

JOURNALS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF THE PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SESSION 1907.

Thursday, 7th March, 1907.

THREE O'CLOCK, P.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Eleventh Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable JAMES DUNSMUIR, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 24th day of December, 1906, the Members having been sworn took their seats.

His Honour the Honourable JAMES DUNSMUIR, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Honourable Mr. *McBride* said:—

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to announce that His Honour does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Honour hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, his reasons for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

Mr. *Price Ellison*, Member for Okanagan District, addressing himself to the Clerk of the House, moved, seconded by *C. W. Munro*, Esquire, Member for Chilliwack District, that *D. M. Eberts*, Esquire, Member for Saanich District, do take the Speaker's Chair and preside over the meeting of this Assembly, and it was so Resolved.

Mr. *Fell*, the Clerk of the House, having declared *D. M. Eberts*, Esquire, duly elected, he was taken out of his place by the mover and seconder and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

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

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor again entered the House, and taking his seat on the Throne, the Speaker-elect then spoke to the following effect:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their King and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Honourable Mr. *McBride* then said:—

MR. SPEAKER:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to His Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognise and allow, their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It affords me much pleasure to welcome you to this the First Session of the Eleventh Parliament of British Columbia.

In view of the general prosperity which prevails throughout the Province, I deem it my first duty to express a deep sense of gratitude and thankfulness for the many blessings bestowed upon the people of British Columbia.

I am pleased to congratulate you on the satisfactory state of the Provincial finances, which will show a substantial surplus, and on the steady and continuous expansion of the industries of the Province, as evidenced by the increased production of the mines, fisheries, forests, fields and orchards.

The question of the financial relations existing between the Province and the Dominion will be submitted for your consideration, together with a report of the proceedings of the Inter-Provincial Conference held at Ottawa, the most important point in which is the acknowledgment by the Dominion Government of the right of British Columbia to "better terms."

A Bill will be submitted to you amending the Assessment Act, which will provide for decreasing the taxation on real and personal property.

The validity of the coal and petroleum licences granted in South-East Kootenay under the terms of an Order in Council dated 3rd June, 1904, having been called in question, a Bill will be brought down, in order that the situation may be dealt with.

A measure will be placed before you for the purpose of making certain amendments to the "British Columbia Fisheries Act, 1901," which it is proposed to bring into force at an early date.

In order that the youth of the Province may be enabled to perfect themselves in the arts and sciences without having to seek abroad the facilities for higher education, a measure will be submitted for your consideration, authorising the setting apart of a sufficient portion of the Crown lands to create a fund for the establishment and maintenance of a Provincial University.

You will be asked to place a sum on the estimates for the purpose of obtaining a full report on the subject of irrigation and the available sources of water supply in the "dry belt."

Steps have been taken by my Government to assert the rights of the Province in the lands set apart as Indian Reserves. The correspondence and Orders in Council in connection with this matter will be laid before you.

I am pleased to inform you that negotiations are pending between the Government and certain transportation and immigration agencies, through which it is confidently hoped that a desirable class of immigrants will be secured from the United Kingdom.

The Public Accounts for the last year and the Estimates for the succeeding year will be laid before you without delay.

I commit the above matters, and all others which may be submitted to you, to your best consideration, relying upon your wisdom and prudence to deal with them in the manner which, under Divine Providence, may prove most conducive to the best interests of British Columbia.

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

Prayers by the Lord Bishop of Columbia.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Ordered, That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;
4. On Railways;
5. On Mining;
6. On Agriculture;
7. On Municipal Matters;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for papers, persons and records.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Fulton*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act,'" was introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *McBride*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Tatlow*,—

Resolved, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration on Friday next, the 8th instant.

The election returns of the late general election were presented and *Ordered* placed on the Journals of the House:—

"PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
"VICTORIA, 6th March, 1907.

