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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

SESSION FORMALLY CLOSED ON FRIDAY

Prorogation Took Place After Supply Was Granted and Remaining Bills Assented To.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The fourth session of the ninth parliament of British Columbia, which assembled on April 2nd, terminated last night, when His Honor the Lieut.-Governor prorogued the assembly. Prorogation was not anticipated until to-day, but so marked was the progress made with the work of the House during the afternoon and so effectively had the special committee appointed for the purpose exercised unnecessary legislation that everything was disposed of before 6 o'clock.

Dissolution is expected to follow very shortly.

The whole parliament has been prolific of recriminations more than of arguments, and some of the most unfortunate incidents in the political history of this province have been included within its limits. It has witnessed the absorption of an opposition party by a government party, the birth of a new opposition led by a member of the original ministry, the dismissal of two ministers and the resignation of a third, the dismissal of a Premier, and the dissolution of the opposition party after its leader had been sent for to form a government.

It has been notorious because of the length of its third session, which extended over a period of four months, the longest in the history of British Columbia. It has witnessed unseemly scuffles on the floor of the House, and personal abuse in the debates, of a nature which reflected anything but credit on its participants.

The present session will live in history, of course because of the twin investigations which led to the disintegration and downfall of the ministry, and of the ultimate steps taken to cause a division on party lines in this province. It is perhaps the first time in which a ballot has been taken in selecting a committee as was the case when the committee to invstigate the Chimney Creek matter was appointed. It is also the first occasion on which estimates brought down by one ministry have been put through the House practically by a committee of the House composed of equal numbers from both sides.

The present House is remarkable because of the fact that it contains enough ex-premiers to form a cabinet, namely, Messrs. Martin, Semlin, Dunsmuir and Prior. Had not Mr. Turner been transferred last year to the office of Agent-General there would have been five.

When the House assembled yesterday afternoon Mr. Rogers drew attention to the petitions which he had presented a few days since respecting the crown granting of placer claims. He requested that the petitions be read.

The petitions recommended that the amendments to the mining acts as presented to the House should be favorably received. It specified that there was no reason why placer mine owners should be placed at any disadvantage as compared with the owners of mineral claims. Twenty-two such petitions were received.

Mr. Hunter pressed for an answer to the questions which he had asked yesterday as to the filling of places in the cabinet.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow said he was still unable to make any announcement. It would, he felt sure, however, be a good Conservative slate.

J. Martin could not understand how Mr. McPhillips could be asleep in his bed at night in the face of the unconstitutional proceeding by which the cabinet was left as it now was. If the Colonist of 1900 was read he would find that it was then urged that the Premier should at once fill up his cabinet.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow said he had not the advantage which Mr. Martin had as he had not read the Colonist so long.

Smith Curtis asked for the evidence respecting the Chimney Creek cable contract investigation.

Mr. Hall presented a copy.

Mr. Oliver moved that the evidence should be printed. Mr. Houston objected.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow stated that as the letter of dismissal sent by His Honor to Col. Prior had already appeared it was decided not to ask for it being brought down to the House. The government, however, was not responsible for that letter being given the papers.

Upon the question as to the printing of the evidence in connection with the Columbia & Western, Col. Prior said that it had been arranged that 1,000 extra copies should be printed.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow reported that the committee considering the estimates had decided to recommend that the supplementary estimates as brought down should be passed, and that the following bills should be proceeded with, viz.: An Act to amend the Liquor License Act, 1900, An Act to amend the South African War Land Grant Act, 1901, and An Act to amend the Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act, 1902.

H. B. Gilmour asked why the amendment promised to the Coast-Kootenay Railroad Act and the Vernon & Midway Railroad Act had been passed over.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow said that it was something which involved the question of railway policy, and the government did not propose to commit itself, although not necessarily in hostility to these measures.

Mr. Martin thought the procedure in connection with this matter absurd. The committee recommended that the supplementary estimates be passed as brought down. But these had not been brought down. The government had relegated its powers to this committee. It was a most unconstitutional proceeding. The government had abrogated its functions and committed it to this committee. He felt like proposing that all the functions of government should be placed in the hands of this committee. The House might as well be dissolved.

