

NEARING THE CLOSE

Provincial Supplementary Estimates For Three Years Brought Down.

SPECIAL KOOTENAY VOTES

Revelstoke Comes in For a \$5,000 Courthouse and Other Plans, While Roseland Gets a Fifth Teacher and a Recorder's Clerk.

[From Our Special Correspondent.] VICTORIA, May 6.—Today the house sat morning, afternoon and night and rushed bills through at a great rate. The Placer Mining bill, Small Debts bill, Land Act Amendment bill, Dyking bill, Water Power and Privileges bill, Land Surveyors' bill, Trustees and Executors bills all went through the last stages flying and passed.

In the morning on the second reading of the Judicial Divisions bill Eberts said the main purpose was to do away with the inconvenience now experienced in the southern part of Kootenay and referring to offices said the registrars were much required and the bill would give power to appoint registrars at Roseland and perhaps at other portions of the district. It was contemplated also to establish a sub-registry, say at Vernon, also a sheriff and administrator at Nelson, Roseland or Trail. As to just where these were to be Eberts was not prepared to say definitely yet the bill went through all stages.

The bill to prevent squatting on crown lands was put through the last stages.

Another Parliament Buildings Loan

A bill to authorize a loan of \$100,000 at 3 1/2 per cent to equip the new parliament buildings was brought down by Turner. This would, it was explained, bring up the total cost of the buildings to \$800,000, and when finished there would be \$30,000 a year for interest and sinking fund. Semlin criticized the bill, saying it would be over a million before the buildings were completed, and Sword and other opposition members took the same view. The second reading passed, only six voting against and in half an hour the bill was passed.

Supplementary Estimates.

The supplementary estimates were handed down tonight. They amount to \$25,288 for the services ending June 30, 1898, also \$100,158.31 for the services ending next month and have a schedule of indemnity for expenditures to June last of \$40,780.84.

Supplementaries for the year ending June 30, 1898, amount to \$78 under the head of civil salaries; \$1,512 under administration of justice; salaries; \$3,000 for hospital charities; \$1,800 for education, including \$600 for Roseland for a fifth assistant teacher; \$16,500 for public works, including the construction of a recorder's office \$800, courthouse Revelstoke \$5,000, lockup Sanction \$300; miscellaneous comes to \$1,800, including \$1,000 towards the expenses of the British association to British Columbia.

For the Current Year.

In the services to the end of June, 1897, the heads are: Civil salaries, \$9,355; administration of justice, \$2,231, including a stipendiary magistrate at Nelson, \$300, and a clerk for the recorder's office at Roseland, \$840; legislation, \$1,775; public institutions, \$5,000; hospitals and charities, \$750; prosecution and interpreters, \$1,000; education \$6,617, including teachers and incidentals Illecillewaet \$590, Brandon teacher and incidentals \$590, Nelson incidentals \$240, Waterloo teacher \$300, incidentals \$40, Roseland second assistant teacher \$200, (three months) incidentals \$40, Revelstoke \$117; additional revenue service, \$1,500; public works, \$28,207, including repairs for government buildings in northwest Kootenay \$120, lockup at Grand Forks \$500, public school at Trail \$700 additional to the \$1,500 voted, lot adjoining government office Kaslo \$400, the courthouse Revelstoke \$1,000, roads West Kootenay additional \$1,000, Illecillewaet \$130, additional road to Princeton \$487, additional Toby creek trail \$1,100; surveys, \$5,500; miscellaneous \$33,462.21, including provincial exhibit at Imperial institute \$3,415, board of health \$4,500, additional Indian famine fund \$2,000, agent general at London (allowance for disbursements) \$526. The schedule of indemnity for 1896 includes public school, Roseland, \$1,064.

More Cassiar Land Grants.

A bill was brought down to grant land subsidies to railways in Cassiar. There are three of these passed this session: From Taku lake to Teslin lake, Yukon Trading company, 120 miles long; from Lynn canal to the north boundary of the province, 35 or 40 miles; from Glenora on Stikton to Teslin lake 140 miles. As Turner explained, it is not expected that all these will be built, but the grant is made to help any of them. This is in the form of \$120 acres per mile in alternate sections, six miles wide. Lieu lands cannot be taken except at the back of these sections. No reserve on these lands is to be placed until the actual work of construction begins. Free miners are allowed to enter on the company's lands, the crown reserving for free miners all the base or precious metals. The crown gets five cents royalty on the coal mined and also the timber royalty. Free miners are to have the right to use what timber they want.

