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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

SONGHEES RESERVE BILL WAS DISCUSSED

Victoria Members Opposed to Provisions -Six Months Ho'st Proposed for School Act.

Vnctoria, March 6th. Prayers were read by Rev. Hicks.

This was laid on the table.

First Reading.

On motion of W. J. Bowser a bill to amend the Benevolent Societies Act was troduced, read a first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow. Resolution.

J. A. Macdonald moved the following "That an order of the House be grant-

ed for a return of copies of all papers and correspondence relating to an application by John Elliott, as counsel, for a fiat for a petition of right to try certain mestions relating to the mineral claim Pack Train." The resolution carried.

Questions and Answers. W. J. Brown asked the Chief Commis-

1. Did the Columbia & Western Railway Company comply with the provisions of section 5, chapter 8, statutes of 1896, in respect to the survey of lands granted to them under the provisions of said chapter 8?

Hon. R. F. Green replied as follows: "The company made surveys which enabled it to describe the blocks of land, which it had previously selected and designated, by metes and bounds; but the positon of these boundaries has not yet been marked upon the ground, excepting along the line of railway." Jas. Murphy asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the follow-

Is it the intention of the government o provide in the estimates for a ferry across the Fraser river at Quesnel? Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows:

"The matter is under consideration," J. A. ...acdonald asked the Chief Com missioner of Lands and Works the fol-1. Have Geo. T. Kane, David P. Kane, Willington, John Willington and bill.

W. J. Sanders been refused land on Kai-en Island in satisfaction of South African war scrip? 2. If so, why? Hou. Mr. Green replied as follows: 1. Yes. The names E. S. and John sen the burden of taxation on the peo-

Willington' should be 'Millington.' "2. Because the lands were under reservation, established by Gazette noice, dated 12th October, 1891." Mr. Murphy asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the follow-

1. Has the \$10,000 voted last session for roads and trails in Cariboo district been expended? 2. On which roads and trails was the

ince where the expert industrial workers
6. How much of the \$10,000 voted for could be obtained, instead of having to on each section? road machinery last session was devoted | send abroad for them. He thought the for machinery for the road in Cariboo government might assist in this. There

7. Has any of this road machinery yet experience with boys who had entered reached Cariboo district? 8. Is it the intention of the government to provide for the building of a office. When taken out of school their sleigh road from Quesnel Forks to Keith- work was lacking in legibility of handwriting and in grammatical construc-tion. Mr. Green replied as fol-

lows: No 2. Statement attached.

"4. Ashcroft to southern boundary of boo district (144-Mile house), 144-Mile house to Barkerville. \$8,529 and \$8,283, respectively. \$550, but other machinery pursed is for use over the whole road

when required. "8. The question will be considered."

Cariboo District. Road-158. Quesnel Forks. \$850.54: esnel Forks, Quesnel Lake, \$72; ver Lake Valley, Horsefly, \$7.50; liams Lake, Deep Creek, \$7.50; Har-ernment at Ottawa to do this. m. Beavermouth, \$88.02; Chilcotin, 8278.50; 150, Chimney Creek, of the six months hoist for this bill. It would be a wise resolution for the House Springfield, \$7.77; Antier Creek, would be a wise resolution for the House Pleasant Valley, \$3.25; Mud to support he believed. The teachers Lake, \$43.05; 8-Mile Lake, \$66.62; Ques-Forks, \$451.50; Quesnel River, the expense of that institution. \$138.99; Hixon Creek, \$30; Mosquito Willow River, \$4.25; Richfield, hoist in closing. Winkle, \$24.62; Richfield, Stanley, \$16.25; Mosquito, Hardscrabble, ow River, \$39; Willow River, Hard-the module Creek, \$19.50; Williams Lake, to 17. \$123.50; Beaver Lake, \$59.50; Hance-Deer Creek, \$54; Horsefly, \$65; Beaver Lake, \$13; 150; rsefly, \$22.50; Keothley, Snowshoe ek (sleigh), \$100; Chilcotin (branch), Chilcotin, Soda Creek, \$72; Deacon, \$9.50; Forks, Horsefly, \$17.42; Mission, 841.44: Williams Lake, Onward Ranch, to settle the reserve question as the 806: Kersley Creek, \$11.25: Mud Lake, presence of the Indians in their present \$96; Kersley Creek, \$11.25; Mud Lake, xandria, \$100: Barkerville, Stanley,

