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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

GOVERNMENT'S POLICY SEVERELY HANDLED

John Oliver Exposes Incompetency of McBride Administration-Socialist's Tricks Exposed.

(Continued from Monday's Daily.)

North Vancouver. On the second reading of the bill to accelerate the incorporation of the

ty of North Vancouver Hon. F. Carter Cotton said that as a result of ity there had been meetings held. The ntention was to come within the general provisions of the Municipal Act There was no opposition to the bill from any of the residents or from any of the corporations having contracts with the municipality. The bill passed its second reading. Speaker Will Decide.

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that notice had not been given.

will by the legislature. Could Mr. Gar- duty." den explain why the city of Vancouver of getting special privileges.

amendment was in order. Dr. Young appealed from this decis-

Dr. Young in supporting his conten- the bill. tion held that the private bills commit- On motion of W. J. Bowser the detee objected to being overridden. The bate was adjourned. ession and then after having come to Monday. decision on certain points that these hould be overridden in the House. Price Ellison thought it meant that if this proceeding asked for were to prevail then the House might just as ell refrain from sitting. The Speaker wished to take the mat-

should stand over. Dr. Young intimated that this parti-

Second Reading. The bill to incorporate the Royal

Plate Glass Insurance Company passed its second reading on motion of W. J. On Motion of J. F. Garden the bill to

amend the False Creek Foreshore Act, and their weakness shown up. The 1904, passed its second reading.

The Power Bill. On the second reading of the bill to amend the charter of the West Kootenay Power Company Geo. Fraser said that the object of this bill was to enable the West Kootenay power company the opportunity to furnish electric power to the smelter of the Boundary country. He referred to the Granby Company, which was the second largest in the world, and was employing a vast army of men. It was doing a great work in the Boundary country in conjunction with the other smelters there in proving that the low grade ores could be handled at a profit. The company distributed at its works \$600,000 among the men last year. The returns to the government n the way of taxes, etc., equalled \$40,000. Such an industry should not

operations. The Greenwood smelters were each employing about one-quarter the numper of men that were employed at the ranby smelter. These were the works of the B. C. Copper Company and the Dominion Copper Company.

The Granby smelter had a power plant of its own at the present time. The remainder of the power was taken from the Cascade Company, which ould furnish 3,000 horse power when the water permitted.

A shortage of water at the works of he Cascade Company had compelled the smelter to shut down, resulting in very heavy loss to the smelter company and a cutting off of wages of the The Dominion Copper Company's

smelter contemplated putting in an additional plant involving \$1,000,000. Col. Warren, who had appeared before the private bills committee, had stated hat he had made his investment in he country under the impression that he Cascade Company could supply power necessary. Upon ascertaining that the power could not be got his ompany were brought to a standstill h respect to the proposed improve-

Mr. Fraser said that he wished to see the Boundary country supplied tion.' with plenty of power.

might be urged that the West

smelters. The amendment suggested by Dr. Young would tie that country up. The to this. Granby Company had declared a dividend on \$15,000,000 investment. This

was the first company in British Col-umbia which had shown that a dividend could be paid. The Cascade Company had spent half 1901: million. It was foolish on face of this even to say that no other company should be allowed to come in saving Association of British Columwithout permission of that company.

On motion of Dr. Young the debate was adjourned.

Safety of Passengers. On the second reading of the bill to upon his presentation of the figures. There was this year legislation introduced by the chief commissioner to troduced by the chief commissioner to the minister was to be congratulated. The minister was to be congratulated to the distribution introduced by the chief commissioner to the distribution darter Cotton said that as a result of passengers travelling on and prethe desire to become incorporated as a
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d other persons and the granting of and ever present danger attendant proved property. ns not possessing such certificates or upon the side steps of open cars, and cent. rrying on their business contrary to that, whereas, not a summer passes but a large number of conductors are injured, sometimes fatally, by loosing Dr. Young objected to this. He contains their belence and by helps miled off Dr. Young objected to this. He their balance, and by being pulled off province had paid fully enough to give take into consideration that the province had paid fully enough to give roperly advertised. This interfered fore, be it resolved, that this congress port a surplus. private parties. The bill as at instruct the incoming provincial execuirst introduced contained no notice of tives to urgently request the provincial mendments out on the very ground brought, or constructed, by the street railway companies in the various cities Mr. Garden said that this was not of the Dominion, be provided with an be regarded as a private bill. He aisle, or passage way through each to advertise each amendment proposed. duties with greater safety, and also the Municipal Act could be changed at | conductors and motormen while on |

