

Provincial Legislature

Nothing But Routine in House Yesterday and Little of That.

Notices of Motion, More Bills Coming Down This Week.

The House assembled at 2 o'clock, and after reading of prayers by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, the following was the order of business.

Petitions. Mr. Munro presented a petition from J. H. Collinson and others opposing the bill to incorporate the Sumas Development Company.

Bills Introduced. Dr. King introduced a bill to incorporate the Ponging Valley Railway Company; also a bill respecting the Kootenay & Cariboo & Pacific Railway Company.

Questions and Answers. Mr. Evans asked: "Is it the intention of the government during the present session to introduce a bill dealing with the superannuation list, according to promise made last year?"

County Court Act. The bill to amend the County Court Act was committed. Mr. Paterson in the chair.

Company Mortgages. The Attorney-General moved the second reading of the bill to provide for the registration of mortgages.

Notices of Motion. Hon. Mr. Tatlow gives notice of a bill to amend the Farmers' Unions and Co-operative Act.

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Parsonage Rifled And Then Fired

Residence of Pastor of Metropolitan Methodist Church Looted.

Burglar Falls to Obtain Booty and Thereafter Fires House in Three Places.

Last night the Methodist parsonage on the corner of Blanchard and Paragon streets, the residence of Rev. G. K. B. Adams, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church, and his family were entered by a burglar, who ransacked the house and then fired it, attempting to burn the place down.

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