commissioner, Mr. McKenna, to settle paid. Beavermouth. \$12; Cornish, ble, \$7; Antler, Cunningham this question. Two propositions made were rejected. In 1901 James Dunsmuir \$5.25 Quesnel Forks, Keithley Creek, is Keithley Creek. Barkerville, ernment in the matter. The proposition Keithley Creek, Barkerville, ernment in the matter. The proposition on production of a certificate of a just Spanish Creek River, \$22.75; was a fair one, but so far nothing had of the peace or of a minister of Stanley Creek, \$19.50; Bear been done to settle the matter. \$97.50; Barkerville, Keithley, \$22; Lowhee. \$9.75; Downie Gulch, Pine by the chief commissioner he found that be the widow of the deceased is in fact creek. \$13; Hardscrabble. Sugar Creek, the commission appointed to look out for such widow."

Sto: Dragon, Albrecht Creek, \$22.75; another reserve had done practically Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved that

Keithley Creek, \$0.25; Omineca, \$17.90. Government Bills.

The bill respecting assignments and preferences by insolvent persons was settlement of this question, in not finding Mr. Macdonald could not see ead a third time and passed. The report on the bill to consolidate and amend the law for preventing frauds

another reserve.

in the hands of the executive.

had been in earnest in settling the mat

Hon. R. G. Tatlow pointed out that

commission if a suitable place was found.

on. Up to the present time nothing

had been done. The government of the

province was one of them parties con-

erned, and could not proceed without

the consent of the other parties. If this

bill did not pass and a settlement was

reached the lands would have to remain

the registration of companies mort-gages was further considered, and the report adopted.

Travellers' Licenses.

The House again went into committee on the bill for licensing commercial tra-The bill was amended by striking out the sections which made it apply to selling in a retail way controller by muni-

The bill was reported complete. Introduced by Message.

Chas. Munro presented a petition from
Thos. Hall and others, opposing the bill incorporate the Sumas Development
The Suman Development the House went into committee, with C.

Introduced by Message.

A bill intitude "An Act to amend the unrepealed sections of the Assessment House was not for the purpose of section; but aimed solely at the House went into committee, with C.

The amendment of the Attorney-General was carried, and Mr. Hawthornth the House went into committee, with C.

The committee rose and reported property the House went into committee, with C. W. D. Clifford in the chair, John Oliver insisted upon the bill being distributed before the preliminary report was made

before the preliminary report was made hands of the executive council to dis-After waiting for some time the bill pose of. He thought it should take the

inaccuracy in the returns sent in with respect to the mineral tax that he might respect to the mineral tax that he might open the rolls and right it.

J. A. Macdonald wanted to know why the executive council duges which bethe mining industry was to be placed on longed to the legislature. The legislaan entirely different basis than any other ture had conveyed in the past lards industry. This bill, it would seem, would which really belonged to the cities of give no finality to the mineral assess, wanted teamly belonged to the cities of the ment. This act permitted the govern-toria. The value in the lands of the ment. This act permitted the government to open up the assessments of three reserve was largely put there by the city or four years previous and reassess min- of Victoria. The province had never had sioner of Lands and Works the following try had received raps enough from the reserve, while the city had. The papers government without this. He could not see why this act was introduced. It was nothing done towards securing another done simply to provide machinery for a case which was now in the courts, Indians removed he did not think that namely, the action against the Le Roi Company, where it was proposed to collect taxes held to have been due three pose of the lands. If the government years previous.

The Attorney-General could not see ter he thought it might have been done why if a wrong statement had been before this. made that it should not be within the right of the assessor to correct it.

the commissioner who had been charged "Why not put other industries on the "Why not put other industries on the same footing?" asked Mr. Macdonald. "This is class legislation." "This is class legislation." assumed power if he would be given a "All legislation relating to mining," returned Mr. Wilson, "is class legislation." The government readily agreed to this, as The bill passed its first reading. it was very anxious to settle the ques-

Nelson Debentures. The bill to aid the municipality of Nelson was then considered in committee, with W. J. Bowser in the chair. This

act permits of the issue of new debentures instead of those formerly author-The committee rose and reported the until the legislature met. The School Bill.

was a lack of care in the schools. His

would himself go around among the

schools and see if the proper amount of

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Songhees Reserve Bill.