The B. C. Electric Company, Mr. preferred to be incorporated under a McNiven said, was very considerate tospecial act and pay large fees for any wards its employees. No other comchanges in it except for the purpose pany, he believed, had shown greater consideration for its men. It was ne-Chairman Ellison ruled that the cessary, however, to provide for this measure of safety. He did not wish to put the company to unnecessary ion to the Speaker. This proposal car- trouble, but he thought it possible that ried, and the Speaker's opinion was the few cars now operated by the company might be converted in line with

mittee did not propose to sit all The House then adjourned until

Victoria, March 5th, 1906. John Oliver in the legislature this afternoon, in resuming the debate on the budget, delivered a masterly ader into consideration, and asked that history of the present government's

lease of power. reased taxation and reduced expendi- this opinion. ture on public works the minister had effected his surplus, but that this would not be regarded by the taxpayers as laudable or a business proposition. The various iniquitous acts of the government were touched upon speech which condemns the McBride administration in a most telling way is summarized in these columns in to-

day's proceedings, but will appear in full in a succeeding edition. At the evening sitting there was a splendid exposure made of the system of gallery play which is indulged in by arrangement between the members of the government and their colleague, the member for Nanaimo. This was in connection with the Columbia and Western bill, where J. H. Hawthornthwaite was given an opportunity for appearing to advantage by the government. He introduced an amendment to provide settlers who had been deprived of rights they possessed by law, by the present government's bungling methods, a chance to get 160 acres of land. The weakness of the position was exposed by John Oliver who showed that these men were really entitled be handicapped, he thought, in its to 640 acres and who pressed for these

settlers being given all their rights. T. W. Paterson, tired of the clumsy play indulged in by the members of the government and the Socialist leader forced Mr. Hawthornthwaite to acknowledge his part in advocating an amendment prepared for the capitalist he so often rages against. The Socialist leader who avoided the question the other evening was forced to acknow ledge his part in it this evening.

Prayers by Rev. T. W. Gladstone Petitions.

Mr. Macgowan presented a petition from James Melrose and others, in sup-This was received.

Questions and Answers. Mr. Evans asked the premier the fol-

lowing question: What decision, if any, the government have arrived at in regard to introducing legislation dealing with civil service and superannuation lists, which the premier stated, in answer to question on January 26th, the government had under consideration.

Hon. R. McBride replied as follows: "The matter is still under considera-

Victoria Terminal Railway.

should be protected against another, should be sufficient time given to altax of 50c, a thousand on this timber lands should not be granted. passed.

The bill passed its first reading. New Bills.

W. Manson introduced a bill to amend the Steam Boiler Inspector Act, the act, and were able to jump in and inquire into the riches. Hon. F. J. Fulton introduced a bill to incorporate the Lifeboat and Life-

complimented the minister of finance to time as the legislature saw fit.

along the side with an aisle up the crease in population. The government lower rate. g buildings, poles or other structures a resolution against this danger to the personal property 105 per cent., and on have got money at 3 per cent or 3½ The natural resources of the province

The expenditure on public works had that the minister of finance had taken

The government had done nothing to 3 per cent, by the bank. mything of this kind. The private committee had thrown these effect a law that all cars in future committee had thrown these effect a law that all cars in future committee had thrown these effect a law that all cars in future committee had thrown these effect a law that all cars in future committee had thrown these effect a law that all cars in future committee had thrown these effect a law that all cars in future committee had thrown these effect a law that all cars in future committee had thrown these effect a law that all cars in future committee had thrown these effect a law that all cars in future committee had thrown these effect a law that all cars in future committee had thrown these effect a law that all cars in future committee had thrown these effects a law that all cars in future committee had thrown these effects a law that all cars in future committee had thrown these effects a law that all cars in future committee had thrown these effects a law that all cars in future committee had thrown these effects a law that all cars in future committee had thrown these effects a law that all cars in future committee had thrown the committee had thrown t encourage immigration or to induce The question of the railway taxation Columbia. Those in search of timber 1903 Smith Curtis, the Liberal member, land were given no information. They the tenor of the railway corporation of were told to go and find it, and after the province, had first called the atthey had done so the government tention to the fact that the railways would tell them whether they could were not paying their fair share of explained that the city of Vancouver and every open car for the purpose of have it. There was no reliable infortaxation. and the past had not found it necessary enabling conductors to perform their duties with greater safety, and also advertise each amendment proposed. John Oliver pointed out that while that conveniences be provided for the settlers moreover were told to go to ing this railway legislation when a the C. P. R. and seek information for page hurried out and the dictator from bate was adjourned. lands wanted.

