

The Special Surveys Act, 1899, "An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act, 1881, and the General Land Office Act, 1898," all passed their third readings.

The House then adjourned.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The House yesterday afternoon proceeded to the orders of the day, but the following bills through their third readings: "An Act to incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay"; "An Act to incorporate the Kootenay Development & Tramway Company"; and "An Act to amend the Nickel, Kamloops & Similkameen Coal & Railway Company Act, 1891," and to amend the New Westminster Act, 1888, and "An Act to amend the Police and Prison Regulation Act."

Mr. Houston objected to proceeding with any further bills until the committee reported upon them. There had been relegated to a committee the right to go through the bills and select those which might be gone on with. He objected to proceeding with "An Act to amend the Bills of Sale Act," on this ground alone. The committee would be ready to report in the morning, and they should wait for that report.

This was passed over, though Hon. Mr. Tatlow thought that a wrong impression seemed to prevail with this matter. Mr. Neill and Mr. Rogers wanted to have the amendment to the "Liquor License Act, 1900," proceeded with. The objection was pressed and Hon. Mr. Tatlow consented to considering the estimates.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow in moving that the House resolve itself into a committee of supply, said he had not much to say. The estimates had been brought in by the late government and had been recommended to the House by a committee of it, with a recommendation that the salaries be revised.

Coming to the financial condition of the province, he said the revenue last year was estimated at \$2,140,751. The amount actually realized had been \$1,907,925. It had fallen short of the estimates by \$232,826. Under a number of heads the revenue had come short of the estimate, in all amounting to \$457,419. On other items it had exceeded the estimate, amounting to about \$106,057. These left a discrepancy of \$540,000. He gave these figures to show that it was possible to estimate fairly just what the revenue would be.

Taking up the estimates of 1903, the revenue, he said, was estimated at \$2,222,568. It was anticipated that this sum would not be reached on account of over estimates under certain heads, and that there would be a falling off of perhaps \$235,000. The expected amount would closely approach \$1,987,568.

The speaker then outlined the different heads under which it was anticipated there would be a falling off, and also those which would exceed the estimate. The total amount of the falling off under these heads would probably be about \$119,000. Under a few heads the revenue would exceed the estimate. This would be under the following heads: Dominion government per capita grant, \$1,000; land revenue, \$30,000; timber royalty and licenses, \$100,000; and other receipts, \$7,000; Chinese Restriction Act, \$45,000; making a total of \$184,000.

He then gave a statement of the approximate position of the financial condition of the province on June 30, 1903. The balance in hand on July 1st, 1902, was \$54,403; revenue for 1902, estimated at \$2,222,568. From this would be taken the estimated deficit of \$1,987,568, leaving a total of \$1,987,568.

The loan of 1902, deducting discounts and expenses, would amount to \$3,116,833, making the total receipts \$5,158,604. Under current estimates for 1903, the amount of the main estimates would be \$2,475,467; the supplementary estimates would be \$284,356; the payments on the New Westminster bridge up to April 30, 1903, would be \$272,984. The estimated requirement for the New Westminster bridge up to June 30th would make an additional \$175,000, which made a net expenditure of \$5,307,517.

From this would be deducted the amount of the main estimates, \$2,475,467, and the estimated surplus on hand on June 30th, 1903, of \$13,811.

The anticipated condition of the finances on June 30th, 1904, he described as follows: Estimated cash on hand, \$13,811; revenue, \$2,182,476; total to credit of province of \$2,207,287. The expenditure, according to the estimates, would be \$2,491,506.

The shortage on current account was estimated at \$122,110; interest on the sinking account, \$230,000. This, without the supplementary estimates, would bring the estimated debt up to \$697,000, which, with supplementary estimates of at least \$100,000, would make the total shortage something over \$1,200,000.

The estimates had been brought in by the late government. He assumed no responsibility personally or as a member of the government for these.

The estimates had been so hastily prepared that they could not have been considered as they should have. "We will not be bound by any item on the estimates if it be found not in the public interests," continued Mr. Tatlow. Mr. Melnes wanted to know who was meant by "we." Whether it was the government or his associates. Mr. Tatlow said he was speaking as President of the Council.

The heads got enough. Some of the wages paid was a disgrace.

Mr. Gilmour wanted the estimates increased.

It was shown that these estimates could not be increased. Hon. Mr. Tatlow promised to consider this in the supplementary estimates of 1904.

Mr. Houston held that the committee had decided not to recommend any changes in salaries at the present time. It was thought that the salaries could be dealt with by the government, not alone in this institution but in all departments. They should be adjusted. He was satisfied that for every man who quit his work there would be six applicants.

Mr. Gilmour held this was false reasoning. Because a man did not quit his job was no reason for saying he was sufficiently paid.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow decided to leave the matter open until the supplementary estimates were taken up.

Mr. Gilmour wanted an explanation of the item of \$4,000 for education of deaf and dumb and blind.

Mr. Tatlow explained that many of the deaf, dumb and blind had to take advantage of institutions in California and elsewhere.