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John Oliver could not see that this bill could be described as facilitating the settlement of this reserve question. The R. Hall, on the debate on the second reading of the School Bill, said that he would support any bill which would lesHe preferred the regular law having its
Forks, for his resignation? sen the burden of taxation on the people. In this bill he found no reason for believing this was to take place, and further he saw in it a threatened dislocational system. British Columbia was suffering from legislation which was not adapted to this province ment intended to do this, but he could which was not adapted to this province. not see why such power should be put He sometimes thought that children were being over educated in the line of theory at the expense of the practical.

The children came out of the High schools thinking they were adapted only | did not think that there was such necesamount expended, and how much of it was expended on each of them?

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and tall was a september of the members of the same and railways. They refused to disposition of the land in the hands of the hands of the same and railways. They refused to disposition of the land in the hands of the same and railways. They refused to the same and railways are the same and railways. They refused to the same and railways are the same and railways. They refused to the same and railways are the same are the same and railways are the same are boo main trunk road divided for the pur- be that they would have professional interested in this land, and these interposes of the annual expenditure thereon? lepers on their hands. He favored a sys- ests should be looked to better than this position, fell somewhat flat on the legis-

ment of the debate, which motion was carried. Second Reading.

The bill to amend the 'Replevin Act, 1899," was read a second time. Bills Reported.

The House went into committee adian Fire Insurance Company. The committee rose and reported The act respecting the Burnette Saw mill Company was reported also.

Railway Committee. This bill would materially increase the cost of schools without anything com-The rules of the House were suspend and a resolution introduced by C. W. nensurate with it Rather than see the D. Clifford was passed constituting nine riminary schools demoralized, as this nembers of the railway committee, a uorum instead of twelve, as it had been see the taxation increased by the govfound difficult to get the last number

He believed that if the extension of Wages of Deceased Workmen. the iron industry in this province were looked to that a smelter might be estab-The House went into committee on J. A. Macdonald's bill to secure to their ished in the province. If an export tax on iron ores were put on the ore would dependants the wages of deceased workmen, with Dr. King in the chair. not be sent to the United States, and a smelter would be established here. Every The bill provided this: "The wages effort should be made to induce the govearned by a workman during the period of three months before, and owing to him at, the time of his death shall, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained. be payable to the widow, if any, of such

attending the Normal school should pay J. H. Hawthornthwaite moved in He accordingly moved the six months nonths should be made payable. F. Carter-Cotton moved the adjournment of the debate, a division followed

ending the time the children might be the motion being carried by a vote of 19 verlooked. Mr. Macdonald explained that the act was intended to permit of the tiding over | pany, was received. On the adjourned debate on the second for the widow period immediately followeading of the bill respecting the Songing the decease of a workman, who had hees Indian reserve, J. D. McNiven said een accidentally killed. In the meanthat he was not fully satisfied. He said that a good many efforts had been made ime the widow would be able to secure id for other sources. In most of cases there would only be one month's wages due, but he had made it three months ria, \$100; Barkerville, Stanley, location was detrimental to Victoria. In in order that a widow might get that Sunnyside, Middleton, \$93.50; 1897 the Dominion government sent a which had been allowed to remain un-

The amendment was lost. The fourth clause provided that "such widow shall be entitled to such wages on production of a certificate of a justice Gospel, setting forth that he has satis-In looking over the papers furnished fied himself that the person claiming to

Two Sisters Creek, \$22.25; Antler, nothing. Mr. Dunsmuir had proposed to there be added a section providing that matter is now receiving attention." remove the Indians to Beecher Bay. no fee be charged for the duty.

This was not accepted.

Afterney-General Wilson me Attorney-General Wilson moved to He charged the present government strike out the words "a minister of the

and previous ones with neglecting the Gospel." reason for striking out these words. In Victoria city elaimed liberal consider-many instances a justice of the peace and amend the law for preventing frauds upon creditors by secret bills of sale of personal chattels was considered, and the further consideration of the report was adjourned.

