

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY

Monday, March 23rd, 1896. Mr. Speaker took the chair at two o'clock, prayers being read by Rev. J. B. Sweet.

Mr. Rogers presented two petitions from Thos. Dunn, D. McMillan and J. Applegate, praying for incorporation of the gold mining company.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE. Mr. Kellie rose to a question of privilege on the remarks of Mr. Hume in the debate on the proposed Act.

Mr. Kellie represented the said hon. member as being in favor of the proposed Act, and he said that the hon. member was in favor of the proposed Act.

PARLIAMENTARY BUILDINGS. Hon. Mr. Martin presented a return containing the correspondence relating to the payment of \$10,000 to the late Frederick Adams.

It is shown that the late Frederick Adams had been appointed as chief commissioner of lands and works.

The minister reports that the said contractor gave no bonds for the due fulfillment of his contract.

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Captain Irving rose to a question of privilege. He held in his hand a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting in Vancouver endorsing the policy of the government on the British Pacific railway.

Under the circumstances Messrs. Williams, Cotton and Macpherson, to be in accord with the views of their constituents, should come over to the government side of the house. (Laughter.)

Hon. Mr. Turner moved the following resolution: Resolved that whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove by the hand of death from our midst Mrs. Davie, wife of Hon. Theodore Davie, chief justice, and late premier of this province, the members of this legislature desire to express their deep sorrow thereat, and to extend to the bereaved husband and family heartfelt sympathy in the great loss they have sustained.

After paying a warm tribute to the estimable personal qualities of the deceased lady, Mr. Turner said he felt sure that every member of the house would join with him in an expression of sincere sorrow and sympathy with her husband, Hon. Mr. Davie, and family, in their severe loss.

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to whether the government intended to move in this direction. Hon. Mr. Turner was not at all prepared to give an answer to something sprung on him in that way.

Mr. Semlin explained that the question was sprung on the government, who must have been considering this question for some time.

Captain Irving believed in all paying their fair proportion of taxation. Mr. Walkem said that some of the coal mines at present in existence are working at a bare profit, and if this tax were put on those particular mines work it might have the effect of closing down on one mine at least and putting some 1600 or 1800 men out of work.

The amendment was carried. Mr. Turner moved to strike out section 11 and substitute the following: "The tax levied by section 8 hereof shall be due and payable on the first day of each quarter, or of such other period as the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council may by regulation determine."

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It was announced by the government that night sessions would be commenced on Thursday. Mr. Helmecken introduced an act to amend the investment and loan societies act, which was read a first time.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY

Tuesday, March 24, 1896. Mr. Speaker took the chair at two o'clock, prayers being read by Rev. J. H. Sweet.

PRACTICAL EDUCATION. Mr. Forster moved: Whereas, it is in the interest of the province in general, and of the rural districts in particular, that our agricultural population should be fitted as far as possible to carry on agriculture according to scientific methods: Therefore be it resolved that this house ask the minister of education to so arrange the curriculum of the rural schools as to give practical instruction in agricultural facts and principles.

In moving this resolution Mr. Forster had no desire to add anything to the expense of education in the rural districts. It is quite possible to give good instruction on agricultural methods without adding to the expense of the schools.

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to the Montreal Safe Deposit Company of Montreal a trust deed covering all the property real and personal, and all the franchises, rights and privileges of the said company, and the proceeds of the sale of the said bonds above mentioned, and also an additional amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of forming a sinking fund for the said bonds.

That such deed provided upon default on the part of the company in complying with all or any of the provisions of such trust deed, any number of the bondholders amounting to three-fourths of the total number of bondholders should be at liberty to insist upon a sale being made of the property of the said company under such trust deed.

Among the other conditions of the said deed it was provided that the sum of \$400,000 per annum should be paid by the said company for the purpose of forming a sinking fund for the said bonds.

The said company being in default as aforesaid under the said trust deed, all of the bondholders insisted upon the putting up of the property of the said company for sale under the provisions of the said trust deed.

The Montreal Safe Deposit Company accordingly, after public advertisement for something over six months in all the leading newspapers in Canada, proceeded to sell the property of the said company and did sell such property in or about the month of April A. D. 1895.

