

HOUSE'S LABORS COME TO CLOSE

First Session of Twelfth Parliament Ended by Yesterday's Proceedings—Long List of Bills Assented To.

The first session of the twelfth parliament of British Columbia was brought to a close Thursday afternoon taking place at four in the afternoon, when His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor attended to formally assent some sixty-six additional bills made law during the past few weeks, and which, with the sixteen measures previously assented, give a total of eighty-two additions, out of ninety-five in all introduced, to the statute book for 1910—a worthy accomplishment for the eight weeks the just closed session has lasted. First in order of public interest and material importance, of course, come the railway bills which preface a period of marked activity in the upbuilding of British Columbia, but industrial activity generally, the preservation of the public health and safety, the improvement and enlargement of the free school system, and the betterment of provincial conditions in a variety of ways—by roads, public works, etc.—have also important place in the new chapter added to the Provincial statute book.

The business of the closing day of the session was restricted to the morning sitting, when the Order paper was cleared with a celerity perhaps unprecedented, and with a minimum of sacrifice of belated legislation. Chief victims among the fated innocents were the several measures standing in the name of the Socialist leader, Mr. Hawthorthwaite, which it may perhaps in fairness be said, the proposer did not regard as likely to commend themselves to the judgment of the House. These in their order were lost on the second reading, while Mr. Macgowan's favorite item of legislation—the bill to provide for dower for married women—was as effectually disposed of to the regret of the mover, by the adjournment of time, adjournment of the debate upon the second reading being moved by Mr. Miller, of Grand Forks, and the bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act (Mr. Williams), to amend the Dentistry Act (Mr. Miller) and respecting the payment of wages (Mr. Williams), each of which was passed into oblivion on order for introductory reading. One other public measure in a private member's charge—the bi-weekly pay-day bill of Mr. Ross, of Fernie—was lost, as were Mr. Hawthorthwaite's labor measures, upon the second reading.

Bills Assented To
The galleries were filled with interested spectators when His Honor attended in their stead to formally prorogue the assembly, the most important ceremonies being of the most simple and democratic description. His Honor upon being seated upon the throne, was pleased to assent in His Majesty's name to following examples of accomplished legislation:

An Act to amend the Steam Boilers Inspection Act, 1901.
An Act to revise and consolidate the Companies Act, 1897, and amending Acts.
An Act to amend the Children's Protection Act of British Columbia.
An Act respecting liquor licenses and the traffic in intoxicating liquors.
An Act to amend the Land Act.
An Act regarding the inspection of tramways.
An Act for preserving the purchases of stock from losses by forged transfers.
An Act to amend the Bush Fires Act.
An Act to amend the Woodsman's Lien for Wages Act.
An Act to amend the "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905.
An Act to amend the Municipal Clauses Act.
An Act to amend the Land Registry Act.
An Act to amend the Municipal Elections Act.
An Act to repeal the Commercial Travellers' Licenses Act, 1907.
An Act to incorporate the city of Prince Rupert.
An Act to amend the Fire Inquiry Act.
An Act to provide for the inspection of premises, works, wires and appliances generating, transmitting or supplying electrical energy.
An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act.
An Act to amend the County Courts Act.
An Act to ratify an agreement bearing date the seventeenth day of January, A. D. 1910, between His Majesty the King and the Canadian Northern Railway company.
An Act to incorporate the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway company.
An Act to ratify an agreement bearing date the twenty-eighth day of February, 1910, between His Majesty the King and the Kettle River Valley Railway company.
An Act to amend the Midway and Vernon Railway Act, 1902.
An Act to amend the Coal Mines Act.
An Act to authorize the repurchase by the Crown of railway subsidy lands.
An Act respecting the construction of sewers in unincorporated districts.
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An Act to incorporate the Port Moody, Indian River and Northern Railway company.
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directly affected. As consolation for the members for Nanaimo, the Premier at the same time volunteered a promise that during the recess the government would look into the matter proposed to be dealt with, giving the suggestions of his friend from the coal city most serious consideration.