The report on the bill to provide for the registration of companies mortagages was further considered, and the registration of companies mortagages was further considered, and the registration of companies mortagages was further considered, and the re-

is considered that this property has never | would be better especially for the workcontributed a cent of revenue to the city, ing men. but has cost the taxpayers a large amount of money in different ways, also on the Attorney-General's amendment, that the property has derived its value

entirely at the expense of the city, he contended that no fair-minded man would ion bell. This was done, when Mr. Macdeny that Victoria had a just claim. He hoped to see the city's interests secured as not in order. The Attorney-General by the bill, and a goodly portion of the lands conserved for Victoria's benefit. the Premier held, that while it might not be strictly in order it was the practicee. in the bill, and a goodly portion of the lands conserved for Victoria's benefit. Innes putting all in the best of temper

The committee rose and reported pro He did not teel like putting such a gress, askink leave to sif again. valuable piece of property as this in the Explosives.

On the second reading of the bill re-After waiting for some time to was distributed.

Mr. Oliver wanted the scope of the why this course was pursued, which may be explained later. He had bill explained.

The Attorney-General said that the object of the bill was to enable the asylogic of the bill was to protect life and property. It was provided that the date of manufacture and sale of the bill was been surprised at Mr. Munro's uneasiness because he stood of weakening our educational system?

He had not been surprised at Mr. Munro's uneasiness because he stood of weakening our educational system?

He wished that the date of having stolen a High school which Chilliwack was not entitled to.

Since 1872 the history of education as the process by even the friends of the government.

W. C. Wells held that a process was any bill. placed on the package. Some of these might be divided into two equal parts. did not think it was right to delegate to was to the advantage of both the mine part in the initiating of the system in upon the rural constituencies. The gov-

The bill passed its second reading: The House adjourned until to-morrow. Questions.

Mr. Murphy on Wednesday next will ask the Minister of Finance: 1. Was an order-in-council ever passed by the provincial executive fixing the assessment of certain lands in the provnce at a fixed value? 2. If the answer be yes, is such order-

n-council still in force, and what land does it affect? Mr. Murphy on Wednesday next will ask the Minister of Mines:

1. Is there a clause in all mining

leases, that no Chinese be employed in the working of same? 2. If not, since what date has such a clause been inserted, and has it been inserted in all leases issued since said

3. Does the employment of Chinese in the working of a lease containing such a clause work a forfeiture of the lease. 4. If the answer to No. 3 be yes, what proof and procedure is necessary to make such forfeiture effective? 5. How many (a) hydraulic. (b) creek

(c) dredging leases, have been cancelled in Cariboo district during the year 1904? 6. How many of each class of leases mentioned in question 5 hereof are still in existence in Cariboo district? 7. Is it the intention of the government

to lessen miring lease rentals and water rates? 8. What reason had the government provisions of this bill come into force for asking G. E. Stephenson, clerk in the mining recorder's office, at Quesnel

9. What became of this reason, later on, when he was reinstated?

Victoria, March 7th. The school bill passed its second reading to-day, the amendment of R. Hall the bill, which has been in preparation for nearly a week, and which was await-House as the crushing blow to the opon the first the first the property was assessed at the first the property was followed.

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The first the property was assessed at the fir Premier McBride moved the adjourn- signal errors in preparing the bill, and dollar was ready to back down. J. A. Macdonald's address, which followed, was in every way a well-timed reproof to the nent for its lack of business ability. W. C. Wells and Dr. King contributed good criticisms of the govern ment measure. J. H. Hawthornthwaite the bill to incorporate the British-Can-adian Fire Insurance Company. words he expressed his joy at again sup-porting his leader. Following this he oured out a venomous attack upon the atory references to Premier McBride

and his perfect government.

The Songhees Reserve Bill came up for discussion also. Premier McBride practically told the city council and people of Victoria to keep out of the question and leave the settlement to the government and the Indians. 'Mr. Macdonald delegate to the government duties which belonged to the legislature.

Prayers were read by Rev. J. P. Hicks. Petitions.

The following petitions were laid on others, residents of Fernie; by Dr. King, from James Gill and others, residents of Cranbrook: by W. C. Wells, from W. deceased workman, free from debts of P. Emons and others, residents of Wilmer and Canterbury; by John Houston, from T. G. Proctor and others, residents mendment that the wages for six of Nelson, and from Arthur O'Kell and government should have had the manliothers, residents of Creston, all asking T. W. Paterson suggested that in ex- for amendments to the Game Act. The petition from Thos. Hall and

> corporate the Sumas Development Com-Questions and Answers. Mr. Brown asked the Provincial Secreary the following questions: 1. Did the government receive a request during the summer of 1904 to aplocality in Greenwood riding? 2. Were fence viewers appointed in

"1. Yes. "3. Answered by No. 2.

