report on Bill (No. 75) intituled “An Act respecting the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company (Limited Liability),” was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 84) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act’ and amending Act,” was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Stoddart* in the Chair.

The Committee reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved that Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Aid Act, 1893,'" be now read a second time.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until this evening

On the motion of the Honourable the Attorney-General,—

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, to enable the following Resolution to be moved,—

Whereas, acting under the advice of the Executive Council, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to give a Provincial guarantee of interest in favour of the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company ;

And whereas it has been stated by the Honourable Member for *Nanaimo District*, in his place in the House of Assembly, in reference to the said guarantee, that it appeared that the Honourable the Leader of the Government was a member of the Company, and had been working for the Company and not for the Province, and it has also been insinuated in the said House of Assembly by other Honourable Members, although not directly charged, that the Members of the Executive Council were actuated by corrupt motives in advising His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to give a guarantee of interest in favour of the said Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company ;

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire whether the Honourable the Premier was a member of the said Company, whether in advising the said guarantee he worked for the Company and not for the Province, and whether corrupt motives of any kind existed with or influenced His Honour's Ministers in the advice tendered by them to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in relation to the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company.

Mr. *Grant* presented a Petition from *Joshua Davies (re Atwell King & Co., and re Davies v. McMillan)*.

Ruled out of order.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Aid Act, 1893,'" was resumed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock, p. m.

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

Debate resumed.

Mr. *Sword* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Forster*,—

To strike out all the words after "Bill (No. 89)" and insert the following:—

"be withdrawn and the Government ask the House in lieu thereof: as assistance has already been promised to these railways, to give them authority to receive from these railway companies an assignment of their charters and of their claims to assistance from the Dominion Government to the extent of \$3,200 per mile, in consideration of the Provincial Government recouping them for their outlay ; also ask the House for authority (on being satisfied that these lines will be a paying investment for the Province, and that the increase of traffic will produce sufficient to keep the road in good order and pay the interest on the bonds), to build these lines, or either of them, as Provincial works, and to make arrangements to lease them, if necessary, to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

The proposed amendment was ruled out of order.

The Bill was read a second time on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Watt,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Anderson—20.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

*Milne,*

*Beaven—2.*

*Ordered* to be committed this evening.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Turner*,—

That whereas, acting under the advice of the Executive Council, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to give a Provincial guarantee of interest upon the bonds of the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company to the extent of 4 % per annum on \$25,000 per mile for twenty-five years, and by the like advice has, in the agreement for the guarantee of interest reserved the right to substitute bonds guaranteeing principal at the rate of \$17,500 per mile, together with interest at a rate per annum sufficient to enable the Company to realize par, but in no case to exceed 4 per cent. per annum ;

And whereas by Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice aforesaid, a Bill has been introduced for the purpose of guaranteeing principal and interest in manner mentioned in the said agreement ;

And whereas it has been stated by the Honourable the Member for *Nanaimo District*, in his place in the House of Assembly, in reference to the said guarantee, that it appeared that the Honourable the Leader of the Government was a member of the Company, and had been working for the Company and not for the Province, and it has also been insinuated in the said House of Assembly by other Honourable Members, although not directly charged, that the Members of the Executive Council were actuated by corrupt motives in advising His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in relation to the matters aforesaid ;

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire whether the Honourable the Premier was a member of the said Company, whether in advising the said guarantee he worked for the Company and not for the Province, and whether corrupt motives of any kind existed with or influenced His Honour's Ministers in the advice tendered by them to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in relation to the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company.

Moved by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*, seconded by Mr. *Hunter*,—

To add the following to the Resolution :—“ and whether any of His Honour's Ministers have or had any interest directly or indirectly in the Naksup and Slocan Railway Company, or in any of the contracts of the Company, or in the Construction Company, either in furnishing material or supplies, or in any way whatsoever.”

The amendment was carried.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker* moved in amendment,—

Line 12, strike out, “ in reference to the said guarantee.”

Line 13, strike out “ was a member of the Company, and.”

Line 20, strike out “ was a member of the said Company, whether.”

Line 21, strike out “ he.”

The amendment was carried.

