# PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

## GOOD PROGRESS MADE ON PRIVATE BILLS

### Mr. Martin Seizes Opportunity to Make an Unwarranted Attack on City of Victoria.

Press Gallery, May 22nd.

The House adjourned at 6.45 until Monday, after the Premier had changed his mind several times. First he said he would, then he said he wouldn't, and finally he did.

The opposition scored the government for proclaiming two holidays, namely, the 23rd and 24th, with no notice, and thus upsetting business. Mr. Martin wanted to come in on the same protest, but characteristically shifted his attack from the government, who were responsible for the proclamation, to the city of Victoria, which, as Mr. Helmcken pointed out, had never even asked for the holiday. However, it gave Mr. Martin a chance to vent his venom on the city which rejected his candidature, and was in line with the attack on Dr. Fagan, in connection with the Vancouver smallpox case, instead of on the department of the Attorney-General.

Good progress was made during the afternoon on private bills.

The House opened at 2.35, Rev. A. Fraser reading prayers.

Mr. Martin said it seemed to him there were some mendacious gentlemen among the gentlemen of the press. He claimed he had been misrepresented in the Rossland World with saying that the Western Federation of Miners concocted illegal schemes in Denver to carry out in British Columbia. This, he said, was false. He complained that the newspapers lied about him.

Mr. Curtis asked if the hon. member had not said that the Western Federation of Miners might concoct illegal schemes in Denver.

Mr. Martin said "yes" he had said that, but had not said that they had done so.

Questions and Answers.

Mr. Kidd asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions: 1. What are the "schedule rates" under which a part of the work of rebuilding of the North Arm bridges, Eburne, is being done? 2. What part of the said work is being done by day labor?

Hon. Mr. Wells replied: "1. Schedule rates: (a) 63 feet spans 'A' truss complete, each $850; (b) 140 feet spans Howe truss complete, each $2,500; (c) 20 feet trestles, complete, per lineal foot $6.54; (d) large piers, each, $1,250; all timber dressed and treated with carbolite carbolineum; (e) piles, cedar; fenders in foundation, masonry; pivot piers and bridge girders driven complete, each, $6; (f) first-class masonry, Ashlar granite, laid in Portland cement mortar, per cubic yard, $12.50. 2. Days labor: Removal of old bridge sub and superstructure, building timber caissons for masonry pivot piers; cutting off water below water foundations piles."

Mr. Talbot asked the Minister of Finance the following question: What proportion, if any, of the $1,649,000 borrowed under the Loan Act of 1899 still remains in the hands of the underwriters?

Hon. Mr. Prentice replied: "Not aware that there is any; there have been no communications on the subject."

Mr. McBride asked if it would not be possible to cable Mr. Turner and ascertain, but the Finance Minister did not think so.

Supreme Court Bill.

This came up on report. Mr. Curtis moved an amendment, providing that in the case of an ex parte injunction proceedings being taken against a railway company which might have been dictated by unfair motives, it should be discretionary with the judge to order an immediate hearing to prevent railway construction being improperly tied up, or to take security from the railway company, so that work might continue pending a hearing of the case.

This amendment, he said, recognized that the granting of an injunction, ex parte, might work hardship on the other party. The judges of British Columbia had always insisted that notice be given the defendant, but in March Judge Walkem had departed from that rule, where the V., V. & E. were the defendants, and thought previously at Rossland he had refused an application to the Great Northern without notice being sent to the C. P. R., the defendant company. Neither should injunctions be granted till adequate deposits were made.

Mr. Curtis reviewed the circumstances attending the recent injunction against the V., V. & E., where the latter company had been left without remedy.

Mr. Martin wanted to see the principle extended beyond railways. He wanted it applied to all kinds of work. The harm of ex parte injunctions was that it permitted of a species of blackmail. He moved in amendment to apply the principle in cases where work would be stopped in any undertaking on which five or more men are employed, or about to be employed.

The bill will be recommitted at the next sitting of the House, to permit of these amendments being considered.

Youths' Protection Act.