THE NEW COMPANIES' ACT

Some of Its Most Important Provisions Lucidly Explained.

How Mining Companies May Issue Stock at a Discount and Validate Existing Issues.

Vancouver News-Advertiser: One of the most important measures which has occupied the attention of the legislature at the present session is the bill for the amendment and consolidation of the laws dealing with the incorporation and operation of joint stock companies. Introduced in the early part of the session by the attorney general, the bill was, at his suggestion, referred for consideration

and report to a select committee, consisting of the attorney general and Messrs. Ribbet, Helmcken, Cotton and Sword. That committee reported on Friday last, and, as the result of its labors, submitted an amended bill, which was read the first time on the same day. The bill amends and consolidates all the acts now on the statute books relating to joint stock companies, and if one act all the law upon the subject, the various acts now in force being repealed by part 10 of the bill. An examination of the bill seems to show that the committee has done its work thoroughly and well, and that it has carefully considered the most recent enactments on the subject, by both the Imperial and the Ontario legislature, some provisions inserted in the Companies act of Ontario having been embodied in part of the bill. While the Companies act, which was included in the draft revision of the statutes submitted to the legislature at the opening of the session has been adopted by the select committee as the basis of the present bill, it has made some very important changes in it, to three or four of which it may be well to refer.

The first is one by which the number of persons necessary to form a company is reduced from seven to five. Hitherto it has been lawful for three persons to organize a joint stock company under the provisions of the Provincial act, while in England it is necessary for seven persons to sign the memorandum of association. The committee has thought that a middle course between these two would meet the necessities of the case, and the number has been fixed at five.

The committee has struck out section 20 of the Draft revision, which required that before a company could commence business ten per cent of its capital must be paid up in cash, besides any amount payable otherwise than in cash. This provision was taken from Lord Dudley's bill before the Imperial parliament. There is a great diversity of opinion on the matter, even in England. It is a requirement which can be nominally complied with, but practically evaded by dishonest promoters, which it frequently becomes a source of embarrassment and difficulty to bona fide and legitimate enterprises. The committee has accordingly omitted this provision from the bill.

Mining Companies.

One of the most important subjects with which the committee had to deal was the question as to whether mining companies should be allowed to issue shares at a discount, without any liability attaching to the purchase of them for the difference between the issue price and the nominal par value of the shares, in case of the company becoming unable to meet its obligations. Most of the companies, incorporated to carry on mining operations, have issued their capital in this manner, and it is of great importance to them and their shareholders that the status of such shares should be defined by law. The committee has made it lawful in the bill for mining companies to issue shares at a discount, but has introduced provisions in regard to the matter for the purpose of protecting investors and the public from fraud in connection with shares issued in this manner. Share certificates of companies issuing shares at a discount must bear on their face a statement that they are issued under the provisions of section 56, the clause dealing with that matter. All documents issued by such a company must also bear the words "Non-Personal Liability" after the name of the company. Companies incorporated previous to the passage of the act, and which have issued shares at a discount, can remove any doubt as to any liability attaching to them by re-registering themselves under the provisions of the new act.

Foreign Companies.

The bill provides that for the future all joint stock companies carrying on business in the province will be divided into two kinds—provincial and extra-provincial. The latter, which, as the term implies, are those incorporated outside of the province, are again divided into two classes. One of these will consist of companies organized under the laws of Great Britain and Ireland, or the Dominion of Canada; the old Province of Canada, or of any of the provinces of the Dominion. The laws of all these places in regard to joint stock companies are very similar, being based on one model. Such companies will obtain a license to carry on their business in British Columbia. The second class will comprise companies organized elsewhere, and before they can do business in the province, they must be registered under the act. Extra-provincial companies doing business in the province before the passage of the act will have until January 1, 1898, to comply with its provisions.

The bill also contains elaborate provisions for the issue of prospectuses and for other matters, all intended to protect investors, shareholders and creditors. The bill also provides for the voluntary winding-up of companies, for the preventing of fraudulent practices, and other matters.