Mr. Gilmour believed that they should patronize home institutions.

Smith Curtis drew attention to the disability under which those afflicted as described suffered. He hoped the government would seek out those children who had need of the advantages of these asylums and would see that they were sent to Canadian institutions adapted to those purposes.

Upon the vote for the reformatory for boys, attention was called by H. D. Helmecken and Mr. Curtis to the unsatisfactory condition with respect to the present reformatory.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow announced that it was the intention to change the name of that institution to that of the Boys' Industrial school. The change was therefore made in the estimate in that direction.

On the vote for school furniture, Mr. Gilmour wanted to know if this would include placing flags at the disposal of schools to be used upon national occasions.

Mr. Curtis said he had intended this year to have introduced the question of free text books in the schools into the legislature. If it would be impossible to do so this session, he advocated the principle. It had been introduced into Manitoba. The only objection raised to it seemed to be that of the used books going to other pupils to be again used.

Mr. Gilmour said he would be leaving the books in the possession of the pupil first using them.

Upon an item of \$4,000 towards experimenting on clearing bush lands a question was raised. Mr. Neill advocated it. It was considered a wise expenditure by Farmers' Institutes. The proposal was for the government to purchase a stumping engine and practical licenses, \$100,000, and other machinery. He would welcome the test being made in his district, and he jokingly remarked that he had a hundred and sixty acres he would let the government experiment on.

Mr. Curtis wished the item of \$15,000 for Rossland district increased. He had been promised that it would be increased by over \$14,000 before the late ministry went out of power. He went fully into the claim of the riding, showing where the necessary expenditures in this riding were needed. It would require about \$42,700 to meet the pressing needs of that large and important district.

Mr. W. Paterson said that as a member of the committee appointed to consider the estimates he had been asked to report after member from the various parts of the province came and ask that appropriations be made for one road and then another. He had finally concluded that as all were pressing for this regulation, and as there was no estimate for any expenditure on new roads and trails for Vancouver Island, he had proposed \$30,000 for the purpose.

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helped him out in getting \$7,000 for the Kettle River road.

Mr. Dunbar acknowledged that Mr. Houston had assisted in this, but that road was not in his riding, it was in East Yale.

Mr. Houston maintained that that road was nearly altogether in Mr. Curtis's riding.

Mr. Curtis said it was not. It was nearly altogether in East Yale. He pointed out that many of the improvements reported for were for roads already begun.

Mr. Houston said he was not actuated by personal dislike to Mr. Curtis. He was in the country long before that man had come here, and he would probably be here long after him. He had done much to help that member out of holes which he had gone into, and into which Mr. Curtis had got the people of Rossland into. He had gone to ministers and interested in that way.

W. W. B. Melnes said he took exception on the ground that Mr. Curtis had promised that the government would promise this \$14,000 additional. The government had done no such thing. Mr. Curtis then said before the committee that Mr. Killen had promised it, but that he also denied it.

Mr. Melnes said that he was sorry to hear the remarks of the member for Nanaimo city. There was not a word of sectionalism in Mr. Paterson's remarks, and that no such construction should be put upon his speech.

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Mr. Paterson did not wish to arouse sectional feeling. The corporation alluded to did not own all the Island, and yet offices were getting 40 per cent. Rossland riding was prepared to stand by a proportional distribution. He had, in reply to Mr. Wells, assurances from officials of that department that there would be an additional vote. It was not true that these proposed roads were to prospects. They were to mines which had been worked for years. They required roads into these places in order to get the necessary machinery in. The owners of the mines were willing to co-operate in this and supplement the expenditure. He was assured that at the ground taken by Mr. Houston.

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LORD PORTMAN'S NEPHEW. THE GUEST WHO CAME UNBIDDEN TO THE FEAST. BY D. W. H.

And all our yesterday's have lighted foot The way to dusty death. Out, out, brief candle! Life's but a walking shadow; a poor player, that struts and frets his hour upon the stage, and then is heard no more.

On a pleasant evening early in April, 1861, the Hotel de France, on Government street, in this city, was a scene of unworldly interest, brilliancy and activity. A prominent citizen of Yale, a man who had been foremost in works and ventures of public utility, was on his way out of the country with the object of visiting his undertakings in California. Fortune had favored the man in all his doings. On leaving Yale he had been presented with an expensive gold watch, a gold chain, and a heavy gold chain, a gold watch, and a heavy gold chain.

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GENERAL MEETING OF GAME ASSOCIATION. The Proposal to Place Fish Ladders in Shawigan Lake Discussed—Other Business.

At the Tourist Association rooms last evening a meeting of the Fish and Game Association was held, there being a good attendance. Geo. Weiler, W. N. Lenfesty, O. C. Bass, E. Musgrave and H. Fleming.

WANTED. Everyone to enjoy the abundance of the sea. Halibut, codfish and salmon fresh from the boats, at wholesale prices. Highest cash prices paid for fresh ranch eggs, at People's Market, foot of Yates street, near Fish Slip.

of cat fish into Shawigan lake was a great mistake. In closing he was particular to impress upon the association the fact that the policy should be to kill all the big trout possible, but not to kill any small ones.