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

To strike out all the words after “ whereas ” in the 11th line and insert :

“ it has been stated by the Honourable the Member for *Nanaimo District*, in his place in the Assembly in reference to the said guarantees, that it appeared that the Honourable the Leader of the Government acted in the matter as if he were an agent for the Company, as the Legislature had never given him authority to negotiate on behalf of the Company in respect to the construction of the railway, and had been working more in the interest of the Company than the Province, and it has also been insinuated in the Assembly by other Honourable Members, although not directly charged, that the Members of the Executive Council were actuated by corrupt motives in advising His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to give a guarantee of principal and interest in favour of the said Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company, and had exceeded the authority granted to them by the “ Railway Aid Act, 1893 ; ” and whereas a piece of land in the District of *Kootenay* has been taken up as a pre-emption claim, and the House has been asked to pass a Bill authorizing the issue of a Crown

Grant to *Charles Hugonin* and *E. C. Carpenter* to this land which is now known as the site of the Town of *Three Forks*, and is the eastern terminus of the Nakusp and Slocan Railway, and the Crown Grant for this land will therefore issue before the usual time as provided for in the Land Act;

"Therefore, be it Resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire whether the Honourable the Premier did so act, and whether, in advising the said guarantees, the Premier worked more in the interest of the Company than the Province, and also to enquire into all the circumstances connected with any guarantee given or promised on account of or in connection with the Nakusp and Slocan Railway, and whether corrupt motives of any kind existed with or influenced any of His Honour's Ministers in the advice tendered by them to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in relation to the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company, and whether the Members of the Executive exceeded the authority granted to them by the 'Railway Aid Act, 1893,' and whether any of His Honour's Ministers have or had any interest directly or indirectly in the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company, or in any of the contracts of the Company, or in the Construction Company, either in furnishing material or supplies or in any way whatsoever, and that the Commissioners be also empowered to investigate, ascertain, and report what persons have been or are either directly or indirectly interested in the land known as the Townsite of *Three Forks*, or in any of the proceeds of the land known as Lot 210, Group 1, *Kootenay District*, or who may have a promise of any interest from the person or persons to whom the grant is to be issued, or from any person to whom they may have promised or agreed to transfer their right, or any part or interest thereof or therein."

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Stoddart—11.</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Fletcher—15.</i>
<i>Watt,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	

Original Resolution, as amended, put and carried on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Watt,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>
<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Fletcher—25.</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

*Booth,* *Rogers—2.*

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies," was committed, with Mr. *McKenzie* in the Chair.

The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted for the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12:30 o'clock, a. m., Tuesday, 10th April.

Tuesday, 10th April, 1894.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. Robson*.

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

Whereas by the report of a Committee adopted along with a minority report on the 27th of April, 1888, it was respectfully recommended to the Government to take into their earnest consideration the advisability of issuing a Crown grant of the land comprised in Pre-emption 1,003 to *Mr. Greer*; or take such other steps as may be proper to secure *Mr. Greer's* title to the land:

Be it therefore Resolved, That this House sees no reason to differ from the conclusions expressed in the majority report above recited.

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

To strike out the words after "Whereas" and substitute—"on the 27th April, 1888, the Legislature adopted a Report on the claim of *Samuel Greer* to certain lands in the vicinity of *English Bay*, which suggested that the matter be dealt with by a Petition of Right in the Supreme Court; and whereas that course was adopted by the Government;

"Be it therefore Resolved, That this House therefore declines to consider the question any further."

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>Grant,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>	<i>Fletcher—13.</i>
<i>Horne,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Keith,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Hunter—12</i>

Original motion put and negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Martin,</i>
<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Watt,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>
<i>Punch,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Fletcher—13.</i>
<i>Horne,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Kellie.</i>	<i>Keith,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Rogers—16.</i>

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act respecting the Nakusp and Slocan Railway," was read a third time on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>McKenzie,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>	<i>Rogers,</i>
<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>
<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>	<i>Fletcher—17.</i>
<i>Watt,</i>			

NAYS :

Messieurs

*Semlin,*  
*Sword,*

*Kitchen,*  
*Milne,*

*Beaven,*  
*Brown,*

*Keith.—7.*

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* laid on the table a letter dated 5th April, 1894, from *Edward Molun*, and a declaration of *D. McGullivray*, re Nakusp and Slocan Railway.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies," was again committed, with Mr. *McKenzie* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered this evening.