"Whereas His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia, by Proclamation dated the twenty-fourth day of December, 1906, was pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the said Province;

"And whereas it was necessary to hold Elections throughout the said Province to fill the vacancies caused by such dissolution:

"I now have the honour to report that the said Elections have been held, and I hereby certify that the writs and certificates of the respective Returning Officers, with the exception of the writ and the certificate of the Returning Officer for the Skeena Electoral District, have been duly returned to me, whereby it appears that Members were elected to represent the said Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof for the respective Electoral Districts as is hereinafter set forth, namely, for—

VICTORIA CITY	{ Honourable Richard McBride. Frederick Davey. Henry Frederick William Behnsen. Henry Broughton Thomson.
SAANICH	David McEwan Eberts.
ESQUIMALT	John Jardine.
COWICHAN	William Henry Hayward.
THE ISLANDS	Albert Edward McPhillips.
NEWCASTLE	Parker Williams.
NANAIMO CITY	James Hurst Hawthornthwaite.
ALBERNI	Harlan Carey Brewster.
COMOX	Robert Grant.
DELTA	John Oliver.
CHILLIWHACK	Charles William Munro.
DEWDNEY	Honourable Richard McBride.
RICHMOND	Honourable Francis L. Carter-Cotton.
NEW WESTMINSTER	Thomas Gifford.
VANCOUVER CITY	{ William John Bowser. Alexander Henry B. Macgowan. Honourable Robert Garnett Tatlow. James Ford Garden. George Albert McGuire.
ATLIN	Honourable Henry Esson Young.
CARIBOO	{ Harry Jones. John MacKay Yorston.
LILLOOET	Mark Robert Eagleson.
YALE	Stuart Henderson.
KAMLOOPS	Honourable Frederick John Fulton.
OKANAGAN	Price Ellison.
SIMILKAMEEN	Lytton Wilmot Shatford.
GREENWOOD	George Ratcliffe Naden.
GRAND FORKS	John McInnis.
REVELSTOKE	Thomas Taylor.
SLOCAN	William Hunter.
YMIR	James Hargraves Schofield.
NELSON CITY	George Arthur Benjamin Hall.
ROSSLAND CITY	James Alexander Macdonald.
KASLO	Neil Franklin Mackay.
COLUMBIA	Henry G. Parson.
CRANBROOK	James Horace King.
FERNIE	William Roderick Ross.

"A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,

"Deputy Provincial Secretary.

"To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia."

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented the Public Accounts of the Province for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1906.

The Hon. Mr. *Fulton* presented the Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province of British Columbia for 1905-6.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3:40 o'clock, P.M.

Friday, 8th March, 1907.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

The following petitions were laid on the table :—

By Mr. *Hayward*—From *C. H. Dickie*, for a Private Bill to incorporate the Portland Canal Railway Company. (No. 11.)

By Mr. *Bowser*—From the Securities Corporation of British Columbia, Limited, for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act. (No. 7.)

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

Mr. *Thomson* moved, seconded by Mr. *McGuire*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, to thank His Honour for His gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session, and further to assure His Honour that :—

1. In view of the general prosperity which prevails throughout the Province, we are deeply grateful and thankful for the many blessings bestowed upon the people of British Columbia.

2. We are pleased to be assured that the finances of the Province show a substantial surplus, and that the industries of British Columbia are steadily and continuously expanding, as evidenced by the increased production of the mines, fisheries, forests, fields and orchards.

3. The question of the financial relations between the Province and the Dominion, and the report of the proceedings of the Inter-Provincial Conference held at Ottawa, shall receive our most careful consideration. It is a matter for congratulation that the Dominion Government have acknowledged the right of British Columbia to "better terms."

4. It also affords us much pleasure to be advised that the satisfactory state of the Provincial finances will enable His Honour's Government to introduce a measure amending the Assessment Act, which will provide for decreasing taxation on real and personal property.

5. It is undoubtedly of great importance that the rights of licensees under the coal and petroleum licences granted in South-East Kootenay, pursuant to the terms of an Order in Council dated 3rd June, 1904, should be ascertained and established.

6. Any measure submitted to us for the amendment of the "British Columbia Fisheries Act, 1901," shall receive most careful consideration.

7. We are pleased to learn that, in order that the youth of the Province may be enabled to perfect themselves in the arts and sciences without having to seek abroad facilities for higher education, a measure will be submitted to the Legislature, authorising the setting apart of a sufficient portion of the Crown lands to create a fund for the establishment and maintenance of a Provincial University.

8. We deem it very necessary that a sum should be appropriated for the purpose of obtaining a full report on the subject of irrigation and the available sources of water supply in the "dry belt."

9. We learn with great satisfaction that His Honour's Government have taken steps to assert the rights of the Province in the lands set apart as Indian Reserves, and that the correspondence and Orders in Council in connection with this matter will be laid before us.

10. We trust that success will crown the efforts being made by His Honour's Government to obtain a desirable class of immigrants from the United Kingdom.