This bill was adopted on report, read a third time and finally passed.

Game Protection Bill.

This came up on report and passed, with the addition of an amendment by Mr. Ellison, making it illegal for Indians to kill does or fawns from February 1st till August 1st.

Columbia & Western.

A bill amending the Columbia & Western Railway Road Act was transmitted by message, and will be considered on Monday.

Municipal Elections.

This bill was committed, with Mr. Neill in the chair.

A long debate took place on a provision to abolish the arrangement whereby a man may vote in every ward in which he has property.

Mr. McPhillips moved that this clause be struck out, but this was defeated.

A clause in the bill providing that property holders should be required to register every year. Messrs. McPhillips, Helmcken and Hall strongly protested against this.

This was laid over and the committee rose and reported progress.

Inspection.

Mr. Curtis introduced a bill to amend the Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act and Amending Acts.

To Prevent Deception.

The act respecting deception in procuring workmen or employees was recommitted, with Mr. Mounce in the chair.

Mr. Oliver's amendment striking out the provision requiring an employer in advertising for workmen to advertise the existence of a strike, if such existed, was carried, Messrs. Curtis, Hawthornthwaite, Hall, Gifford and E. C. Smith voting nay.

A discussion arose as to the advisability of the remainder of the clause, making it illegal for the employer to circulate misleading reports in securing employment. Several members thought this should be made mutual as between employer and workman. The amended section however passed.

The bill was completed with amendments and the committee rose.

The Speaker tabled the regular report of the librarian.

The Adjournment.

The Premier moved that the House adjourn till Monday.

Mr. McBride registered his protest against the adjournment, as the Premier had given no reason for the long recess.

Mr. Murphy said he understood the government had issued a proclamation making to-morrow and Saturday holidays. He saw no reason for this, especially as they became bank holidays.

The Premier said he would withdraw the motion to adjourn until to-morrow.

Mr. Martin also said it was outrageous. Why should the business of the province be held up for the pleasure of the city of Victoria. Making to-morrow a holiday would tie up all bank business. It was a great hardship.

Mr. Hall—You have your holiday on July 1st.

Mr. Martin said he wanted a reason for this. There was no necessity for holding up the rest of the province.

Mr. Murphy protested for the people of the interior. Such proclamations closed the banks, and when they were closed the principal avenue of public business was closed. He also protested against proclaiming the holiday only the day before the event. Atlin and Cariboo could not be reached within two weeks.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said while if it was done for Victoria's benefit it was reprehensible, if for the whole province it was all right. He wanted to see the motion adjourn till Monday carried. The holidays would be appreciated by employees.

Mr. Neill protested against the adjournment and hoped the Premier would adhere to his resolution.

Mr. Green condemned the government for their proclamation. If they had issued it, had they notified the outlying districts?

Mr. Oliver said to-morrow was market day for farmers in New Westminster, and the holiday would create a hardship.

The Premier, pressed by the Minister of Finance, then asked leave not to withdraw his motion. (Laughter.)

The motion was then put and carried by a vote of 26—9, Messrs. Martin, McInnes, Gilmour, Hawthornthwaite, etc., voting with the government.

The House thereupon adjourn till Monday.

### IN A QUANDARY.

#### Government Obliged to Ask Official to Hold Position Because of Its Weakness.

The ministry has other tribulations at present than those immediately associated with the attempt to carry on government with insufficient support. One of these arises out of the gold commissionership of Atlin and the difficulty of recounting the claims of two of its supporters.

When the investigation into the charges against Gold Commissioner Graham commenced that official placed his resignation in the hands of the government for them to act on when they thought fit. Two weeks ago Mr. Graham's resignation was announced, and Mr. Stables recommended for the position another supporter. But Mr. Clifford, the other Cassiar representative, whose support is all important and who just at present is sick of his affiliations with the government, vetoed the recommendation, and asked for the appointment of his nominee—a Vancouver man.

Being between the devil and the deep blue sea the ministry asked Mr. Graham to hold the office for another year, and now there are two mad members instead of one.