Transfer of Shares.

There is also a new provision inserted in the bill in regard to the transfer of shares. Extra-provincial companies issuing or disposing of their shares in this province, will be required to designate an office within the province where shares can be transferred, and where a register of the shareholders must be kept. This provision may have an important bearing on the business of dealing in mining shares and tend to centre it more in British Columbia than has been the case in the past. At the same time the clause is intended to check certain abuses which have grown up in connection with dealing in the shares of foreign mining companies.

On the whole we think that the bill will meet with the general approval. Joint stock companies law is admittedly a difficult task, as has been often acknowledged by the ablest lawyers and legislators in Great Britain. At the present time in British Columbia there are two opposing elements. One favors considerable restriction and limitation of the powers conferred on companies. The other would practically give such organizations a free hand and let them be regulated by nothing more than public opinion. In the bill submitted by the select committee, while enterprise is not unduly or unnecessarily restricted, proper safeguards are inserted against fraud, misrepresentation or irregularities in the management of companies, and we think that the new act, if passed, will prove very useful to joint stock enterprises.

JUBILEE IN CANADA

Royal Victorian Order of Nurses To Be Instituted.

CANADIAN FUND STARTED

One Million Dollars Wanted to Endow the Order—Method Adopted For Commemorating the Queen's Long Reign—Roseland Appealed To.

THE MINER, in common with many other papers in Canada, has been requested to receive subscriptions to the Canadian fund for the commemoration of the Queen's diamond jubilee. It has been decided to commemorate this event in Canada by instituting the Victorian Order of Nurses, and for this purpose a national organization has been formed under the patronage of the governor-general and under the presidency of Her Excellency, the Countess of Aberdeen, Kruiser Laurier, the lieutenant-governor of all the provinces and the leading lights of the church, the bench, the bar and parliament are giving their assistance to the movement.

The following are some extracts from the pamphlet sent out by the executive officers of the fund for the purpose of explanation: Her Majesty, the Queen has indicated her desire that the celebrations mark the completion of the sixtieth year of her reign, should be associated with efforts towards relieving the sufferings of the sick. Therefore it seems fitting that the people of Canada should commemorate the Queen's diamond jubilee by establishing a national fund for the purpose of placing the aid of trained, skillful nurses within the reach of all classes of the population.

It is earnestly desired that this Canadian memorial shall become truly national in its character, as well in the contributions which will make it suitable and effective, as in its application to the different needs and conditions of the various provinces of Canada, and the several cities and rural districts which compose them.

Not to Supplant, but to Supplement.

Hospitals all over the country are doing splendid work, but they are crowded to the doors and have not enough funds to pay for new furniture, let alone new buildings. Men and women are giving their best—thrift, time, their thought, their money—to these hospitals. These hospitals require more money for the training of nurses. Part of the funds raised might be expended in helping hospitals to train more nurses, and part might be used in engaging the services of a few more trained nurses, who would volunteer to labor on salaries in needy districts in the country and the cities. This scheme for providing nurses will not displace physicians in the districts where they labor, but it will furnish the means of securing the best results from the skill and advice of medical men.

Who Shall Be Members.

It is proposed when the order is formed, that the members may be:

- (a) Nurses who are already graduates in good standing of schools of recognized standing and who pass an examination such as may be prescribed;
- (b) Nurses who shall be specially trained for the order, and who shall pass the prescribed examination, prepared to supply when necessary, is often the best friend a poor family can have.

Some of the Objects of the Order.

- (a) To provide skilled nurses in sparsely settled and outlying country districts;
- (b) To provide skilled nurses to attend the sick poor in their own homes in cities;
- (c) To provide skilled nurses to attend cases in cities at fixed charges, for persons of small income, the charges being paid to the funds of the order;
- (d) To provide small lying-in rooms or wards in cottage hospitals or homes;
- (e) To prepare trained nurses thoroughly qualified to carry out these objects.

An Endowment to Make It Permanent.