11. We are glad to be informed that the Public Accounts for the last year and the Estimates for the succeeding year will be laid before us without delay.

12. We join His Honour in hoping that our deliberations will result in promoting the welfare of the people of the Province.

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

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

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
8th March, 1907.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1903,'" and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading on Monday next.

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

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act for Licensing Non-resident Commercial Travellers or Agents for sale of Liquors and Tobacco," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
8th March, 1907.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act for Licensing Non-resident Commercial Travellers or Agents for sale of Liquors and Tobacco," and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading on Monday next.

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

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act relating to Trade and other Licences outside Municipal Boundaries," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
8th March, 1907.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act relating to Trade and other Licences outside Municipal Boundaries," and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading on Monday next.

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

JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the 'Succession Duty Act' and amending Acts," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
8th March, 1907.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House a Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the 'Succession Duty Act' and amending Acts," and recommend the introduction of the same.

Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading on Monday next.

The following Members were appointed on the Standing Committees:—

Committee on Public Accounts—Messrs. *Shatford, McGuire, Schofield, Gifford, Henderson, Naden* and *Brewster*.

Committee on Railways—Messrs. *Macgowan, McGuire, Thomson, Davey, Ellison, McPhillips, Hunter, Garden, Behnsen, Hawthornthwaite, Jardine, Oliver, Brewster, Yorston, Eagleson, Kergin, King* and *Henderson*.

Committee on Mining—Messrs. *Ross, Taylor, Shatford, Grant, Parson, Mackay, Schofield, Hunter, Hayward, Williams, McInnes, Macdonald, Kergin, Brewster, Jones, Hall, King, Naden, Henderson* and *Eagleson*.

Committee on Agriculture—Messrs. *Ellison, Parson, Grant, Hayward, Munro, Yorston* and *Eagleson*.

Committee on Municipal Matters—Messrs. *McPhillips, Garden, Macgowan, Bowser, Gifford, Behnsen, Taylor, Munro, Oliver, Naden, Kergin* and *Hall*.

Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders—Messrs. *Bowser, Ross, Mackay, Shatford, Henderson, Hall* and *Jardine*.

Committee on Printing—Messrs. *Mackay, Macgowan, Davey, Henderson* and *Munro*.

By leave of the House, Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Veterinary Medical Association," was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading 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 3:40 P.M.

Monday, 11th March, 1907.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

The following petitions were received :—

From *C. H. Dickie*, for a Private Bill to incorporate the Portland Canal Railway Company. (No. 11.)

From the Securities Corporation of British Columbia, Limited, for a Private Bill to amend their Corporate Act. (No. 7.)

The following election return was read and *Ordered* placed on the Journals of the House :—

“PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
“VICTORIA, 11th March, 1907.

“Whereas it was necessary to hold an election in the Skeena Electoral District to fill the vacancy caused by the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly by Proclamation, dated the twenty-fourth day of December, 1906 ; and

“Whereas on the said date a writ for the election of a Member to represent such Electoral District was duly issued to *Patrick Hickey*, the Returning Officer of the said Electoral District :

“Now I do hereby certify that on the eleventh day of March, instant, the said writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate attached, whereby it appears that *William Thomas Kergin* has been elected a Member to represent the Skeena Electoral District.

“A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
“Deputy Provincial Secretary.

“*To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.*”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the consideration of the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

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

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

Tuesday, 12th March, 1907.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

Mr. *Kergin* presented a petition from The Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company, for a Private Bill to revive their Corporate Act. (No. 1.)

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the consideration of the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Resolution agreed to.

On the motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Resolution to present an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Honour for His Gracious Speech, be referred to a Select Committee, composed as follows:—

The Honourable the Premier, the Honourable the President of the Council, the Honourable the Attorney-General, and the mover and seconder of the Address.

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

To the Honourable JAMES DUNSMUIR, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia:

In view of the general prosperity which prevails throughout the Province, we are deeply grateful and thankful for the many blessings bestowed upon the people of British Columbia.

We are pleased to be assured that the finances of the Province show a substantial surplus, and that the industries of British Columbia are steadily and continuously expanding, as evidenced by the increased production of the mines, fisheries, forests, fields and orchards.

The question of the financial relations between the Province and the Dominion, and the report of the proceedings of the Inter-Provincial Conference held at Ottawa, shall receive our most careful consideration. It is a matter for congratulation that the Dominion Government have acknowledged the right of British Columbia to "better terms."