Mr. Speaker did not regard the special point raised by the Prime Minister as tenable, but had other constitutional objections to the bill, which vanished by being ruled out of order on these grounds.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite's bill to provide for three a year inspection by health officials of all mining, logging, railway and similar camps was voted down upon the statement being made by the Provincial Secretary that remodeling the Health Act was at the present time receiving governmental consideration, in which connection it was most probable that the provision advanced by Mr. Hawthorthwaite would be incorporated with the general law.

The establishment of a general eight-hour working day in British Columbia was at the Premier's suggestion laid over for another year in order that the House might have the advantage of considering in dealing with this question, the report and conclusions of the commission now making inquiries in similar matters in the province of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Macgowan on Dower.
Then came the interesting bill of Mr. Macgowan, respecting dower. Recognizing the necessity of brevity, Vancouver's third member succinctly summarized his views upon the measure which he recommended to the House while urging its incorporation in the statute book. Said he:

"The present Mr. Speaker has been a most important session. We have heard from the Premier about his special railway policy and the grand development that is in the air. His inauguration, a most auspicious pronouncement for British Columbia. We have heard from the Minister of Finance, in his Budget speech, of the splendid position of the country, financial and otherwise. There has been a variety of other important legislation to which I might refer, but at this late hour perhaps such reference would be out of place. I simply note these in passing because I have not wearied the House in commenting upon any of these measures in their passage. Now connecting these matters of legislation with the Dower bill, I think this may be regarded as a most appropriate time for the introduction and passage of the same, as a step in the right direction, looking toward progress in legislation and demonstration of British Columbia's breadth of mind and sense of justice. Why should we not have such a bill as this upon our statute book, making fair provision for our wives, our mothers and our sisters? Woman's rights, as you well know, through all the civilized ages have properly been acknowledged. The right of Dower was, indeed, established by Magna Charta, and followed by the statutes of many different countries, affirming and adding to what Magna Charta had accomplished. He called the existing Dower Act of British Columbia, our tails—or in fact does away with—all the benefits conferred in this regard by Magna Charta. These provisions of our husband's property under the existing act of this province the only legal interest that a wife has in her husband's property after his death, provided that he had not already encumbered it or given it away. And it is to the moment of his death. It has been argued that a dower bill such as I am now introducing would interfere with the real transfer of real estate in this province, as a wife's signature would necessarily be required to all transfers. I may say that this bill contains a clause that very effectively meets this objection, giving as it does the right of a wife to give a power of attorney to her husband. If he is a good husband he will experience no difficulty in procuring this power of attorney. If he is a bad husband he does not care. He has also suggested that this bill, if made law, would interfere with the payment to the Government of the land duties, and that (as thus interfering with the revenues of the Crown) it is beyond the province of a private member to initiate such legislation. In reply to this I might say that this bill would possibly necessitate some few, and very few, amendments to the Land Registry Act. It found necessary the succession duties part of the matter making the dower of a married woman liable for the succession duties that are chargeable to bequests to trustees, and the very small, trifling amendments to the Land Act and the Succession Duties Act would fully and completely cover this objection. I cannot resist for a moment that any member of this House would vote against this reasonable and necessary bill. I have repeatedly spoken on this subject at other times. I need not cover the familiar ground with any particularity at this late hour of the session. I move the second reading of the bill."

I move the adjournment of the debate until Monday, March 14th, at 10 o'clock, A. M., taking amid the laughter of the House.

And thus the coup de grace was given the Married Woman's Dower bill of the third member for Vancouver.

More innocents.
Mr. Ross bill providing for a bi-weekly pay-day in certain industries was opposed by the Premier on the ground that such legislation had in experience proven the reverse of satisfactory, while in any event the Government could not accept a measure dealing with only one section of the bill being specifically limited to the labor having a monthly pay roll of not less than \$50.00.