The election of officers resulted in the selection of the following: C. Hayward, president; Mr. Mann, vice-president; P. C. MacGregor, treasurer; H. Cutbert, secretary. The following executive was also elected: Geo. Weiler, W. N. Lenfesty, O. C. Bass, E. Musgrave and H. Fleming.

The secretary presented for the approval of the meeting the following proposals to be submitted to the executive committee: 1st. To place before the provincial legislature for the protection of fish in the inland waters, and game of Vancouver Island.

2nd. To consider the advisability of appointing an officer of the association as salaried to act under the aforesaid proposal.

3rd. To take immediate steps to procure "trout" from the Fraser river hatchery to be placed in Shawigan lake, and other waters of the Island.

4th. To prepare a leaflet for the purpose of educating the fishermen as to the size of a fish that should be taken, and to act in general in a sportsmanlike manner, and to inform the authorities of any breach of the laws that comes under their notice.

5th. To ask Mr. Pinto and Mr. Topp to be kind enough to prepare a report on the best means of removing the obstructions in Shawigan river, and report at the executive meeting to be held on next Wednesday evening.

They were unanimously approved of by the meeting. Mr. Lenfesty made a few remarks on the protection of game birds, after which the meeting adjourned.

WEEKLY WEATHER. Victoria Meteor. 27th May. An rather unseasonable ocean storm across of the province caused fresh to strong southerly winds on the Coast, and part of the week showed signs of high barometric on the Lower Mainland delta. Vegetation is still portions of the province tending to check growth but the snow is melting the temperature reaching 48 at Kamloops and 84 at Kamloops weather followed again. Fraser river is still as the water is low though and the snow is melting very slowly. At the end of the rain is falling both at Kamloops.

During the last two or three days bright sunshines were seen in Washington, but the rain during the whole week. Alberta, while further west Territories and northern part of high barometric predicted that entire region, and fine summer weather has sections.

At Victoria, 26 hours of bright sunshines were seen, temperature, 64.4 on the 26th; on 1st; rain, 0.06 inch, 0.06 inch.

At New Westminster, 26 hours; lowest, 70 on 26th; lowest, 69 on 27th; 0.70 inch.

At Kamloops, highest 70; lowest, 48 on 26th; on 1st; lowest, 39 on 27th; 0.70 inch.

At Dawson, highest 70; lowest, 54 on 26th; on 1st; lowest, 39 on 27th; 0.70 inch.

At Port Simpson, highest 58 on 2nd; lowest, 36 on 1st.

After a long illness O'Connor passed away at his residence, Colburn at 79 years of age and celebrated Irish family, the late Mr. O'Connor was two nice in this city.

On Monday a meeting of the carpenters was held, when the carpenters were what can be gathered it is to go out. In a short time the painters will be given a moon off, as is the case every Shipping.

The marriage of Mr. Keating and Miss Katharine Keating, a prominent people are well known in bride being the only daughter of Mr. Keating, and is popular musical circles. The new couple are spending their honeymoon in Victoria.

The death occurred of Arthur Dakers at the age of 70 years, a native of England. He leaves a widow to mourn his loss. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock on Wednesday at the Longshoremen's union a body.

The manager of the Agassiz and Indian theatre is the following: Home for the month of Weiler, clothing; Mrs. Helmecken, Mrs. L. J. Quag, Mrs. Miller, milk dealer, rubrub; N. Shakespear, matter. The number of V. Home for the month total.

The laughable comedy "trout" which is to be presented at the Victoria theatre, is a rehearsal. The proceeds of the theatre is kindly given for Mr. Boscowitz, and the proceeds will be used for the benefit of the principal taffling very little expense, should amount to a very sum.

The Horticultural Society to hold a flower show on Saturday, August 21st, at the committee was appointed the president, Mr. Pemberton, Mr. Palmer, and Mr. Russell and Gages, to take arrangements. A feature will be the offering of silver medals for the best collected grown by school children, and special prizes will be received by pleasure. A show may be held at about November if there is sufficient interest. Yesterday's meeting of the office of F. B. Penit street.

A trio of aborigines line of the magistrate in the morning. They are all N their names are Tom, Dan

injured. Among the former was Capt. Jamieson, who fell at his post doing duty. Had Capt. Irving's offer been accepted he would have been the victim instead of his friend. The cause of the explosion was never known. The Yale Navigation Company went out of business and many years elapsed before another boat ventured to make the hazardous trip.

Mr. Richard Coverdale, Annie Glass, formerly of the Victoria Mining Division, in the District of Vancouver, located on Mount Sicker. Take notice that I, George R. Elliott, agent for the owners, Free Miner's Certificate No. B72408, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate to purchase the following described lands situated on the west side of Prescott Island, British Columbia, viz.: Commencing at a post marked P. R. S. E. corner, thence north forty chains, thence east forty chains, thence south forty chains, thence west forty chains to the place of commencement, containing one hundred and sixty acres more or less.