R. Hall wanted to know if any salary was attached.

Mr. Martin said that he did not think that they were entitled to any greater salary than Hon. Mr. Tatlow, who was working for nothing.

J. Houston contended that the work might not be exactly constitutional. There had been a lot of work of that character done in the last four years. The committee had worked honestly and well, and had accomplished in two days more than the late government had done in a year.

Proceeding to the orders of the day the question of estimates was considered. These considered in committee yesterday were taken as read and passed.

An Act to amend the Liquor Licence Act, 1900, was re-committed with Mr. Neill in the chair. The bill was reported complete with amendment and passed its third reading.

An Act to amend the South African War Land Grant Act, 1901, passed its third reading.

An Act to amend the Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act, 1902, was committed with Mr. Rogers in the chair. The bill was reported complete without amendment and passed its third reading.

A return of the name and addresses of all salaried officials was presented by Hon. Mr. Tatlow.

Col. Prior pressed for the passing of An Act to amend the Bureau of Mines Act, 1895. There was no question of policy involved in it. It simply gave the Deputy Minister of Mines the authority over the correspondence of the department.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow said he could not depart from the arrangement of leaving all these recommendations in the hands of the committee.

A message from His Honor was received transmitting the supplementary estimates for the year ending June 30th, 1904.

Upon the motion to go into committee on this, Mr. Curtis brought to the attention of the House that Southern British Columbia was suffering from a lack of coke. It would mean that if the coke supply at a reasonable rate was supplied that the output of the minerals would be much increased. He urged that the Crow's Nest Coal Company should be kept up to the agreement entered into with the government, by which an adequate supply of coke should be furnished. The coal company was liable to a fine of $2 per ton for the shortage. He asked leave to introduce the two resolutions on the order paper in his name after supply should be voted. If the government opened coal mines there was a wide market for it. The Granby smelter was contemplating opening up coal measures in the Northwest Territory and produce coke for use in their smelter and in other works. He wished the government to take precautions in the way of opening up measures in their own province. He protested against the cutting off in the estimates of $14,500 promised to the Rossland riding as promised by the Prior government. The grant of $15,000 to the Rossland riding helped to bear out the contention that the government of British Columbia discriminated against the mining industry of the province. That district produced 60 per cent. of the metalliferous output of the province. The $14,500 promised by the Prior government would have opened up three new camps. He put the blame not upon the new government, but upon the committee which had had this in hand.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow alluded to the fact that there was need of care in the finances as under the head of timber licenses he could not expect that the returns would be as estimated. The new act providing for the payment of $150 for special survey would make the cost of a timber license really $250 instead of $100, which would deter many from speculating.

The House went into committee to consider the supplementary estimates with Mr. Hunter in the chair.

Upon the vote of $2,000 for contingent fund, Mr. Martin wanted to know what this was for.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow said he believed it was for the Columbia & Western investigation.

Mr. Martin wanted to know if the province was to pay for counsel in that matter. Mr. Wells had had a special counsel. That man appeared for no one but Mr. Wells. If the present government endorsed this they would be held responsible.

Mr. Wells said that he had, when he proposed to have counsel, spoken to the Premier. It was then told him by the Premier that that gentleman was to be paid by the government.

Mr. Martin held this made it all the worse. Mr. McCaul appeared for the Chief Commissioner only. Mr. Duff acted for the people and was entitled to be paid by the province. But counsel appearing for one member of the government was an entirely different thing. Mr. Wells was not more attacked than any other member of the government. Why should the province pay for counsel to show that one member of the government was right and throw the blame upon another member, the Attorney-General? Mr. McCaul was there to put one member in a good light and put another in a bad light. This was an outrage to ask the province to pay for this. What interest had the people in it? He hoped the new government would not endorse such a payment.

J. Oliver said that his instructions to Mr. Duff were to bring out the facts. It was not to commit any member of the government in particular to any complicity in the matter.