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Luton (Bedfordshire) board of guardians assembled to consider among other business the appointment of a superintendent of the children's homes. Among the applicants was a man who was introduced as a gravedigger. The chairman observing that the man had lost his right arm asked: "How on earth do you manage to dig graves with one arm?" Applicant replied that he could do it easily. He had been gravedigger at Luton for five years, and during that period had dug over a thousand graves.

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A special dispatch to the Hamburg Doersenhalle from Guatemala, says that the town of Quezaltenango has been wholly destroyed by an earthquake, which lasted three-quarters of a minute.

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# ANNUAL REPORT PROVINCIAL LIBRARY

## OVER FIFTEEN THOUSAND VOLUMES ARE HOUSED

### Librarian Scholefield Wants More Shelving Accommodation—Report of Travelling Libraries.

On the exhaustive and interesting report of the provincial library for 1900-01, the librarian states that there is a serious lack of accommodation, and that the shelving of the books and papers is a problem that is becoming day by day more difficult to solve. When it is stated that there are over twelve hundred and fifty bound files of newspapers and magazines in the library, the difficulty regarding the storing of these bulky volumes so that they can be conveniently used, will be easily recognized. It would be exceedingly handy if the files of newspapers could be placed in a room reserved solely for that purpose. The congested state of the library, however, is not only noticeable with regard to the newspaper files, but also is a matter for regret in other important departments. The lack of space is particularly to be deplored in that it prevents the system of classification, to the elaboration of which much time and thought has been given, from being properly carried out.

The reading room is open to the public when the legislative assembly is not in session, and a large number of persons avail themselves of the privilege thus accorded them. However, as the library is purely a reference one, books are not allowed to be removed from the premises, although any work may be consulted in the reading room without let or hindrance. In some cases this rule has been relaxed, but only with such results as will ensure its strict enforcement in the future.

Among the more interesting journalistic relics of the past in possession of the department are files of the Daily Victoria Gazette of 1858 and the Cariboo Sentinel of 1864 and 1865, which, containing as they do not a little information concerning scenes and events that are fast fading from memory, and many particulars respecting well-known men who achieved success and occupied high positions in colonial days, cannot fail to prove of more than ordinary interest to anyone concerned in the early history of British Columbia.

One thousand four hundred and ten volumes were added to the library during the year. Of these seven hundred and twenty-six were acquired by purchase and six hundred and eighty-four by donation and exchange. In addition, over one thousand pamphlets have also been received, many of them being of great interest.

The following statistics will, no doubt, prove of interest, as they give a fair idea of the growth of the library during the last four years: Volumes acquired by purchase, 1897, 579; 1898, 1,236; 1899-1900, 228; 1900-1901, 726. Total, 2,769. Volumes, acquired by donation and exchange, 1897, 589; 1898, 871; 1899-1900, 1,007; 1900-1901, 684. Total, 3,151.

The donations consisted chiefly of the official publications of the various governmental departments of the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Cape Colony and Natal. The public departments at Washington have been, as usual, exceedingly liberal in forwarding documents and papers. The departments of labor and agriculture and the commission of fish and fisheries have presented many reports of deep interest to those desiring information upon the subjects with which they deal. The thanks of the department are especially due to Sir Edward Maunde Thompson, K.C.B., D.C.L., LL.D., V.P.S.A., principal director and librarian of the British museum; Herbert Putman, librarian of congress; Caroll D. Wright, United States commissioner of labor; C. P. Austin, chief of the bureau of foreign commerce, Washington, D. C.; Professor Franz Boas, American museum of natural history; the Right Hon. Edmund Barton, P.C., K. C., C.C., prime minister of the Commonwealth of Australia; C. J. Dadelzon, registrar-general of New Zealand; John MacKay, New Zealand department of labor, and F. Flewellyn Smith, commissioner for labor department, London, Eng., for their courtesy in presenting such important material.