Land Registry Bill.

Land Registry Act and amending Acts was further considered and adjourned. Travellers Bill. The hill for licensing commercial travellers was reported and the report adopt-

Nelson City Bill. The report on the bill to aid the municipality of the city of Nelson was adopt-

New School Bill. F. Carter-Cotton, on the adjourned debate on the school bill, said that the opposition members did not seem to have the levity of Mr. Oliver over this bill. lent results.

The member for Delta had ridiculed section 90 of the act. With one exception the provisions of the section were the eleven years Mr. Oliver had as secretary signed a schedule similar to that which was now proposed.

In reply to Mr. Oliver, he admitted that the declaration of the trustees before a J. P. was not necessary under the old act.

Vancouver had taken an active part in necessities of the province. the agitation for decentralization. In 1891 the cities of Victoria, Vancou-

ver; New Westminster and Nanaimo not change the free system of the schools. The rural sections of the province he in the school administration if given a far it should not be continued.

Share in its maintenance. In assisted He referred to W. J. Bowser's chal-

of a school giving a salary of \$600 a life which might follow. year, \$450 would be given as a grant by the government. In addition to this tions. No district, he thought, would object to paying \$150 and the small cost

of keeping the school running.

"Was that the policy of your party?"

The government would be prepared to asked Premier McBride. meet the objection with respect to colecting the rates by which in municipalities the municipal assessor would collect it, and in other parts the government ssessor would be charged with collecting these rates.

At the present time the taxation was very unfair. He instanced Delta as having contributed only \$9,853 to the government, while the current expenses for school purposes were \$22,878. The Superintendent of Education in-

the present state there would be required only \$4,545. Mr. Oliver wanted to know what would be the cost of raising this sum.

Mr. Carter-Cotton said that if the would be little additional cost. Mr. Oliver said this was not according to the bill as introduced. The memintroduced.

dollar.

There had been a strong objection in

W. Ross, upon Mr. Wells resuming bill. The well-being of the province the province to permitting of clergymen

acting on boards. The government would consent to allowing an amendment of this kind introduced in committee. There would be some rearrangement of school districts necessary in connection delivered a speech in which in a few with the bill. These were matters of detail and did not affect the proincipal of

He wanted all partizanship wiped Liberal members, interspersed with laud- away in passing this bill. It would be wise in the interests of the education of the province to pass the bill without dis-

cussion.

J. A. Macdonald said he was glad that at last the President of the Council had spoken. This was his first speech this session of a member of the government who had been appointed since last the expressed himself as unprepared to House met. Mr. Carter-Cotton now proposed an entirely different bill from that introduced. It was quite apparent that the efforts of the opposition members had had an effect upon the government and the bill had been remodelled. the bill passed committee it would be in an entirely different form from that the table:

By W. Ross, from Alfred Stork and opposition would be due the credit for putting it in shape.

This bill was intended to shirk an item of expenditure of about \$100,000. The government had failed to discover a method of raising revenue except by direct taxation. That being the case the The government took a course some

others, opposing the private bill to inwhat similar to that which our ancestors did in testing whether or not a woman was a witch. The life had to be destroyed before the decision was reached. The government did this last year in "4. Owing to the application having for collecting the taxation, then there and manual training and the establish-been temporarily lost sight of, the ap-

The report on the bill to amend the then the measure was not necessary.

Rossland had protested against the act. present bill would not be necessary. In that city \$2,000 was required to be raised. That city had levied a 2-mill not show what they intended to substirate and yet found it impossible to meet tute for the school bill. One proposed the demands of the schools, falling be to increase the head tax. hind \$3,500 a year. This would throw the city \$5,500 behind. There was not the only Liberal member who had re the machinery provided to raise this additional money. The result would be said that some advised the increase in that Rossland would have to close its head tax as a substitute. schools for about six months in the year. Other cities would be in the same posi-

any objection to the principle of the bill bill. The system might be a proper one but only to the details. It had been evident for years that the educational evident of the principle of the bill. The system might be a proper one to adopt in old settled provinces. It was province and introduce separate schools? (Lolud government applause.) system of the province needed change, cause it had never been adopted. The The government therefore took no credit system adopted here had worked satisto itself for this bill. He was pained at factorily and had accomplished excel they went to the country, but he would

