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OF THE PROVINCE OF

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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FROM 3RD DECEMBER, 1883, TO THE 18TH FEBRUARY, 1884,  
BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

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IN THE FORTY-SEVENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF OUR SOVEREIGN  
LADY QUEEN VICTORIA.

*Being the Second Session of the Fourth Parliament of British Columbia.*

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1884.

Mr. Orr asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government the following question:—

If it is the intention of the Government to alter the Constitution Act, and give the Districts of *New Westminster* and *Yale* an additional Member.

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

"It is the intention of the Government, before the termination of the present Parliament, to amend the Constitution Act, with a view of giving more equitable representation to *New Westminster*, and probably other Districts of the Province."

Bill (No 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Public Appointment Act, 1872,'" was re-committed.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Raybould* moved that Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877,'" be now read the second time.

Mr. *Martin* moved in amendment—That the Bill be read a second time this day six months. A debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p. m.

## Monday, 14th January, 1884.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Gamble*.

Mr. Orr presented the Third Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

The Report was read and received.

Mr. Orr asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to Incorporate the New Westminster and Port Moody Telephone Company, Limited."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. *Semlin* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to authorize the admission of Colin Campbell McKenzie as a Barrister and Solicitor of British Columbia."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Administration of Justice Act, 1881,' so as to provide for the more frequent sitting of the Court of Appeal."

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a return shewing the amount expended on roads, streets, and bridges, in each Electoral District of the Province, from 30th June, 1883, to 31st December, 1883.

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

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking His Honour to urge upon the Dominion Authorities the desirability of, at an early date, defining the limits of the Railway Lands along the line of Railway on the Mainland.

The Honourable Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the storage of gunpowder and other explosive substances."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

Whereas large areas of land have been assigned to the Indians by the Indian Commissioners; and whereas such lands are not utilized by the Indians in any manner, and are not fenced or improved, although the same would be valuable to settlers on account of their agricultural character and quantities of timber, and it is advisable, owing to the increasing scarcity of agricultural land for settlement, that such lands should be open to improvement and cultivation, and their resources utilized;

Be it therefore resolved that a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to recommend to the Dominion Government the re-arrangement of Indian Reserves, so that the agricultural and timber lands not used or required by them may be thrown open to settlers, and the Indians located upon wild lands equally suitable for the purpose for which they require them.

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

When is the County Court Judge for the District of *Nanaimo* (including *Comox* and *Cassiar*) to be appointed, as expressed in sec. 6 of "An Act relating to County Courts?"

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

"There is no expectation of a County Court Judge being appointed for some time. Meanwhile the County Court will be presided over by a Supreme Court Judge."

Mr. *Orr* asked the Honourable the Premier the following question:—

Whether it is the intention of the Government to assert the constitutional rights of the Province to pass Bills for local Railways?

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

"Yes, the Government are prepared to assert at all times the constitutional rights of the Province."

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

Is it the intention of the Government to pay jurors on inquests the same rate as at the Court of Assize?

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

"It is not the intention of the Government to deal with this question during the present