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

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

E. DEWDNEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor returns herewith to the Legislative Assembly Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1891,' and amending Acts," and recommends that the same be amended by striking out section 8.

*Government House,*

*10th April, 1894.*

*Ordered*, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be forthwith considered in Committee of the Whole.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, with Mr. *Croft* in the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

On the motion of the Honourable Colonel *Baker*,—

*Resolved*, That clause 8 be struck out.

*Resolved*, That Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1891,' and amending Acts," be reported to the House as amended, and that the Committee rise and report this Resolution and the Bill.

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

Report adopted.

Bill, as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Aid Act, 1893,'" was again committed, with Mr. *Grant* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report *Ordered* to be considered this evening.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Kaslo and Slocan Railway Subsidy Act, 1892,'" was read a second time.

*Ordered* to be committed this evening.

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

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

The Report on Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies," was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Railway Aid Act, 1893,'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Kaslo and Slocan Railway Subsidy Act, 1892,'" was committed, with Mr. *Stoddart* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, 1890,'" was considered.

Mr. *Milne* moved the following:—

To amend section 4, line six, by striking out the words "assignee or assignees" and inserting in lieu thereof "trustee or trustees."

To amend section 6, line one, by striking out "assignee or assignees" and inserting in lieu thereof "trustee or trustees."

To amend section 7, line three, by striking out the word "assignees" and inserting in lieu thereof "trustee or trustees."

To amend section 9, line two, by striking out the word "assignee" and inserting in lieu thereof "trustee or trustees."

To amend section 10, line four, by striking out the words "assignee or assignees" and inserting in lieu thereof "trustee or trustees."

To amend section 11, line 1, by striking out the word "assignees" and inserting in lieu thereof "trustee or the trustees."

To amend section 11, line three, by striking out the word "assignees" and inserting in lieu thereof "trustee or trustees, as the case may be."

Carried.

Mr. *Milne* moved to amend section 12 by striking out the words "assigns and," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "a trustee or the trustees."

Carried.

Mr. *Milne* moved to amend section 11, line 2, by inserting between "to" and "them" the words "him or."

Carried.

Mr. *Milne* moved to amend section 4, line 9, by striking out the word "assignor" and inserting "debtor or debtors."

Carried.

Mr. *Milne* moved to amend clause 4 by striking out of line 5 the words "credits and effects;" and by inserting in line 4, between the words "estate" and "which," the words "credits and effects."

Carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1892,' and amending Act," was considered.

Mr. *Beaven* moved to insert the following as section 3:—

"3. Section 8 of the 'Game Protection Act, 1892,' is hereby repealed and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—

"8. No person or corporation, or railway, steamship, or express company, shall at any time export, or cause to be exported or carried out of the Province, any of the birds mentioned in this Act, or any elk, moose, wapiti, or any portion thereof: Provided that it shall be lawful for any person having a license under section 22 of this Act to export, or cause to be exported or carried out of the Province, the heads, horns, and skins of such animals mentioned in section 23 of this Act as shall have been legally killed by such license-holder."

Negatived.



Mr. *Grant* moved to insert the following as clause 8 :—

“8. It shall be lawful, during the open season and for thirty days after the commencement of each and every closed season, to export deer skins, but after the expiration of such thirty days, and until such open season shall have again commenced, it shall not be lawful for any person to have in his possession deer skins, unless such deer skins are for the purpose of being tanned in the Province. Any person contravening this clause shall be liable, on conviction in a summary manner before a Justice of the Peace, in accordance with the provisions of the ‘Summary Convictions Act, 1889,’ to a fine of one dollar for each and every such skin found in his possession, and costs, to be levied by distress, or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding, as to both fine and imprisonment, thirty days.

“In this section the close season shall mean the time in each year during which deer shall not be hunted, taken, killed, shot at, wounded or injured, and the open season shall mean the rest of the year.”

Negatived.

Mr. *Grant* moved to add the following as section 9 :—

“9. Notwithstanding anything in the provisions of this Act contained, it shall be lawful to export deer skins from the ports of this Province, providing that the said skins were on hand for export prior to the passage of this Act, and provided the same are exported within thirty days from the passing of this Act.”

