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**ROUTINE BUSINESS IN THE LEGISLATURE**

**Workmen's Compensation Act Passes Second Reading—University Bill Debated**

At Thursday afternoon's sitting of the provincial legislature there was considerable business of a routine character and the continuance of the debate on the bill which provides for the granting of 2,000,000 acres of crown lands towards the establishment of a provincial university. Prayers were read by Rev. F. T. Tapscott.

**Requested a Hearing**  
Mr. Macgowan presented a petition from Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, asking to be heard before a select committee of the House on a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Coal Mines Act."

The Premier stated that if Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper had anything to say in regard to the measure, the government would hold a hearing to allow him the privilege which he requested. But the gentleman mentioned would be heard before the minister, and the latter would be responsible to the House.

**Two Bills Introduced**  
Attorney-General, Fulton, introduced two bills, namely, "An Act to Amend the Jurors Act" and "An Act to Amend the Attachment of Debts Act, 1904," which were put through their initial stages and put through the order paper for second reading at the next sitting of the House.

**Important Sections**  
The principal sections of the former are appended:  
2. Subsection (5) of section 59 of chapter 107 of the Revised Statutes, 1897, being the Jurors Act, is hereby amended by striking out the word "thirteen" and substituting therefor "thirteen."

3. Subsection (6) of said section 59 is hereby repealed and the following subsection is substituted therefor:  
(6) The sheriff shall return to the registrar of the district court, in the supreme court, with the order or notice requiring such jury served on him, the names of the persons in civil cases and the twenty persons in criminal cases whose names remain on said list, and shall also return such striking summons the said persons, or as many of them as he can find, to appear on the day appointed for the trial of such cases. Should the sheriff be unable to summon any of said persons, he shall report the fact to a judge of the supreme court, who may order the sheriff or other proper officer to summon such number of persons, whether qualified jurors or not, as will be necessary to make eighteen persons in civil cases and twenty persons in criminal cases, and such persons, if necessary, be summoned by word of mouth, and service of such persons may be made at any time before the trial of a case. The names of the persons so summoned shall be added to the said list.

Subsection (7) of said section 59 is hereby amended by striking out the word "thirteen" in the first line of said subsection and substituting therefor the word "eighteen," and by adding at the end of said subsection (7) the following: "Should the number of said persons so summoned by the sheriff, not less than sixteen, appear in answer to the summons, the number will be deemed sufficient from which to select trial jurors."

5. Subsection (2) of section 61 of said act is hereby amended by striking out the word "sixteen" in the first line of said subsection and substituting therefor the word "twenty."

Section 2 of the bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Attachment of Debts Act, 1904," reads as follows:  
2. Section 2 of chapter 7 of the Statutes of 1904, being the "Attachment of Debts Act, 1904," is hereby amended by striking out all the words in the last line thereof and by substituting therefor the following: "District Registrar shall mean and include a district registrar or deputy district registrar of said court."

**Wants Financial Return**  
Mr. Oliver moved as follows: "That an order of the House be granted for a return showing an abstract statement of the receipts and expenditure, under their proper headings, from June 30, 1906, to the present time, as near as practicable."  
In explaining his motion Mr. Oliver drew attention to the fact that the financial abstract which has been submitted by the finance minister on Wednesday showed that the receipts and expenditure were almost balanced. He quoted from an article published in the Vancouver News-Advertiser which, he contended, inferred that it would be found that the surplus, of which so much had been heard, would not be as great as members of the House and the public generally had been given reason to believe. He stated that in the course of the recent provincial general campaign much had been made by members and supporters of the government of the conservative party, that a considerable surplus in the treasury, according to one of the leading papers of the conservative party, had been had to a great extent dissipated. It was for the purpose of obtaining all the information possible that he asked for the return referred to in his motion.

**Finance Minister Replies**  
In explanation the finance minister stated that it was quite apparent that the honorable gentleman had not obtained what he wanted. In regard to the abstract submitted on Wednesday he wished to say that he had received it from the auditor-general and that it was as full a compliance with the honorable member's request as could be obtained. There was no reason, however, why he should not tell the House that some two-thirds of the surplus had been expended on necessary public affairs. This was forestalling what he intended saying later, on which occasion he would go into the matter in detail.

**The Estimates**  
The finance minister then handed down the estimates, a summary of which is given in another column. They were referred to the committee of supply.