He regretted that the government mier if there was any protest from the had decided to expend no money with- railway companies. The premier read in municipal districts. The trunk roads the telegram from the C. P. R. prowere being allowed to fall into an impassable conditions. These had been government that the opposition were put in shape in the past at large ex- not so slow as not to see through a penditure.

The district which Mr. Oliver and Mr. Munro represented were discriminated against as compared with Richmond, represented by a Conservative. It looked as though this discrimina- the gallery took exception to the protion was due to the fact that the districts in question were represented by tests of the opposition. He showed the crown. How the act worked in favor of the Hon. R.

the increased expenditure on the public was a speculator's government. works. This increased expenditure portended an election, as did also the calling the school bill of last year as ber. ress. He took occasion to go into the tendance on the Conservative mem- sia. He pointed out many of the weak fore the province was created. These bers. The collector of voters for New points in the act. history of the present government's lease of power.

Mr. Oliver spoke for about two hours

The collector of voters for New Procurator-genderal from Vancouver had also been here. The repeated assurances of men in many instances paid taxes of the land for years. The province by the land for years. The province by the legislation passed last year had not been here. The repeated assurances of the legislation passed last year had confiscated this and made these pay "And for prevent duly lighted." cular section was not so much objected and a half and scored the government can assume the section was not so much objected and a half and scored the government can assume the section was not so much objected and a half and scored the government can assume that no election increase. This would more than meet construction as some others of which notice was a some other which which notice was a some other which which notice was a some other which notice was a some other which which notice was a some other which which notice was a some other which which which was a some other which which which was a some other which which which was a rcifully. He showed that by in- was to follow only tended to confirm

The government he felt was prepar- school act been kept in force. ing to take a snap vote again, if the The withholding of the teachers' salopportunity presented itself. The gov- aries under this act to the end of the ernment had got a snap vote in the year made it necessary in many cases past. Preparatory to the last election to increase the salaries of these teachthe members of the government had ers to provide for the inconvenience. made organization trips throughout Mr. Oliver wished to call the attention the province at the expense of the of W. Davidson and J. H. Hawthornth-

country. Mr. Oliver then referred to the Fer- ported legislation which prevented a nie ballot question. He pointed out teacher from obtaining his salary until that the partner of the Conservative the end of the year, and then keep a He told of that officer having taken twelve months. A teacher was as the opportunity to forward to the capi- much entitled to his earnings as was the constituency. The government on Mr. Oliver pointed out that \$6,500 was bore out the rule proposed. the most flimsy excuse had refused to to be required for additional assessors. allow a recount of the balolts, and the He would like to know how much of was reported. minority candidate now sat in the this was due to this school act.

The government had since it came Denver, in which he was informed that in the various classes of property. It notes to carry on the affairs of the dishad also taken occasion to demand by trict. taxation \$1 out of every \$3 which a man had saved up. The government ton. also taxed a man for what he owned

that the banks demanded that the ex- (Laughter and applause.) tutions did not pay the taxes.

country paid for a finance minister, a in. deputy finance minister, a surveyor of Mr. Oliver then went into the ques- in the power of that board to discharge port of bill respecting the sale of pat- taxes, who was supposed to know all tions of administration of the govern- him or to reduce his salary.

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protesting against it.

showed that there was a very liberal The government then went, into therefor: policy in force with respect to lands swapping lands like common huck- "31. There shall be elected annually in the railway belt. The Liberal gov-, sters in the Burnaby lands question, in each municipal school district, as It might be urged that the West Kootenay Company had no right to come into the rules of the House in order to in
the Bulliand Stern and Stern an come into the district and furnish troduce a bill to amend the Victoria land. The legislation proposed by the spite of this for a premeditated pur- the provisions of section 30 hereof to "Or on a petition signed by a least cades the application for land was