The motion for second reading went to a division, Mr. Ross obtaining the support of resolutions, Wright, McGuire, Schofield, Tisdall, Brewster, Jardine, Hawthorthwaite and Williams.

The Shops' Half-Holiday bill of Mr. Hawthorthwaite, as well as an amendment by the same member to extend the provisions of the legislation identified with the settlement of the Settlers' Rights' question within the province, referring to those who had not applied for grants within the prescribed period, were defeated.

Several minor bills in regard with the bill in this regard were accepted by the House prior to the final passage of the legislation in question.

Third reading of the several remaining items of Government and completed the legislative labors of the session, and the House rose at 1:30 o'clock, sitting again at 3:30 for formal prorogation.

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A NIGHT CHINESE THEATRE

When the strident ponderous notes of Wagner's second, but dull inspired Julibayes—when the deep plots of modern drama seem like shallow artifices—when the mystic, the spiritual, the ideal in dramatic literature all appear as different grades of materialism—then, and only then, is it up to Mr. Tired and Jaded Playgoer to attend a performance at the Chinese theatre. He will then, no doubt be in a mood to appreciate it and sufficient experience to enjoy it.

The orchestra, seated on the stage behind the players, would probably remind him of the opening act in a well regulated minstrel show, and will be able to cherish that illusion at least until they start playing. The fact that there are a motley crew of unemployed laundrymen and fishermen, lounging over their instruments of torture in various unbecomingly Oriental costumes, smoking vile tobacco, chattering, nuisances, might add a slight touch of novelty to the scene, but nothing more.

The total lack of scenery, grand draperies, footlights and properties might throw him off his stride for a moment or two but he will soon forget it for the band is about to play. The drummer takes off his coat, the leader takes off his overalls, and seizing in his yellow fists a pair of cymbals, full three feet across and all painted over with pictures of Chinese characters (evidently some advertisement) he kicks a sleeping fiddler on the shins, causes the fiddle to play, gives orders like a drill sergeant and then—O, pity—the bunch is off in a bunch.

At this it seems that everyone is for himself, blowing or pounding, or scraping according to the dictates of his own conscience, each striving to outdo the other and endeavoring to be the whole show. By the time Mr. Tired and Jaded Playgoer recovers his scattered senses and is resigned to the awful discord, he becomes conscious of a sort of a motif hidden away in all the noise. His surprise grows to wonder when he discovers a bland musician stealthily engaged in an attempt to tune his stringed instrument. Fascinated by the sight of this paradoxical manoeuvre, he watched the other players with increased interest. His well trained ears have failed him but his eyes are sharp. He finds that the motions of the hands of two fiddlers are identical. When one is on the up stroke the other is on the down stroke, and one pauses the other pauses, long notes, short notes are all bowed in unison. They are such music, not are they watching each other which shows there is collusion or conspiracy about it somewhere.

There is an extra deftening clash of cymbals and howl of reeds a gorgeous actor makes his entrance. His head is covered with glittering silks and gaiters, all embroidered over with gold and bright colors, and in his hand he wears a wand. Accompanied by the band, he begins to dance. The step is occasionally varied by some motion of the hands or head or feet, while the dancer, then, stage, across stage and back again. The step is occasionally varied by some motion of the hands or head or feet, while the dancer, then, stage, across stage and back again he continues on his never ending "turn."

The yellow audience sits entranced by the sight of the dancer, who is tired than ever. Out of patience at length he turns to his neighbor and inquires, "What is he doing?" The neighbor smiles and says "Him ride em hoss now."

Prospecting in South Australia.

In South Australia a miner's right authorizing its holder to prospect on mineral lands for minerals or metals, and petroleum and leases for one year. Gold leases have a maximum area of twenty acres (one man to every five acres), mineral leases of forty acres (one man to every 10 acres), and miscellaneous leases of from 40 to 640 acres. Gold claims, 20x30 ft. alluvial, and 10x100 ft. reef, must be worked constantly. Leases are granted for a term of