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The House resumed at 8 o'clock, and went into committee to consider the Vancouver City Bill (Mr. Cotton).

Mr. Nason in the chair.

Mr. Hunter said he was opposed to such continual legislation amending municipal bills. It was a great pity that bills like this one could not be waived by the adoption of a general Municipal Act.

Hon, Mr. Davir said that the municipal legislation that came up every year doubled,

pleasure of the House. If there be be any is special circumstances arising out of a complaint of a breach of privilege, it is usual to appoint a select committee to inquire into them and the House suspends its judgment until their report has been presented."

Mr. Kitchen enquired if it would not be necessary for two days notice to be given of the resolution proposed by the Attorney-General.

PRINT TOTALLY AND ALLEY AN there were found in the House only six members prepared to vote against it. There was only one member in the House at that time prepared to palliate the offence, but now another hon, gentleman, the member for Nanaimo, had chosen to go back on the proud record he had made for himself, to turn tail and go back on his trail—in fact to confess to an apostasy of the cause he had so manfully proclaimed. In conclusion, he (Mr. Robson) felt confident that the House, with very few exceptions, would to vote for the resolution now proposed which would then be carried by an overwhelming majority. The members should, and he was confident would, stand shoulder to shoulder of the resolution proposed to such continued and the continued of the resolution proposed by the Attorney, the continued and the continued

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

How, Mr. Robson rose to a question of privilege. He said he had in his hand a copy of the Times, dated March 29th, which reported him as saying, during his speech on Bill No. 61, the following: "Some of the best and most noted men of Great Britain were in the company; a nobleman was president, and it ill became this Legislature to ask any questions of such reputable people's intentions." Hon. Mr. Robson continued that he need hardly say that he had not used that language at all, but he understood what it was placed in the report for—that was to enable an editorial to be written calling him a "snob." He did not care very much what appeared in the editorial columns of any paper; but he certainly did not think that any reporter had any right to misrepresent anything said in the House, in the way what he (Mr. Robson) had said had been misrepresented.

BRITISH COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY BILL.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, on the British Columbia University Bill, Mr. Kitchen in the chair.

Mr. Mokenzie moved an amendment, to the effect that the elected members of the Senate should be in the following ratio, viz: Four from the Mainland and three from the

o'clock last night. Three-fourths of the city is in ashes, and the fire is not yet checked. The loss of life thus far is between 75 and 100. The rest of the city will be destroyed before morning, and about 25,000 families will be homeless. Among the buildings already burned are the old palace, new government telegraph office and two convents. The whole business portion of the city was swept away. Chief Secretary Symes has appealed to the English in Rangoon for aid. He telegraphed that thousands will die, unless food and medicines for the injured are sent at once. Several physicians left Rangoon for the city to-night, and food will be sent to-morrow. The residence of Sir Alexander Mackenzie, chief Commissioner, was burned this morning, and two of his servants were mortally wounded. An immense number of people were severely burned. Latest reports say that the loss of life may reach 200, and perhaps more.

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surrey Enabling sill, which he explained as being intended to validate certain debentures issued by the municipality on the strength of a by-law which was afterwards quashed.

Hox. Mr. Pooley said that this was a dangerous class of legislation which he could not see his way clear to support. There was a regular way of raising money money by by-laws, and, in the present instance, it seemed that the Municipal Act had not been complied with. He reviewed the circumstances under which the Bank of Montreal had loaned the money to the Municipality, and thought it would be an injudicious act for the House to pass a bill validating debentures illegally issued.

Hox. Mr. Rosson differed from the views of the Hon, President of the Council. He thought the suggestion of the Private Bills on the whole municipality. He arqued that if the municipality, He arqued that if the municipality. He arqued that if the municipality is mismanaged their affairs they should shake the confidence of the public in the financial standing of the various municipalities. The whole thing would saver of repudiation. He was in formed that the dyke could be placed in good condition for a few thousand dollars, and the additional taxes that would be put appoint to be done away with a specifical private and the additional taxes that would be put appoint to be done away with a thought to be done away with a together.

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or Catholics, voting solidly with the Opposition. The Budget committee had recommended an appropriation for the new cruiser, "K," which the Kaiser earnestly desired should be built. The Government had made earnest appeals for this and other additions to the navy, and Chancellor Caprivi had pointed out that if the money was not forthcoming, a large number of mechanics in the navy yard work, would have to be discharged. It was hoped that in view of Caprivi having resigned the Prussian premiership on account of the Education bill, the Ultramontanes would not attempt to antagonize him in the Reichstag. To-day's vote, however, of 177 against the Government to 109 in its favor, showed that the Centre could not be depended upon. Of the 397 members of the Reichstag, the Centre, or Ultramontane party, has about 117. In the present condition of parties the support of the Ultramontanes is almost indispensible to the success of the Imperial policy. In view of the defeat, the rumors that the Reichstag will be prorogued indefinitely, are considerably strengthened.



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