The cost of education in the province was less than double the average cost elsewhere in the Dominion and less than same as those in the present act. For half the cost in Manitoba. Compare the cost of the administration of justice where it was five times in British Colum-would not be in the interests of educabia what it was elsewhere in the Dominion. Civil government cost nine times as much as in the rest of the provinces. In view of this, why did the government not attempt to make retrench- the country on account of the increased

with old age became very dangerous. It In 1888 he had himself taken an active necessary on account of the burden put W. C. Wells held that a protest was owner and workman that this should be stalled in 1891. Up to that time the ernment had not adopted the proper school system was highly centralized. course in relieving the Finance Minister Not even a box of chalk could not be of the difficulties he had to face. He had bought for a school without the consent expected Mr. Carter-Cotton would have of the educational office at Victoria. shown a better method of meeting the

The rural sections had been deriving a large share from the government in were given a share in the support of the tem. They did not readily fall in with schools. The system now proposed did a change. It might be said that this was sentiment, but sentiment played an im-The rural sections of the province he felt would become much more interested system established, it was a question how

schools the teachers' salaries would be lenge to take the responsibility for this paid as at present. The schools would measure. This question of responsibility only have to pay the cost of expenses, was a very open one, and he illustrated The change would not affect the efficiit by a scene at the launching of a ship ency of the schools. Even in the case to take the responsibility for all loss of

Reference has been made to the govthe government would pay \$150 more to for school purposes. The government played a very important part in the ernment's intention to set apart lands of the Songhees Indian reserve had had let the very best chance go by for affairs of the city of Victoria of late. that, namely, in the case of the lands There had been a tendency to try to put of Southeast Kootenay.

> "I think I figured pretty prominently in saying those lands to the province," replied Mr. Wells, and continuing, he said he would have seen that they were properly handled. Those lands, if they had been properly handled, would have done away with the need of any increased taxation. He knew of one company which had offered \$2,000,000 for only a part of these lands.

"Was that not the C. P. R.?" asked formed him that in Delta, in order to keep the efficiency of the schools up to these would be re-Mr. Hawthornthwaite.
"No," replied Mr. Wells. "It had no-

municipality collected the rates there Billys and others who had to be satisfied. Gowing to the guerring to the rates and the Indians themselves Coming to the question of higher edu-cation, Mr. Wells said that under our system a child's public school education the settlement should be left to the three closed when the pupil was about 13 or parties concerned. Only those charged different standpoint from which it was not to be expected to leave school.

14 years of age. At that age the pupil was not to be expected to leave school.

> his seat, rose to a point of order. He would be served in doing this, and the said that he had been informed that a government would take into personal allusion had been made to himself by Mr. Wells with respect to the coal lands in Southeast Kootenay. He coal lands in Southeast Kootenay. wanted to say that if reference was the proximity of the city of Victoria and made to himself he had no connection

did he expect to have any. Mr. Wells explaining, said that he had made no persona! ailusion, but simply in a general way. If the cap fitted, however, he could wear it.

was remembered that he was dismissed this question out of party politics. The the province ever had." The Speaker held that Mr. Wells had

used unparliamentary language.

Mr. Wells said that he had intended only in a joking way, but if his was. After reading the opinion given by inguage was unparliamentary he was W. J. Taylor he came to the conclusion only too glad to withdraw his language. that this was necessary. The leader of the opposition then urged that the language of the member speaking from the standpoint of the genfor Fernie had been entirely unparliaentary, and should be withdrawn.

language, which first occurred to him. He withdrew the expression.

his methods of reasoning. honest in this matter. There was a debt of \$11,000,000 for which the present

tribution, then why was the bill intro- comprehensive bill introduced for the duced? If it increased the machinery province so as to provide for technical of a year.

pointments have not yet been made. The been urged that tural districts would Farther, Mr. Hawthornthwaite

bear the great burden. It was announc- charged the Liberal party with being ed that this was not the case, but that directly responsible for the financial the cities would bear their share in the straits in which the province was found. increased taxation. If this were true If the Ottawa government gave back the \$14,000,000 taken from the province the

The Liberal party in the House did Mr. Macdonald, rising, explained that

ferred to this was Mr. Paterson, who The Liberal members had lauded Sir Wilfrid Laurier, said Mr. Hawthornthwaite. Would the Liberal party fol-He was opposed to the principle of the low the nefarious example of that

> Continuing further, Mr. Hawthornth waite said that he did not care when oppose the Liberal party as being against reform.