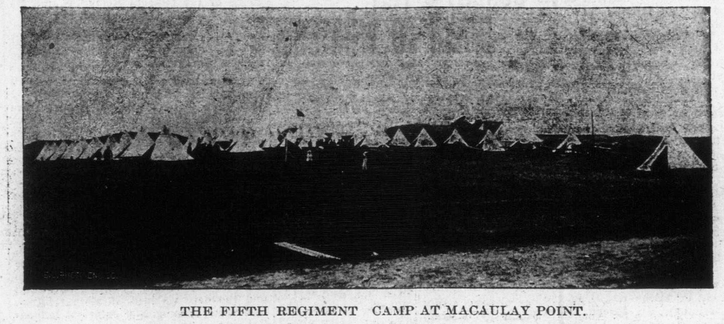
The item passed.

Mr. Helmcken, upon the item of additional superannuation, pressed upon the government the need of reducing this to a system and introducing a civil service act.

In explanation of the $20,000 grant to the Vancouver General hospital, Hon. Mr. Tatlow said that this was conditional. There was to be $30,000 raised for this institution. The city was then to give $50,000, which would be supplemented by $20,000 from the province.

H. D. Helmcken wanted to see hospitals encouraged in outlying districts. This was an important matter. He wished that this should be reduced to a system.

Mr. Martin agreed that it should be so arranged that aid should be given to all these on a regular system independent of the pull of the member.



THE FIFTH REGIMENT CAMP AT MACAULAY POINT.

Col. Prior wanted to know if it had not been a mistake to have passed over an estimate for a trail on Vancouver Island, as proposed by Mr. Paterson. He proposed that a trail should be opened from Cowichan to Comox. He thought that $15,000 should be granted to this. He had hoped the government would have made such a grant. If it was impossible now to get it on the estimates he hoped that that work should commence.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow alluded to the need of retrenchment.

Col. Prior thought this was not carried out by the government. They added thousands of dollars to other ridings, but nothing for this Island.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite wondered at the anxiety of Col. Prior at this stage. His government had not hitherto shown any anxiety in this respect.

"Why did you not come and ask for it?" said Col. Prior, "the member on your left (Mr. Neill) came and asked for it."

"And he did more, he promised to support the government, which I could not do," returned Mr. Hawthornthwaite.

"I would sooner go out of power than depend upon your support," said Col. Prior.

"I would never support such a government," returned Mr. Hawthornthwaite. He wanted to know why the estimates, as prepared by the Prior government, had not contained this. There was need of a trail from Nanaimo to Alberni through the rich mineral district.

Mr. Neil pointed out that the Prior government had not been asked for a trail in time to have it provided for in the main estimates. Col. Prior's government had promised it would be dealt with in the supplementary.

Mr. Stables said he had been promised $6,000 by the government, which he asked for in connection with opening a trail along the waterways in his district. He pointed out the importance of this. He showed that for several months in the spring of the year mail carriers and travellers had to go partially by ice and partially by land. He alluded to the loss of life last year of two mail carriers. The work was a necessity.

Mr. Helmcken favored both the votes to the Vancouver Island trails and that proposed by Mr. Stables.

Mr. Paterson alluded to the Vancouver Island trails proposal.

On the vote of $10,000 for the purchase of Songhees reserve, Mr. Helmcken expressed his satisfaction at this step having been taken. He was glad that Col. Prior's government had taken this matter up. He wanted the new government to take this up determinedly and settle the question. He hoped to see the removal of the Indians accomplished.

C. Semlin hoped to see this Songhees reserve matter removed from the politics of this province. For thirty years it had been before the House.

The supplementary estimates were reported complete and adopted, as follows:

YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1903.

Legislation.	
Contingent fund (additional to $1,500 voted)	$ 2,000 00
Hospitals and Charities.	
Grant in aid of hospitals (additional to $62,500 voted)	2,700 00
In aid of resident physician, Windermere (re-vote)	150 00
Education.	
Inspection of schools, travelling expenses (additional to $3,400 voted)	500 00
Public Works.	
Works and Buildings—	
Purchase of building and equipments for Horsefly Mining Recorder's Office	579 60
Surveys—	
Surveys throughout the province (additional to $11,000 voted)	1,000 00
Miscellaneous.	
Destruction of wolves, panthers and coyotes (additional to $5,500 voted)	1,250 00
Expenses of committee appointed to effect settlement of strike at Fernie (additional to $2,160 voted)	490 00
Gratuity to widow of the late H. K. Dunn, Vancouver	240 00
Gratuity to widow of the late D. Irwin, Victoria	345 00
Gratuity to widow of the late C. Booth, Victoria	450 00
Allowance to superintendent of reformatory on his retirement	270 00
Grand total	$ 9,974 00

YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1904.