There are 15,536 volumes now in the library, which may be roughly classified as follows: History, 759 volumes; biography, 265; literature, 1,113; books of reference, etc., 1,320; travel, 819; sociology, political economy, 583; parliamentary and legal, 419; useful arts, 210; science, 170; parliamentary debates, 479; statutes and laws, 1,078; bound newspapers and magazines, 1,263; sessional papers and journals, 3,528; miscellaneous, 299; unclassified official publications, 3,225.

Much time and labor have been devoted to the preparation of a catalogue during the past year, and this very necessary work is progressing rapidly. Nearly six thousand cards have been prepared, and it is hoped that before long the author and subject lists will be up to date. Some idea of the labor involved in the compiling of a catalogue may be formed when it is stated that each work requires at least three entries, often four or five, upon separate cards.

Travelling Library Department.

The work in connection with this important branch of the provincial library is rapidly assuming large proportions. There are at the present time thirty-five libraries in use, of which fifteen have been prepared and placed in circulation since the issuance of the last report. A large number of applications have been received, but unfortunately it has been impossible to send libraries to all the districts desiring them, as the appropriation for the year was exhausted before a sufficient number of books had been acquired. Each library is composed of at least one hundred volumes, divided into the following classes: Ethics, Social Science, Natural Science, Juvenile Works, Biography, History and Reference. Numerous letters have been received congratulating the department on the efficiency and usefulness of the system, and the librarians aver that the books are greatly appreciated by the residents of rural and mining communities, where there are few opportunities of obtaining literature of any description. A finding list or catalogue is printed for each library, and each volume is numbered and labelled in order that it may be easily identified as the property of the government.

The libraries at present in use are scattered over an immense area—from 150-Mile House, in Cariboo, to Port Simpson, on the northern coast—among communities widely divergent in interests and tastes. Many of them are stationed in agricultural districts more or less thickly settled and organized, others in recently formed mining communities, and others again in the Scandinavian settlements established at Cape Scott and Bella Coola. Generally speaking nearly all of these communities differ in their requirements, and thus it will be seen that it is not an easy task to prepare libraries that may be acceptable to each and all. But in spite of the many difficulties in the way of making a perfect selection, the books sent out seem to give satisfaction, and it is confidently expected that the libraries will attain yet a greater degree of popularity, as the experience gathered in the past will prevent the repetition of errors in the future.

# AFTER THE COAL AND PETROLEUM

## C.P.R. WANTS LAND IN YALE AND KOOTENAY

### Bill Introduced by the Government in Amendment to the Columbia & Western Act.

The government submitted by message to the legislature on Thursday afternoon a bill which is likely to provoke more bitter opposition even than the railway bills now before the legislature.

The proposal is practically the same as that attempted to be rushed through the House on the last evening of the session of last year. Although the Chief Commissioner had then assured Mr. Curtis that it would not be pressed the latter hurried away from a dinner party in time to find it being submitted to rush through, and fortunately in time to forestall that step.

The C. P. R. are anxious to secure lands in Southeast Kootenay in place of lands granted them under the original terms of their charter. The original bill permitted them to take lands in alternate blocks on each side of the line. When too close to the boundary or where lands had previously been alienated contiguous lands were to be chosen. The C. P. R. now want those lands to be selected in Yale and Kootenay.

It has repeatedly been stated that the government contemplated giving these lands in Southeast Kootenay, which embrace valuable coal and petroleum areas, to the C. P. R., and had so instructed their agents, but when questioned in the House they denied doing so. The present bill if passed will have that effect.

The bill as submitted is as follows:

Whereas, "the Columbia & Western Railway Company" was authorised and empowered by "The Columbia & Western Railway Company Act, 1896," and amending acts to construct a line of railway between Midway and Penticton as a part of its main line of railway, known as the fifth and sixth sections thereof:

And whereas, at the request of the government of British Columbia, in order to enable the government to enter into an arrangement with Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann, railway contractors of Toronto, for the construction of a line of railway from Midway to Penticton, the said company surrendered its right to construct said fifth and sixth sections:

And whereas, the said company was by "The Columbia & Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896," and amending acts entitled only to grants of land in respect of the portion of its line known as the fourth section, after it had constructed said fifth section:

And whereas, as a consideration for the company's undertaking as aforesaid, it was agreed that the said company should obtain grants of land in the districts of Yale and Kootenay in respect of the said fourth section, after the company had constructed said fourth section:

And whereas, the failure to construct said fifth and sixth sections was in no wise attributable to the said company, and it is desirable that the said agreement with the said company should be carried out:

Therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

1. This act may be cited as the "Columbia & Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896, Amendment Act, 1902."