> Dr. King said that while the New Brunswick school system was a good one in New Brunswick it was not neceswould not be in the interests of educa-tion in this province that such a system should be introduced into British Columbia. The Conservative party in the House appeared to be afraid to develop expenditure which would follow. This was a false position to take. The open-ing up of the Kootenays had not resulted as they anticipated. These districts had contributed very largely to the revenues

He advised Mr. Hawthornthwaite to throw off his cloak of Socialism and cross over and take his seat among his confreres. (Opposition applause.) This bill was being opposed even by strong Conservatives, who would oppose the

The motion for the six months' hoist was put and defeated by a vote of 23 to 17. The division was as follows: Yeas-Messrs. McInnes, Drury, King, Brown, McNiven, Murphy, Jones, Evans, Tanner, Oliver, J. A. Macdonald, Henderson, Munro, Paterson, Wells, Hall and Cameron.

Nays-Messrs. Davident, Hawthornth. waite, Williams, Tatlow, McBride, Wilson, Cotton, Ellison, Clifford, Bowser, Fraser, Ross, A. McDonald, Green, Fulton, Garden. Taylor, Wright, Young, Gifford, Macgowan, Shatford

The bill then passed its second reading.

Reserve Bill.

On the Songhees Indian reserve bill, Premier McBride said that the problem blame upon the government in this matfer. There could be nothing done until the Indians were induced to peacefully remove from the lands. It was useles

would not stand for that. He understood that owing to influences having been brought to bear upon these Indians it was difficult to get the consent of the Indians to remove. According to this report the Indians were expecting to receive a large sum for re-moving. On the other hand he had received reports to the effect that these people would be agreeable to removing

if a suitable place were found. Continuing, Mr. Wells said that the the city council and other bodies to take While it might be commendable for Continuing, Mr. Wells said that the government had not looked to the country's interests, perhaps because it was necessary to satisfy the Harrys, and to the control of the any part in it. In the past when efforts

made to himself he had no connection with any coal lands in that district, nor of Victoria for park and school purposes would be treated in a just way. Having in view the fact that the gov-

ernment was responsible to the people of the province, he could not accept of the ver, he could wear it.

Mr. Ross said that it ill-became the suggestions of the members for Victoria. He referred to the position taken member for Columbia to make charges by C. H. Lugrin as upholding the stand against anyone in the House, when it taken by himself. He wished to keep from "the rottenest government which successive governments had done their best to settle the question. R. Hall wanted to know if the bill was

necessary. Premier McBride said he thought it J. A. Macdonald said that he was

eral interests. This measure was only Mr. Ross said he had spoken in the heat of debate, and had used the moving the Indians. Why was it pronecessary after the Indians had been posed to put the rights the had in these lands into the hands of the J. H. Hawthornthwaite said he was government? These lands were valuable heartily in favor of the bill, and would for park, school, harbor and railway ness to announce this bill as a fiscal support it. He took exception to the terminal purposes. These lands had been ness to announce this bill as a uscal reasoning of the leader of the opposition, made valuable by the city of Victoria contending that he really endorsed all without being taxed. The Premier had the iniquities introduced into affairs by not shown any reason why the disposition of these lands should be taken from right was to be given to the government, dealing with public domain. The governoursuance of the said request?

3. If so, who were appointed?

4. If not, why not?

Hon. F. J. Fulton replied as follows:

"1, Yes.

"2 No.

"3 No.

The minister should nave taken care that there was nothing in the bill which which which which were made to improve the bill came from the Labor member. He would have liked to have seen a broad, the would have their views represented. reserve question would be settled inside.

He believed the government was the legislature and put in the hands of the Lieut-Governor-in-Council. If this The government did this last year in e case of the assessment act. Without inquiring into how its would work the bill was brought in. Immediately point fence viewers, under the "Line afterwards a commission was appointed from sufficient support. On the conreces and Water-courses Act," for any to go into the working of it. The same trary the government, he understood, was o go into the working of it. The same ourse was being pursued with this bill, about half a million dollars to the council when settling the matter. The

> He moved in amendment the follow-To strike out all the words after the