Legislation.	
Indemnity to Members (additional to $30,400 voted)	$ 3,200 00
Mileage (additional to $5,200 voted), approximately	1,000 00
Registration of voters, preparation and printing of new lists (additional to $2,500 voted)	12,500 00
Expenses of elections (additional to $1,000 voted)	19,000 00
Hospitals and Charities.	
Grant in aid of resident physician, 150-Mile House (additional to $300 voted)	200 00
Grant in aid of resident physician, Creston	500 00
Grant in aid of resident physician, Herriot Bay	500 00
Grant in aid of resident physician, Camborne	300 00
Grant to Vancouver general hospital (conditional)	20 000 00
Grant to Ymir hospital, towards construction	2,000 00
Grant to Vernon hospital, towards improvements and repairs, including septic tank	700 00
Grant to Kaslo hospital, for furniture	500 00
Education.	
Inspection of schools (additional to $9,620 voted), superintendent of manual training schools	1,590 00
Teachers' salaries and incidental expenses (additional to $249,030 voted)	4,980 00
Teachers' Salaries and Incidental Expenses—	
Armstrong, principal (additional to salary) 12 months to 30th June, 1904, at $5 per month	60 00
Barnston Island, monitor, at $40 per month	480 00
Barnston Island, incidental expenses	40 00
Chilliwack High school, principal, 12 months, to 30th June, 1904, at $100	1,200 00
Chilliwack High school, incidental expenses	40 00
Galena, monitor, 12 months, to 30th June, 1904, at $50	600 00
Galena, incidental expenses	50 00
Lotbiniere, teacher, 12 months, to 30th June, 1904, at $50	600 00
Lotbiniere, incidental expenses	40 00
Rosebery, monitor, 12 months, to 30th June, 1904, at $50	600 00
Rosebery, incidental expenses	50 00
Warm Spring, monitor, 12 months, to 30th June, 1904, at $50	600 00
Warm Spring, incidental expenses	50 00
Wellington, North, monitor, 12 months, to 30th June, 1904, at $40	480 00
Wellington, North, incidental expenses	40 00
Public Works.	
Works and Buildings—	
Provincial Home, Kamloops, (additional to $300 voted)	750 00
Government House, Victoria (additional to $10,000 voted)	4,000 00
Lock-up and court house, Clayoquot	500 00
Vault for Trout Lake office	800 00
High school, Vernon	5,000 00
Roads, Streets, Bridges and Wharves—	
Westminster District, Richmond Riding (additional to $5,000 voted)	5,000 00
Westminster District, Dewdney Riding (additional to $4,000 voted)	7,500 00
Westminster District, Chilliwack Riding (additional to $3,000 voted)	3,000 00
Westminster District, Delta Riding (additional to $4,000 voted). (Westminster and Ladner road, conditional on New Westminster city contributing $2,000)	6,000 00
Road, Vancouver to Eburne	1,000 00
Road, Lumby to Monashee mines (extension)	5,000 00
Road, West Fork, Kettle river, to Carmin	7,000 00
Road, Ashcroft to Highland Valley	3,500 00
Wharves generally (additional to $4,500 voted), Ruckle's wharf, Beaver Point (conditional)	400 00
Ferry subsidy, Lytton (construction $450, and operating $500)	950 00
Ferry subsidy Pitt river	600 00
Aid to steamboat service, Revelstoke to Death Rapids	2,500 00
Miscellaneous.	
Travelling library (additional to $500 voted)	750 00
Agricultural societies (additional to $4,750 voted)	1,200 00
Central Park Agricultural Society	400 00
In aid of Farmers' Institutes (additional to $4,250 voted)	750 00
Poultry shows (additional to $300 voted)	300 00
Purchase of Songhees Reserve	10,000 00
Young Women's Christian Association, Vancouver	1,500 00
Nelson Mineral and Agricultural Society	2,000 00
Superannuation—J. Mellon and A. O'Connor, each $25 per month	600 00
Immigration (additional for administration of "British Columbia Immigration Act, 1903.")	2,000 00
Grand total	$139,830 00

Note.—Under authority of "Shuswap Railway Guarantee Act, 1890," and "Nakusp & Slocan Railway Aid Act, 1894."—Provision for paying interest on Shuswap & Okanagan, and Nakusp & Slocan railway bonds, in excess of earnings (approximately) $ 50,000 00

The House again going into committee granted the necessary supply to His Majesty and the estimates were finally passed.