Negatived on the following division :—

YEAS

Messieurs

<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Turner,</i>
<i>Kellie,</i>	<i>Horne,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Rogers—8.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Milne,</i>	<i>Keith,</i>	<i>Adams,</i>
<i>Sword,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Stoddart,</i>	<i>Croft,</i>
<i>Kitchen,</i>	<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Booth,</i>	<i>Hunter—15.</i>
<i>Cotton,</i>	<i>Forster,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	

Mr. *Sword* moved to insert the following as a new section :—

“ . Section 8 of the ‘Game Protection Act, 1892,’ is hereby amended by inserting as a sub-section,—

“(a.) The provisions of this section shall not apply to bear or beaver.”

Carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Booth*, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the matters of complaint of *Robert T. Williams*, referring to public binding being submitted for public competition, presented the evidence taken by the Committee.

Received and *Ordered* to be printed.

Bill (No. 58) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Act, 1892,’ and amending Act,” was committed, with Mr. *Booth* in the Chair, to consider the instructions given by the House on the 9th instant.

The Bill was reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 90) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Bills of Sale Act,’” was read a second time and committed, with Mr. *Smith* in the Chair.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Whereas by a Convention between the *United States* and *Great Britain*, dated 18th April, 1892, it was, amongst other things, provided :—

“That if the result of the Arbitration be to affirm the right of British sealers to take seals in *Behring Sea* within the bounds claimed by the *United States* under its purchase from *Russia*, then compensation shall be made by the *United States* to *Great Britain* (for the use of her subjects) for abstaining from the exercise of that right during the pendency of the Arbitration, upon the basis of such a regulated and limited catch or catches as, in the opinion of the Arbitrators, might have been taken without an undue diminution of the seal herds,” such amount “to be promptly paid;”

And whereas the result of such Arbitration was to affirm such legal rights as pertaining to British subjects;

And whereas no such compensation has been awarded;

Be it *Resolved*, That this House ventures to express the hope that the royal assent will not be given to the Bill now before the Imperial Parliament for giving legal effect to the *Behring Sea* Arbitration, unless the following claims be previously acknowledged and placed in course for settlement by the Government of the *United States*, namely :—

1. That *British Columbian* sealers be compensated in respect to vessels which have been seized :

2. That *British Columbian* sealers be compensated for illegal exclusion from *Behring Sea* during the years 1891, 1892, and 1893.

And that a copy of this Resolution be telegraphed at once to the Secretary of State for *Canada*, with a request that he telegraph it to the Imperial Government.

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

Whereas the present passenger and freight rates on railways very seriously discriminate against those settled in the interior of the Province, the proportionate rates being very much in favour of districts near the coast;

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, to urge on the Dominion Government the necessity of taking steps to so regulate the rates on passengers and freight on railways that there may be an equality in such rates.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:30 o'clock, p. m.

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Wednesday, 11th April, 1894.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. Robson*.

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

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

(No. 1) An Act to protect the Goods of Lodgers from Distress.

(No. 2) An Act respecting Partnerships.

(No. 3) An Act respecting Witnesses and Evidence.

(No. 4) An Act for the better prevention of Fraudulent or Misleading Statements by Companies and others.

(No. 8) An Act to incorporate the Delta, New Westminster, and Eastern Railway Company.

(No. 9) An Act to extend the application of the “Marriage Act,” and the “Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act,” to the Society called the Salvation Army.