**Message From His Honor**  
Attorney-General Fulton introduced a message from His Honor the governor a bill entitled "An Act to Revive and Continue the Existence of the Companies Act." It was passed in this way as a result of the ruling of Speaker Eberts, pronounced at the recent provincial general election, in which it was dealt with by a committee of the whole, Mr. Ross taking the chair. It was referred and placed on the order paper for further consideration later on.

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**Questions and Answers**  
Questions were asked and answered as follows:  
1. Mr. Hayward asked the hon. the premier the following questions:  
1. How many licenses were issued to show the requirements of the province for agricultural and domestic labor in 1906?  
2. If so, what are they, and is the demand urgent?  
The Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows:  
"1. Yes, but reports from some districts not having been received yet, the statistics are incomplete. It is expected that complete statistics will be available in the course of two weeks."  
"2. From returns already received: Farm lands, 1,246; domestic help, 1,092. In many instances the demand is urgent."  
Mr. Oliver asked the hon. the attorney-general the following questions:  
1. Is there a licensed hotel at Heriot Bay?  
2. If so, who is the license-holder?  
3. Is this license holder a convict, or has he been convicted of selling liquor to Indians? If so, when?  
The Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:  
"1. Yes.  
"2. So far as the information of the department of the attorney-general shows, he was convicted some time in 1898 of selling liquor to Indians, but the conviction was quashed. Mr. Bull contends that what he sold was Jamaica ginger."  
"3. I am not aware that any of Mr. Bull's employees have been convicted of selling liquor to Indians."  
Mr. Oliver asked the hon. the chief commissioner of lands and works the following questions:  
1. Have the government constructed, or have they in course of construction, a wharf at Heriot Bay?  
2. If so, what is the size of the wharf?  
3. Is it being built by day-work or by contract?  
4. What is the price paid per day or by contract?  
5. If so, what is the total cost, actual or estimated?  
6. When was the work commenced; when completed?  
The Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:  
"1. Yes; in course of construction.  
"2. Approach, 144, 220 ft. Extension, 307 ft. x 60 ft.  
"3. Day labor, \$3.50; labor, \$2.50.  
"4. Estimated approximate cost, \$600.  
"5. Commenced 18th November, 1906. Not reported as completed."

**Workmen's Compensation**  
The adjourned debate on the second reading of the bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Act" was continued by Mr. Hawthornthwaite. He delivered a strong address in support of the measure, expressing the hope that when the division bell was rung it would be found that the premier and his supporters had reconsidered their apparent decision to vote down the bill and that, through their assent, it would be made law. He claimed that it was a proposal which would materially benefit the workman. He argued also that British Columbia was by no means advanced in her legislation in this respect as the government would have members of the house believe.

**Passed Second Reading**  
It passed its second reading on the appended division:  
Yeas—King, Naden, Hall, Eagleson, Jones, Yorston, Kergin, Oliver, Macdonald, Henderson, Jardine, Brewster, Williams, Hawthornthwaite, McNis, Ross, Gifford, Grant, Schofield.  
Nays—Tatlow, McBride, Fulton, Bowser, Shatford, McPhillips, Thomson, Hunter, Cotton, Young, Macgowan, McGuire, Behnen, Manson, Garden, Hayward, Parson, Davey, Fairs—Elliott, Munro.

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**The Budget**  
On an order being called for committee of supply Hon. Mr. Tatlow moved, seconded by Premier McBride, the formal proposition "that Mr. Ross do now leave the chair." He then went on with his budget address which is printed in full elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Oliver stated that it was usual the members of the legislature should have a reasonable amount of time to consider estimates. For that reason he proposed the adjournment of the debate till next Monday.

Finance Minister Tatlow announced that it was the intention of the government to have the budget presented in view of that statement Mr. Oliver changed the date to Saturday.

Mr. Williams protested against sitting on Saturday on the ground that it might impose a hardship on some of those members who might wish to be in attendance.

The premier explained that the object of arranging for a sitting was to expedite business to such an extent as to enable him to depart for London as early as possible. However if such a thing was to be a hardship on any member he would agree to adjourn the debate and would certainly withdraw his suggestion.

Thereupon Mr. Oliver retracted his agreement that the debate should continue on Saturday and announced that it be resumed next Monday. This carried.

**University Bill**  
"An Act to Aid the University of British Columbia by a grant of Provincial Lands," was introduced for its second reading. Mr. Williams spoke on the measure at some length arguing that the time was not opportune for the establishment of such an institution in the province because of the few who would be able to enter into the privilege of the university. He opposed, in unmeasured terms, the passage of the second reading of the measure.