An Act to amend the Bureau of Mines Act, 1895, was committed, with Mr. Taylor in the chair, all the members of the committee having been agreeable to this. The committee rose and reported the bill complete, which passed its third reading.

Mr. Curtis, before the House prorogued, explained that his remarks a few days ago had been reported in various newspapers to the effect that he had said that the Canada Northern bill had the word "steal" written across it. He had referred to the Coast-Kootenay Railway bill, and still held that that measure had the word "steal" written across it. He made this explanation in order to clear a misapprehension which might exist as to the former Chief Commissioner. That gentleman in connection with the Columbia & Western investigation had, to his mind, made it clear that he was not actuated by any sordid motives. What had been done by him in that matter had been for political reasons, apparently, and not for personal gain.

This completed the business of the session, and at 6:15 His Honor the Lieut.-Governor arrived and assented to the following bills:

An Act to amend the Liquor License Act, 1900; An Act to amend Chapter 71 cited as Special Surveys Act, 1899; An Act to incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay; An Act to amend the Nicola, Kamloops & Similkameen Coal & Railway Company's Act, 1891; An Act to incorporate the Kootenay Development & Tramway Company; An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act; An Act to amend the Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act, 1902; An Act to amend the Companies Winding Up Act, 1898; An Act to amend the Police & Prisons Regulation Act; An Act to incorporate the Port Simpson General Hospital; An Act to amend the New Westminster Act, 1888; An Act to amend the South African War Land Grant Act, 1901; An Act to incorporate the Kootenay Central Railway Company; An Act relating to the Vancouver General Hospital; An Act to amend the Bureau of Mines Act, 1895; and An Act to Authorize the Corporation of the City of Victoria to Grant Exemption of Taxation and Water Rates to Aid in the Establishment and Construction of a Tourists' Hotel in the City of Victoria.

The latter came very nearly being passed over after the rest of them had been announced. Mr. Helmeken noticed it in time and brought it to attention.

Speaker Pooley then acquainted His Honor with the fact that supply had been granted, and presented a copy of the supply bill, to which His Honor assented.

His Honor thereupon read the following message:

"Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

"I note that several measures of importance have been passed by you during the currency of the present session.

"It has afforded me much pleasure to know that definite steps have been taken towards the settlement of the Alaska boundary question, and that the legal profession of this province will be represented among the counsel retained by the Dominion of Canada.

"It is also gratifying to know that greatly increased attention on the part of prospective settlers to Canada has been directed to British Columbia, and that there has been a considerable number of arrivals during the present season.

"I thank you for the liberal supplies granted to His Majesty.

"In relieving you from further attendance, it is with the sincere hope that the results of your deliberations may prove of lasting benefit to the province."

The House being formally prorogued, the members rose and sang "God Save the King."

DEATH OF JOSHUA DAVIES.

One of Victoria's Pioneers Passed Away Friday Afternoon at the Jubilee Hospital.

The death of Joshua Davies, one of the best known citizens of Victoria, occurred on Friday at the Jubilee hospital. For some time past the deceased has been confined to the hospital, his death resulting from heart trouble.

Mr. Davies was born in Sydney, Australia, and was 57 years of age. He moved with his father to California, and from there came to this province in 1860. He took an active interest in the business carried on by his father, and upon his death took over the auction business, which the deceased has carried on ever since.

For years he was a director of the Jubilee hospital, and was at one time the president of the board. He always took a deep interest in that institution, and was prominently identified with the Royal hospital, out of which the present institution grew.

The deceased was also a very prominent Odd Fellow, having been a past noble grand of the order.

He leaves a sister, Mrs. Sylvester, and three brothers, Henry, David and Phillip, all residents of this city.