It also affords us much pleasure to be advised that the satisfactory state of the Provincial finances will enable Your Honour's Government to introduce a measure amending the Assessment Act, which will provide for decreasing taxation on real and personal property.

It is undoubtedly of great importance that the rights of licensees under the coal and petroleum licences granted in South-East Kootenay, pursuant to the terms of an Order in Council dated 3rd June, 1904, should be ascertained and established.

Any measure submitted to us for the amendment of the "British Columbia Fisheries Act, 1901," shall receive most careful consideration.

We are pleased to learn that, in order that the youth of the Province may be enabled to perfect themselves in the arts and sciences without having to seek abroad facilities for higher education, a measure will be submitted to the Legislature, authorising the setting apart of a sufficient portion of the Crown lands to create a fund for the establishment and maintenance of a Provincial University.

We deem it very necessary that a sum should be appropriated for the purpose of obtaining a full report on the subject of irrigation and the available sources of water supply in the "dry belt."

We learn with great satisfaction that Your Honour's Government have taken steps to assert the rights of the Province in the lands set apart as Indian Reserves, and that the correspondence and Orders in Council in connection with this matter will be laid before us.

We trust that success will crown the efforts being made by Your Honour's Government to obtain a desirable class of immigrants from the United Kingdom.

We are glad to be informed that the Public Accounts for the last year and the Estimates for the succeeding year will be laid before us without delay.

We join Your Honour in hoping that our deliberations will result in promoting the welfare of the people of the Province.

The report was adopted.

On the motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Finance, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be presented to His Honour by such Members as are of the Executive Council.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:—

By Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*—Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act, 1902.'"

Second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. *Oliver*—Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act respecting Ditches and Water-courses." Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. The total number of accidents that occurred in coal mining operations during the year 1906?
2. Nature of injuries?
3. The number of accidents that occurred in each separate mine, and the name of the company operating same?

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

“1. 81.

“2. Fatal; scalp wound; burned face and hands; burned body; burned hands; bruised jaw; collar bone broken; broken arm; bruised arm; bruised hand; hand cut; lost finger; cut and bruised finger; broken ribs; bruised back; bruised chest; bruised and cut ribs; bruised hips; arms, legs and ribs broken; leg broken; leg bruised; leg out; foot injured; knocked unconscious.

“3. Northfield Mine, 7; Protection Mine, 16; Nanaimo Mine, 11—operated by the Western Fuel Company. Extension Mine No. 1, 1; Extension Mine No. 2, 6; Extension Mine No. 3, 9; Union Mine No. 4, 9; Union Mine No. 5, 2; Union Mine No. 7, 1—operated by Wellington Colliery Company. Carbonado Mine, 1; Coal Creek No. 1, 4; Coal Creek No. 2, 5; Coal Creek No. 5, 4; Coal Creek, No. 9, 2; Michel No. 8, 3—operated by the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company.”

Mr. *McInnis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. Total number of accidents in metalliferous mines during the year 1906?
2. Nature of injuries?

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

“1. 57.

“2. Fatal; dislocated back; fractured ribs; head cut; head cut and back bruised; head and face cut; head and neck cut; neck scratched; eyes blown out; eyes injured; arm broken; hand blown off; finger broken; finger injured; leg broken; leg bruised; leg bruised; foot bruised; bones in foot broken; knocked insensible.”

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Interpretation Act.’”

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Assessment Act, 1903.’”

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act for Licensing Non-resident Commercial Travellers or Agents for sale of Liquors and Tobacco.”

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act relating to Trade and other Licences outside Municipal Boundaries.”

Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Veterinary Medical Association.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Wednesday, 13th March, 1907.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Beanlands*.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. *Macgowan*—From *Edgar Bloomfield* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate The Exploration, Smelting & Mining Co. (No. 3.)

By Mr. *Davey*—From the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for a Private Bill granting additional powers to the City. (No. 15.)

By Mr. *Ellison*—From *A. W. Giles*, for a Private Bill to incorporate The Imperial Fire Underwriters Company. (No. 16.)

By Mr. *McGuire*—From *Edgar Bloomfield* and others, for a Private Bill to incorporate The Cariboo & Bella Coola Railway Co. (No. 4.)

By Mr. *Thomson*—From Slough Creek, Limited, for a Private Bill to consolidate certain mining leases and mining claims. (No. 8.)