I am advised, and verily believe that such sale was perfectly legal and in strict accordance with the provisions of the said trust deed.

At the time of the said sale the said company was financially bankrupt being indebted to various parties in the sum of about \$430,000.

The said property of the company was sold at such sale for the sum of \$280,000; the result of such sale being that the said Bank of British Columbia alone made a loss in connection with the amount due to them by the said company of or in the neighborhood of \$80,000.

In addition to the said claim of the Bank of British Columbia against the said company, there was at the time of such sale outstanding claims to the amount of about \$100,000, no part of which was then or ever since has been paid, and for no part of which any security whatever is held by such creditors.

That although such receiver was appointed as aforesaid, in the month of August, 1895, no legal proceedings of any kind whatever, whether in the way of redemption or otherwise, have been taken by the said company or any of its shareholders to set aside such sale or to attack it in any manner whatsoever.

The only shareholders who signed the said trust deed are at all considerable shareholders in the said company, and against both of these parties there are at the present time a number of unsatisfied judgments outstanding upon which nothing whatever can be realized and the said parties are, as I verily believe, ignorant of the same.

I verily believe that the sole object of the said petition is to obstruct and interfere with the floating of the bonds issued by the Consolidated railway and light company upon the said property, and is presented to this house out of mere personal feeling only.

A validating clause, such as that contained in the present bill is a very useful one in connection with projects similar to the present, and is inserted merely for the purpose of satisfying foreign capitalists when the bonds of the present company are placed on the market, and are going to be provided further funds for developing the property of the said Consolidated railway and light company in connection with the proposed new works and improvements in the neighborhood of \$500,000.

The section was finally adopted and the committee rose at a few minutes to six.

Hon. Mr. Eberts introduced an act to amend the supreme court act, and an act respecting diking, both of which were read a first time.

NOTICES OF MOTION. Mr. Walkem—That a committee composed of Messrs. Muttar, Booth, Kennedy, Forster and the mover of this resolution be appointed to inquire into the working of the act of 1895, in respect to the scaling of logs in this province; and to report thereon to the house.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT. Mr. Sword—Is it the intention of the government to introduce legislation this session to amend the land act so as to enable the government to collect royalty on cordwood cut for sale or for fuel for smelters, concentrators or other works?

NEW LEGISLATION. The act to amend the supreme court act, introduced by Hon. Mr. Eberts, provides that when the constitutionally supreme court of British Columbia comes into question, the same shall not be adjudicated to be invalid until after notice thereof has been served upon the minister of justice for Canada and the attorney-general of British Columbia respectively.

There is also provision made for revivifying the loose state of affairs prevailing in the Frost and Falding time regarding the handling of court moneys. The act provides that the lieutenant-governor may, from time to time, appoint an accountant of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, who shall be an officer of the Supreme Court and attached thereto, and who shall have charge of all funds paid into court, or the duties of such accountant.

Money to be paid into the Supreme Court shall be paid into some incorporated bank, to be designated by the

lieutenant-governor-in-council. All moneys to be paid into court shall be accounted for as part of the revenue of the province. All moneys to be paid into court, and all balances for principal to the credit of any matter, suit or proceeding shall draw interest at the rate of three per cent. per annum from the first day of the third month after payment into court up till the first day of the month during which such moneys shall be paid out, and no interest shall be paid in respect of fractions of a month.

INVESTMENT SOCIETIES. Mr. Helmecken's bill to amend the Investment and Loan Societies act is short, and is as follows: Section 30 of the Investment and Loan Societies act is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof: "30. Every such society may take and hold any property or securities thereon, bona fide mortgaged or assigned to it, either to secure the payment of the shares subscribed for it by its members, or to assure the payment of any debts due to the said society, and may become the absolute owner thereof by foreclosure or by assignment of the equity of redemption in the mortgaged lands."

Section 32 of said act is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof: "32. In case of default being made in payment of any such sum of money secured or intended to be secured, by any deed of security taken by any such society, or any part of any such sum, for the space of three months successively after any or either of the days or times of which the same became payable, it shall be lawful for such society to offer the property comprised in any such deed of security, or any part or parts of such property, for sale by public auction or to sell the same by private contract and either together or in parcels."