**Mr. Munro's Attitude**  
Mr. Munro would have liked to support the bill but he thought it too sweeping and too indefinite. He was of the opinion that the amount of land which it was proposed to set aside was in excess of the requirements. He thought that the bill should go into the question of where the area it was proposed to set aside would be located. He said that his provisions should be in conformity with that of the Land Act.

The provincial secretary informed the honorable member that it was his intention when the measure went into committee to propose the change to which he referred.

A division then was taken on Mr. Macdonald's amendment to the bill which reads as follows:  
"That the word 'now' in the motion of the hon. member for the University of British Columbia be read a second time now, be struck out, and the following be substituted therefor: 'this day six months.'"  
This was voted down by 22 to 14 as appended.

**Yeas—Tatlow, McBride, Fulton, Bowser, Ross, Shatford, McPhillips, Thomson, Hunter, Cotton, Taylor, Macgowan, Gifford, Grant, McGuire, Behnen, Garden, Hayward, Parson, Fairs, Jardine, McNis, Nays—King, Naden, Eagleson, Jones, Yorston, Kergin, Oliver, J. A. Macdonald, Hawthornthwaite, Brewster, Williams, Hawthornthwaite, McNis.**

**Private Bills**  
On the consideration of the private bill entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Portland Canal Railway Co.," Mr. Hawthornthwaite introduced an amendment as follows:  
"The company shall, upon the coming into force of this act, deposit with the minister of finance and agriculture the sum of ten thousand dollars, either in cash or securities approved by said minister, and in default of such deposit the company shall be deemed to have forfeited the deposit of money or securities shall be forfeited to and become the property of the government, and any such security not so deposited as aforesaid, or should such expenditure not be made within such time, all the rights and privileges conferred by this act shall be null and void."

In explaining the reason for the amendment he stated that it was his intention to make it as difficult as possible for companies, not having the means to carry out railway construction, to obtain charters.

The amendment, he stated, would be introduced in connection with all bills proposing to grant such privileges to railway companies.

The amendment was lost by a vote of 25 against and 9 in favor, the latter comprising the four socialists and Mr. Fairs.

**Bills Entitled "An Act to Incorporate the East Kootenay Logging Railway Company," and "An Act to Revive, Ratify and Confirm the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act, 1905," were adopted on report.**

The third reading was given a bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Securities Corporation of British Columbia." The bill termed "An Act to Incorporate the Rainy Hollow Railway Company" passed report and its third reading.

"An Act to Incorporate the Vancouver Stock Exchange" was considered in committee, Mr. Bowser taking the chair.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved an amendment to strike out all the words in clause 7, contending that members of the company should be held fully responsible for any debts they might incur. The clause mentioned follows: "No member of the corporation shall be liable for any of the debts thereof, beyond the amount of the annual subscription of such member which may remain unpaid on account of such subscription, or the amount of such subscription which has accrued to the said corporation by virtue of this act; and on the trial or hearing of any such suit it shall be sufficient prima facie evidence for the said corporation to prove that the defendant at the time of the institution of such action was or had been a member of the said corporation, and that the amount claimed by reason of such subscription or otherwise, was standing unpaid in the books of the said corporation."

Mr. McGuire introduced an amendment to the bill proposing to change the name from the Vancouver to the B. C. Stock Exchange.

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be struck out. The clause mentioned follows:  
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Mr. Thomson objected to this on the ground that it would make it appear which confusion might arise. A prolonged discussion arose in the course of which it was suggested that the name might be made to read "Terminal City Stock Exchange." This seemed to find favor. No definite action, however, was taken, the committee rising and reporting progress.

Practically all Friday afternoon's sitting of the provincial legislature was occupied in a debate in committee on the bill providing for the setting aside of a reservation of 2,000,000 acres of land for a provincial university. The clause which stipulates the area to be set aside for that purpose was fought most strenuously by both the members of the Liberal and Socialist parties. The former wanted the amount reduced to 1,000,000 acres and the latter suggested at first a grant of 50,000 acres and, later on, in a Henderson, the member for Yale, who raised the extent of the grant which they would be willing to concede to 150,000 acres. The government stood firmly by the measure as it stood originally, with the exception of a few amendments of some importance which the minister of education introduced. Owing to the length of time ex-

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