- (No. 10) An Act to amend the "Licences Act."
- (No. 14) An Act for the prevention of Accidents by fire in Hotels and other Public Buildings.
- (No. 15) An Act respecting preference of wages and salaries in case of Assignment for benefit of Creditors.
- (No. 16) An Act to incorporate the Victoria, Vancouver, and Westminster Railway Company.
- (No. 20) An Act to consolidate and amend certain Acts relating to the British Columbia Southern Railway Company.
- (No. 21) An Act relating to certain Public Works in the Township of Richmond.
- (No. 24) An Act respecting the Cariboo Railway Company, formerly called the Ashcroft and Cariboo Railway Company.
- (No. 25) An Act to incorporate the Great Western Telegraph Company.
- (No. 29) An Act to incorporate the Consolidate Railway and Light Company.
- (No. 31) An Act to further amend the "County Courts Acts."
- (No. 33) An Act to authorize the Hall Mines Company, Limited, to construct Tramways and Electrical and other Works in the vicinity of Nelson.
- (No. 35) An Act to authorize certain Dyking and Drainage Works in the District of New Westminster.
- (No. 36) An Act to alter the gauge of the Kaslo-Slocan Railway.
- (No. 39) An Act respecting the incorporation of the Brunette Saw-mill Company, Limited Liability.
- (No. 41) An Act to provide for the payment of Succession Duties in certain cases.
- (No. 42) An Act respecting the Nakusp and Slocan Railway.
- (No. 46) An Act to establish and maintain a Library for the use of the Legislative Assembly and to constitute a Bureau of Statistics.
- (No. 49) An Act for the encouragement of Dairying.
- (No. 51) An Act to amend the "Placer Mining Act, 1891."
- (No. 52) An Act to amend the "Mineral Act, 1891," and amending Acts.
- (No. 54) An Act for the regulation of the Department of Agriculture, and for defining the powers and duties of the Minister, and of the Officers of the Department.
- (No. 58) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act, 1892," and amending Act.
- (No. 60) An Act respecting the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway.
- (No. 62) An Act respecting the British Columbia Southern Railway.
- (No. 63) An Act to amend "An Act respecting the Union of certain Methodist Churches in Canada" (47th Victoria, Chapter 20).
- (No. 64) An Act to amend the "Line Fences and Water-courses Act."
- (No. 69) An Act respecting the Drainage, Dyking and Irrigation of Lands.
- (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Public School Act, 1891," and amending Acts.
- (No. 71) An Act to provide for the formation, from time to time as disputes may arise, of Councils of Labour Conciliation and Arbitration.
- (No. 72) An Act to authorize the sale of certain lands to the Bishop of New Westminster.
- (No. 74) An Act respecting the Horsefly Hydraulic Mining Company, Limited Liability.
- (No. 75) An Act respecting the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company, Limited Liability.
- (No. 76) An Act to authorize a grant of certain lands to the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company.
- (No. 77) An Act to provide for the appointment of Official Sealers of saw-logs and other cut timber.
- (No. 78) An Act to amend the "Licenses Act" and amending Acts.
- (No. 79) An Act to amend the "Cattle Act."
- (No. 80) An Act respecting the Official Map of Quamichan District.
- (No. 81) An Act to amend the "Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, 1890."
- (No. 82) An Act to amend the "Game Protection Act, 1892," and amending Act.
- (No. 84) An Act to amend the "Coal Mines Regulation Act" and amending Act.
- (No. 85) An Act to amend the "Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Act, 1890."
- (No. 86) An Act to assess, levy, and collect Taxes on the Property of Railway Companies.
- (No. 88) An Act to amend the "Kaslo and Slocan Railway Subsidy Act, 1892."
- (No. 89) An Act to amend the "Railway Aid Act, 1893."
- (No. 90) An Act to amend the "Bills of Sale Act."

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 (No. 83) intituled "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 thank you for the care and deliberation with which you have discharged the duties that have devolved upon you during the Session.

The Bills which you have passed making further provision with respect to the several railway enterprises towards which aid was granted at your last Session will, I hope, be found not only to secure the completion and operation of these important undertakings, but also to attain this desirable end without imposing any undue burden upon the country.

The same result will also, I trust, be attained from the provision now made with regard to the Fraser River Bridge.

The measure which you have adopted to facilitate the drainage, dyking, and irrigation of lands will, I think, result in bringing under cultivation large areas of rich land, hitherto unproductive, and the agricultural industries of the Province will also be fostered by the Bills dealing respectively with Dairying, the Board of Horticulture, and the Department of Agriculture.

The various amendments which you have made to the laws of property, affecting not only the business community, but private individuals, are, I believe, founded on the principles of natural equity, and the alterations in and provision for carrying out the details of civil procedure in the Courts will, I trust, be found to relieve suitors and others from considerable inconvenience.

The basis of representation in the Legislative Assembly which you have established, and the amendments which you have made to the law dealing with electors and elections, will commend themselves to the country at large.

I thank you for the supplies which you have voted for the Public Service. Care will be taken that they are applied in the manner by which its efficiency will be the most increased.

In taking leave of you, permit me to express the desire that you may experience a prosperous year, and that your labours out of Session may be as useful and personally beneficial as they have during your attendance in these Halls been to the Province.

The Honourable Colonel *Baker*, 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 it shall please his Honour to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

D. W. HIGGINS, *Speaker*.