It would not be a prudent thing to have the order started unless provision be made for perpetuating it. It would take an investment of about a million dollars to ensure revenue to make this benefaction a lasting one for all the needy districts of Canada. Shall we confess ourselves helpless in the presence of this urgent need and submit the cause for help to the remark, "But a million dollars is a great sum to raise?" Certainly a million of dollars is a very large sum to raise; but if the people of Canada can be fully informed and stimulated to make the greatest out of this movement, a million of dollars will be forthcoming for the commemoration of the diamond jubilee of Her Majesty by such a means as will cause gratitude to glow continually in the hearts of the people of Canada towards the memory of Victoria the Good and her representatives and subjects in Canada who promoted this order. If half a million of dollars at least is raised immediately to establish a fund sufficient to meet the most urgent demands of the present the remainder will soon follow, according as the people at large are awakened to the carrying out of this thoroughly national scheme.

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It will show, as the personal gift of Canadians to her majesty, that they admire and appreciate her blameless, beneficent and beautiful life, noble alike in its sympathies and its activities in doing good. It has been the reign of a monarch which has done for all the people; and thus the Queen need not be concerned for a throne of velvet or gold, or monuments in marble or bronze, since she is enthroned in the hearts of her people, who love her as no monarch was ever yet beloved. For such a queen it would be a happier plan to have a memorial in the form of gratitude written perennially in the hearts of the mothers of our young nation, than to have it graven in stone or any inert material. From the women of Canada the music of loving memory will continually swell out in strains of warm and affectionate esteem. The children also, they will rise up and call her blessed! A memorial like that will be sweet to a woman like Queen Victoria.

Rosland's Part In It.

It is entirely fitting and proper that Rosland should have its share in commemorating the jubilee. This it can now do by contributing liberally toward the endowment of the order. Subscriptions may be sent either direct to the honorary treasurer, Mrs. Edwara Griffin, Victorian order fund, Ottawa, Ont., or to THE MINER, which will receive subscriptions and acknowledge them through its columns. As one of the objects of the order is to establish trained nurses and cottage hospitals in just such communities as this the project should appeal with double strength to every man and woman in Rosland.

A Chance For The Ladies.

In order that Rosland's contribution may be proportionate to her importance we would suggest that the ladies organize a committee and make a systematic canvass of the town for subscriptions in aid of the fund. This is already being done by almost every other community in Canada, and we are sure the ladies of Rosland do not want to be behind their sisters in this noble work of charity.

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Le Roi Smelter Discontinuation Taken By Employees' Hospital Apparatus—Bylaw

At the meeting of night the matter of the site was informally discussed and several of the Le Roi people purely business but locate where everything make the operation economical. For this thought, by the general might offer would not of those who are engaged selecting the most advantageous of a local cause it could not be made to constitute a committee for the location or near Rosland. That he was quite sure would be selected near Fraser said it would be a good idea to at the committee from the county men who are looking for advantages of a local He also spoke of expressing the desire smelter be built in. No action of any kind taken, it being believed that the matter of purely business affairs and as it would be located bonus. The license bylaw that a hotel or liquor for \$100 instead of the bylaw originally bylaw will be amended first provided. Arrangements After considerable subject of the month that the city borrow Bank of British Columbia for the immediate capital and to be it was finally decided once on the city's of officials. The form of a resolution meantime the bank suited concerning the wish the debentures the \$20,000 to run. Civic Honors A motion was put requiring every city per month into a get to be employed in tute sick. The mo this connection Ma in the city from customary for phys of charge, those unable to pay for supposed the Rosl do the same thing, the city is at pres destitute sick per hospital.

Three Mo The matter of a inspector, license grapher for the m After three ballots was elected to the salary of \$100 per second ballot, the was McKenna. Bes for the mayor, a n mitting him to s grapher at terms for the city. One geeted that the select the best lo Sewars In response to Scott relative to works committee age system of the mer stated that Pearson of Victoria Toronto asking w to come to Rossla on a sewerage syst tl be obtained further would be. The mayor w with the progress Bylaw The procedure law and the bylaw of explosives w named provides t der or other exp the city in quar less in a magazin ers nuisances. The bylaw g amended so that necessary to cons 30, including all only as before sp New F The question of a suitable fire w It was decided to a book and ladd engine, all to cos The matter of f laid over till the committee firms manufactu Adjournment to meet Thursda office.

LOOKING F Famous Californ to Be SPOKANE, Wa On the evening man, five feet 1 50 years of age woman, arrived California. Th Grand hotel, at J. W. Morse,