2. There shall be granted to the Columbia & Western Railway Company an area of land equal to twenty thousand acres per mile for each mile of railway constructed by the company over the said fourth section of its said line of railway, extending from Christina Lake to Midway. The said land so to be granted to the company shall be selected by the company within the districts of Yale and Kootenay, in blocks of not less than ten miles square, within two years after the passage of this act.

3. The boundary lines of the lands to be selected, where not indicated by streams, lakes or other natural boundaries, or previously surveyed lines, shall be surveyed by the company.

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### RECENT APPOINTMENTS.

Notices Appearing in the Current Issue of the Provincial Gazette.

The following appointments are gazetted in this week's issue of the Provincial Gazette: John Wesley Fairhall, of Comaplix, to be a justice of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia.

To be chief license inspector and license commissioners for the Alberni license district: License commissioners, Thomas Kirkpatrick, of Alberni; George A. Huff, of Alberni; and John Orr, of Alberni. Chief license inspector, Constable C. A. Cox, of Alberni.

His Honor the Lieut.-Governor proclaims to-day to be observed as a public holiday throughout the province.

Under the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1901, notice is given of the appointment of John Leslie, of Morrissey, to be examiner for certificates of competency at that mine, vice Aug. Johnson, who has ceased to be employed at that mine. John Lobart and John Wearmouth are also gazetted as alternates.

Wood, Vallance & Leggatt, Ltd., who have taken over the business of Thos. Dunn & Co., Vancouver, are incorporated with a capital of $200,000.

J. W. Spring, jeweller, of Rossland, has assigned to Walter J. Robinson, of the same city. Martin, O'Reilly & Co., of Fernie, have assigned to K. H. Mollison, of Vancouver.

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MINERAL ACT.
(Form F.)
CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Banner Mineral Claim, situate in the Victoria Mining Division of Chemainus District. Where located, on Mount Brenton, adjoining the Susan Mineral Claim.

Take notice that I, S. F. Erb, free miner's certificate No. 48448, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 5th day of May, A. D., 1902.

MINERAL ACT.
(Form F.)
CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.
NOTICE.

Prince No. 5 and Prince No. 8 Mineral Claims, situate in the West Coast, Vancouver Island, Mining Division of Clayoquot District. Where located, Sidney Inlet.

Take notice that Thomas Rhymer Marshall, Free Miner's Certificate No. B60773, intends, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 23rd day of April, A.D., 1902.

MINERAL ACT.
(Form F.)
CERTIFICATE OF IMROVEMENTS.
NOTICE.

Penton Mineral Claim, situate in the Victoria Mining Division. Where located: On Section 14, South Saanich.

Take notice that I, Thomas Graham, Free Miner's Certificate No. B60780, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 15th day of May, A. D., 1902.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Renfrew District: Commencing at a post on the south bank of the Bugaboo River, about 6 chains above its confluence with the Gordon River, thence 160 chains west, thence 40 chains south, thence 160 chains east, thence north to point of commencement.

FRANK V. HOBBS.

May 13th, 1902.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following lands: The north half of Sections 2 and 3, Township 10, Renfrew District, B. C.

LOUIS KIRKPATRICK.

May 12th, 1902.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following lands: The south half of Section 12, Township 10, and the south half of Section 7, Township 14, Renfrew District, B. C.

WM. KIRKPATRICK.

May 12th, 1902.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase Hawkins Island, Barkley Sound, containing 20 acres more or less.

JOHN W. BENSON.

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