By Mr. *Macgowan*—From The Bullion Hydraulic Mining Co., for a Private Bill to consolidate certain mining leases and claims. (No. 10.)

By Mr. *Bowser*—From *F. J. Procter* and others, of Vancouver, for a Private Bill to incorporate the "Vancouver Stock Exchange." (No. 6.)

By Mr. *Macgowan*—From the Cariboo Gold Mining Co., for a Private Bill to consolidate certain mining leases and claims. (No. 9.)

The petition from The Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Co., for a Private Bill to amend its Corporate Act (No. 1), was received.

On the motion of the Honourable the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Honourable the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

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

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

1. How many special licences for timber lands have been granted under the "Land Act Amendment Act, 1905"?
2. What have been the proceeds from such licences?
3. Number of limits surveyed under said Act.

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

- "1. 6,922.
- "2. \$893,194.87.
- "3. 71."

Mr. *Oliver* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What is the amount of tolls collected upon the New Westminster bridge during the last twelve months (month by month if convenient)?
2. What was the cost of removing the toll collector's office and erection of the second office?
3. What was the cost of the cash registers used on the bridge?
4. What is the cost of collection of these (per month)?

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

- "1. February, 1906, \$412.75.
 - March, " 533.35.
 - April, " 575.05.
 - May, " 666.55.
 - June, " 704.25.
 - July, " 708.70.
 - August, " 672.65.
 - September, " 792.05.
 - October, " 906.45.
 - November, " 673.35.
 - December, " 638.10.
 - January, 1907, 638.10.
- \$7,921.35

And \$15,000 a year from the Great Northern Railway Co., payable half-yearly.

"2. \$415.26.

"3. \$901.08.

"4. \$255 a month."

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

1. What distance along the new road from Alberni to Comox has been surveyed?
2. Who were the surveyors?
3. How much has been paid, or is yet due, each surveyor?

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

"1. 18.5 miles.

"2. D. R. Harris.

"3. \$1,650.00 paid. Nothing due."

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

1. Is it the intention of the Government to establish a ferry across the Fraser River at Quesnel?
2. If so, when?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. The coming summer."

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

1. Were any objections lodged by owners of property in Newcastle District against the Government taking ground, etc., therefrom for road construction?
2. If so, what was the grounds of such objection?
3. What disposition was made of the matter?
4. Who were said property owners?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. As unnecessary for public convenience and that it would take a large portion of the best land of one settler.

"3. Left in abeyance.

"4. H. McHouse, William Godfrey, Michael Scannel, E. Lorkner, J. M. Scannel, P. Scannel, Mrs. E. May, Mrs. B. H. Swanton, W. A. Wood, Wm. McCape, P. Stubbart and Jno. A. Blair."

Mr. *Bowser* presented the First and Second Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 13th, 1907.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the time limited for the presentation of Petitions for Private Bills be extended until March 22nd, 1907.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. BOWSER,
Chairman.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 13th, 1907.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned Petitions have been complied with :

Petition No. 7.—“An Act respecting the Securities Corporation of British Columbia, Limited.”

Petition No. 11.—“An Act to incorporate the Portland Canal Railway Company.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. BOWSER,
Chairman.

The reports were received and adopted.

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Interpretation Act,’” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 4) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Assessment Act, 1903,’” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The following election return was read and *Ordered* placed on the Journals of the House.

“PROVINCIAL SECRETARY’S OFFICE,
“VICTORIA, 13th March, 1907.

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the acceptance of office by the Honourable *Henry Esson Young*, a Member thereof for the Atlin Electoral District ; and

“Whereas on the 2nd day of March, instant, a Writ for the election of a Member to represent such Electoral District was duly issued to *Charles Reginald Bourne*, the Returning Officer of said Electoral District ;

“And whereas the Writ provides that the Returning Officer shall cause the nomination of candidates at such election to be held on the 12th day of March, instant.

“Now, I do hereby certify the receipt of a telegraphic despatch, dated 12th March, instant, from the said Returning Officer announcing that only one candidate had been nominated, and that under the provisions of section 62 of the ‘Provincial Elections Act’ the Returning Officer had declared the Honourable *Henry Esson Young* elected to represent the Atlin Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
“*Deputy Provincial Secretary.*

“*To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.*”

The Hon. *H. E. Young*, having taken the oath, was introduced by the Honourable the Premier and the Honourable the Minister of Finance, and took his seat.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5:40 P.M.