PILL-FAME.—10 cents a vial for Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills would not make them the fame they enjoy to-day if the curative powers were not in them. Worth will get to the top and that accounts for the wonderful demand for these little gems. They positively cure Constipation, Billiousness, Sick Headache. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—149.

The London Daily Mail's correspondent at Cairo learns that the opening of the Assuan dam has resulted in doubling of the Nile's summer supply on which the cotton and sugar crops depend.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND INTERIOR MAYORS

Representatives of Nelson, Grand Forks and Kaslo Shake Hands With the President at Spokane.

"Mr. President: Our people send greetings and their respects to you. They wish for Mrs. Roosevelt, yourself and family long life and much happiness. We hope that you may long continue to preside over your people, for we believe you are a wise and just President."

This was John Dean's message to President Roosevelt at Spokane on Tuesday, where Mr. Dean was present in his official capacity as mayor of Rossland. The President's response was:

"Thank you! thank you! thank you!"

Mayor Dean returned to Rossland last night, having enjoyed his outing at Spokane immensely, having been royally entertained and deeply and sincerely impressed with the idea that the present executive head of the United States of America is a great man and gracious. Furthermore, Mayor Dean believes that the people of Spokane are a splendid lot, and that Mayor Boyd, Hon. George A. Turner and L. G. Munroe, secretary of the reception committee, are a trio that would be difficult to outclass.

British Columbia was represented at President Roosevelt's Spokane reception by Mayor Dean of Rossland, Mayor Archer of Kaslo and Mayor Burrell of Grand Forks. All three were provided with seats on the speaker's platform quite close to the President's chair. When Mr. Roosevelt came on the platform the first courtesies were for some old personal friends who were present. Then Senator Turner introduced the Kootenay mayors. Mr. Archer came first, and he reminded the President of a big game expedition into the Kootenays some years ago, which Mr. Roosevelt remembered fully and recalled with interest. Then Mayor Dean's turn came, and the conversation already given followed. Mayor Dean held the President's hand for a moment as he spoke the few sentences quoted, and the President in responding grasped Mayor Dean's hand in both of his.

"You have a large number of friends on our side of the line, Mr. President," said Mayor Burrell, of Grand Forks, "and I should like to assure you that we highly appreciate this opportunity of saying so. May I add that the sentiments on citizenship you have thrown broadcast in so vigorous a way on this trip have evoked a hearty response on our side."

Mr. Roosevelt smiled and said emphatically: "It's only ordinary decency that I have urged."

Speaking generally to the trio, the President expressed his appreciation of the courtesy extended to him by their presence, remarking that the Mayor of Victoria had come to see him on the coast and he valued the compliment.

Mayor Dean says the arrangements for the President's reception were perfect, and the only really serious disappointment in connection with the function was the President's failure to address the school children massed in one of the parks.

President Roosevelt has won at least one staunch admirer in Rossland in the person of His Worship. Mayor Dean is indelibly impressed with the President's sincerity, his remarkable personality—virile and strong—and his unfailing good humor and graciousness under all circumstances. As a speaker, Mayor Dean says the President eschews rhetorical flights, confining himself to the simpler language that is grasped and digested at once by mixed audiences, but which is rendered efficacious by the earnestness and, at times, vehemence which accompanies it. —Rossland Miner.

"THE ASSESSMENT ACT."

Extract From Amending Enactment Recently Passed—Time For Filing Affidavits.

The Times has received the following from the secretary of the Provincial Mining Association:

Dear Sir:—The executive committee wish that the utmost publicity be given to the following extracts from the act just passed amending the "Assessment Act." Particular reference is to the date (June 30th), when time for filing affidavits of work expires, and to the provisions for exemption from taxation where work is done upon one or more of a group.

"Assessment Act Amendment Act, 1903."

Sec. 6 (amending old Sec. 19).—"Provided, however, that if the owner of any such claim shall establish, to the satisfaction of the assessor, that the sum of two hundred dollars has been expended upon such claim in mining development work during the year preceding the date when the tax becomes payable, then the tax shall not be levied in respect thereof; and in order to entitle the owner to benefit by this provision he must produce to the assessor a detailed statement showing the nature of the work performed and the amount expended upon said claim, duly sworn to as true and correct, before the assessor or a justice of the peace, and this statement must be filed with the assessor on or before the said 30th day of June in each and every year in which he claims exemption from the tax.