Section 34 of the said act is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof: "34. Any such society may hold absolutely real estate for the purposes of its place of business, not exceeding the annual value of three thousand dollars in any one place, exclusive of the improvements which may be made by any such society thereon, and such lands as may be acquired by the society under the provisions of section 30 of the said act."

Section 50 of the said act is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof: "50. No corporation or society established under this act shall be advanced to any or either of the directors of any such society, nor to nor for his or their use, upon security or otherwise, an amount in advance of the amount due to the society, or the director or directors receiving the same shall forfeit to the society a sum equal to ten times the amount so advanced, and shall cease to be a director of such society. Provided that a member who has had an advance shall not be disqualified thereby from being elected as a director."

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY. Wednesday, March 25, 1896. Mr. Speaker took the chair at two o'clock, prayers being read by the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS. Mr. Semlin asked the hon. the minister of mines: 1. Have the Perry Creek Mining Company complied with the conditions of their lease? 2. Have any other parties applied for a lease for the same ground; and if so, has it been granted or refused? 3. If not granted, why not?

Hon. Col. Baker replied: (1) Yes; (2) yes, refused; (3) because the lease was in force.

Mr. Kellie moved the third reading of the Columbia & Western railway company's bill, and it was accordingly read a third time and passed.

The house next went into adjourned committee on the Consolidated railway bill, Mr. Smith in the chair, and reported progress after having dealt with nearly the whole of the bill.

The report on the Rossland water works bill was adopted and the San Juan water works bill was committed and progress reported.

Hon. Mr. Turner having presented a message transmitting a bill to consolidate the claims and water rights of the Cariboo Gold Fields company, the house adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION. Captain Irving—Whereas the geographical position of the Yukon country, lying to the north of the 60th parallel of latitude and to the west of the 120th degree of longitude from Greenwich, makes that country a natural dependency of British Columbia. And whereas it is desirable in the interest of the Dominion that in consequence of a large influx of population, a settled form of government should be immediately established over the above described area; therefore, be it resolved, that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor requesting that the Dominion government be at once apprised of the necessity of placing this Yukon country under the governmental control of the province, so that life and property may be protected and the revenue collected by the most effective and last expensive means.

Dr. Walkem—For the correspondence relating to the scaling of logs under the statute of 1895.

Mr. Hume—For all correspondence between the government and the C. P. R., and the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, re the latter's road entrance into the town limits of Nelson; also re town lots granted to the C. P. R. in Nelson.

CENTRAL LUMBER COMPANY. Decide Upon an Advance of 50 Cents a Thousand for the Present.

The Central Lumber Company, which includes all the shipping mills on the coast, with the possible exception of the Chemainus mill, have prepared a price list. The prices of lumber, as they are now quoted under the orders of the export prices, have been divided into three great departments. The first has reference to the export prices from the mills, the second to cargoes delivered at San Francisco, and the third to shipments made to the south coast ports. The export price has been fixed upon a basis of \$8 a thousand. This includes lumber up to lengths of forty feet. Lumber shipped in lengths longer than this is proportionately more costly. The export price includes delivery from the mill on board the ship. For San Francisco cargoes, that is for lumber delivered at that port, the price is \$11 a thousand. For all shipments to south coast ports—that is, to Southern California markets and all places below San Francisco—the price is now fixed at \$12 a thousand.

This new schedule of prices means a general advance of 50 cents a thousand in each of the three departments of the trade. The prices, as they prevail under competition and before the trust was finally organized, were \$7 and \$7.50 a thousand for exports from the mills, \$10 and \$10.50 a thousand for shipments to San Francisco, and \$11 and \$11.50 a thousand for cargoes to all ports on the south coast. The increase has been accepted by the retail dealers because resistance was absolutely out of the question.

It is not the purpose of the managers of the trust to allow the prices to remain where they are now fixed. They wish to advance the price to \$9 a thousand, and to fix the export price at \$8 a thousand, with cargoes for San Francisco schedule schedule at \$12 a thousand, and shipments for southern ports at \$13 a thousand.

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