"Provided further, that any owner of adjoining crown granted mineral or placer claims, not exceeding eight in number of such claims, shall be allowed to perform in mining development work during the year preceding the date when the tax becomes payable, upon any one or more of such adjoining claims the full value, at the rate of two hundred dollars per claim, to entitle all of such claims to exemption in lieu of the tax, but subject, however, to said owner producing to the assessor a detailed statement showing the nature of the work performed and the amount expended, duly sworn to as true and correct, before the assessor or a justice of the peace, which statement shall be filed with the assessor on or before the said 30th day of June in each and every year."

Yours faithfully,
A. L. BELYEA,
Secretary.

VICTORIA-SEATTLE SERVICE.

Pacific Coast Steamship Co. Have a Four-Hour Vessel in View For Run.

J. F. Lawless, general manager of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, and B. W. Greer, C. P. R. freight agent at Vancouver, came over from Seattle Friday morning and are at the Driard.

Asked on Friday regarding the proposed service between Victoria and Seattle, which the Pacific Coast Company contemplated giving, Mr. Lawless said that the project had by no means been abandoned. The whole question was now before the directors of his company with his recommendation on the matter, and while it was possible his company would acquire a steamer for the route, it would be probable that a vessel would have to be built specially for the run. The matter, he added, could be easily arranged, if instead of insisting on the steamer coming into the inner harbor the merchants of this city would permit her to berth at the outer wharf.

The kind of steamer which the company have in view for this city would be of such a size that she could not conveniently be run in and out of the harbor. She would be essentially a passenger steamer and nominally a freight carrier, for the latter feature of the Sound business the company does not regard as the most important by any means. In short Mr. Lawless said that the steamer his company had in view would be able to make the run between this city and Seattle in four hours.

As for the San Francisco service he had nothing to add, beyond what has already been published.

DELAYS IN MAILS

Considered By Board of Trade Council in Session Friday Morning.

A meeting of the council of the board of trade was held this morning, there being a fair attendance.

Among the matters taken under consideration was the delayed mails from the north to Victoria, the Princess May having left northern mails at Vancouver which were delivered here the following day.

Mr. Murray, of the postal department, was present and explained how the delay had occurred, and the board has the assurance that such inconvenience will be provided against in the future.

Attention was also directed to there being no eastern mail delivered in Victoria this morning, although newspapers were received.

Mr. Murray said he had telegraphed Vancouver in this connection, and until getting a reply was not in a position to offer any explanation. An envelope which contained a letter posted at Honolulu, which had gone on to Vancouver and returned from there, was presented. He stated that his department could not be responsible for this, as the mistake was made at Honolulu in putting the letter in question in the wrong mail bag. He, however, promised to take the matter up with the proper authorities.

The council passed the following resolution:

"The Victoria Board of Trade hereby requests the post office department to provide for the conveyance of mail by the Victoria Terminal Railway & Ferry to and from points on the lower Fraser valley, which can be reached more readily thereby than by the present route via Vancouver."

The question of an amendment to the Bills of Sale Act was introduced. The Vancouver board had petitioned that the time of registration in cities be reduced from 21 days to 3 days. Members of council while considering this a move in the right direction were not prepared to deal with the matter, being of the opinion that more radical changes were necessary. As there was no particular hurry it was proposed to consider the matter thoroughly at the next monthly meeting.

FLOOD AT PORTLAND.

Lower Docks Are Under Water—Warning Enables Owners to Care for Property.

Portland, Ore., June 4.—The Willamette river rose this afternoon at the rate of an inch an hour, and by nightfall had covered nearly all the lower docks in the city.

Owing to the timely warning given by the weather bureau dock managers had made all necessary preparations, and none were caught unawares. To-morrow the river steamers will land and embark passengers from upper docks or from improvised stagings.

The grain docks, in the lower part of the harbor, Mersey, Greenwich and Columbia, are higher than the steamboat docks further upstream, but at the rate the river is now coming up they will be under water in another twenty-four hours. The grain companies are ready for the freshet, having moved their stocks of wheat to the upper floors.

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