It was asked that there should be competition supplied to the Boundary sentation, before the bill was finally doing away with the confiscation of ed that lands worth millions of dollars till the end of the two years' term for centage fixed. this timber was due to the opposition. were handed over to speculators and which they have been respectively what really belonged to three years. | were hidden away in the buildings? | district, or of a city school district be- thought. The system was changed, but the The natural resources of this prov- ing transferred from one class to an-

trips of the attorney-general were re- ed by a special order in council."

ployees on tramway and street rail- vince. The increased revenue from logger of this province to go back to torney-general had gone to London to to re-number the subsequent sections council should be sufficient for the re-number of the subsequent sections and the subsequent sections are accordingly. ways, J. D. McNiven said that the timber resources was due in large the most primitive methods. This was argue the case of the streets ends at accordingly: Vancouver. When the city of Vanthe side were the cause of more accidents than any other. The necessity dents than any other. The necessity migration policy of the Dominion government had been attacked by sent government government had been attacked by sent government had been attacked by sent government had been attacked by sent government governmen for a conductor to pass along one of ernment. The increase in the mining the opposition. The loan was taken its hands, and told the minister to take these running boards at the side while returns was due to a considerable ex- for ten years at 5 per cent. The op-

buildings, poles or other structures a resolution of the purpose of the transmission of that it could not be said that the purpose of the transmission of that there was not a demand for such that the was not a demand for such that the personal property has per cent. But by per cent.

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Mr. Oliver said that last year it was not a demand for such that a business government were such that a business government amendments introduced this taxation. actific power for lighting, power, and for a measure. This resolution was as follows:

All of the province was paying interest that the province was paying interest that the province was paying interest than the province was paying inter "That, whereas, owing to the great only about half what it was on im- at 5 per cent. on its overdraft and at there was tortificates of efficiency to the same, do not be performed to prohibit electrical work by perd to prohibit electrical work by pertheir having to perform all their duties taxation, making an average of 73 per of the province. This amounted to what have a state of the province of th whether with big corporations, settlers \$6,000 of an expenditure. He was glad or prospectors. The Liberal party would not only keep faith with those asking equity, but would demand that faith should be kept with the province. thad not according to the rules been by vehicles, and other causes; therethe finance minister a chance to reince was paying 5 per cent. on an averside was to protect the resources of age of \$525,000, and receiving therefrom the province and make it what it was intended to become, the foremost province of the Dominion. The Liberal party hoped that whether the election were sprung suddenly or came in the natural sequence of events, the policy it represented would appeal to the

continued applause.
On motion of J. R. Brown the de-

Third Reading. The bill to give legislative sanction to the Supreme Court rules passed its third reading. Report Adopted.

The report of the bill to amend the Health Act was adopted. The Timber Bill. The House again went into commit-

manufacture of timber cut on lands of Hon. R. F. Green introduced his speculators and against the actual setamendment to put the onus of proof A deficit was to follow as a result of tlers. The government, Mr. Oliver said, as to whether timber was cut from lands from which timber could not be He was surprised at the government exported upon the owner of the tim-

presence of the organizer of the Con- amending anything. That act was an T. W. Paterson said that this was servative party, who was dancing at- iniquitous thing adapted only for Rus- unfair. Persons had bought land bemen in many instances paid taxes on

would have been required had the old There was only one explanation, and that was that there were some privi- sewer is laid within one hundred and ledged persons who were to be allowed fifty feet of any building."

to export their timber. W. J. Bowser said that the legislato put upon the timber man the onus ers. J. A. Macdonald again pointed out

that it was contrary to the principle candidate was made returning officer. person out of the wages earned for of law to make a man prove his inno-Mr. Bowser held that there were tal the ballot papers and then leave a coal miner or any other wage earner. statutes in British Columbia which

The amendment carried and the bill School Amendment. He referred to a letter from New

The bill to amend the School Act was into power almost doubled the taxation the trustees had given their personal agin committed.

amendment to define a voter under the "Good for them," said Hon. Mr. Ful- act. W. G. Cameron wished this to stand "Yes." returned Mr. Oliver, "but I over until the amending bill to the and what he would probably never own will tell you that these men have more Municipal Elections Act was passed.

in connection with the taxes on busi- patriotism, more common sense and There was a definition of householder more business ability than the govern- under that bill, and he thought the The government had represented ment, which brought down this bill." two should be made to conform. In connection with the office of city cessive taxation by legislation was ne- Mr. Oliver then referred to the action school superintendent some discussion cessary or the money would not be of the Socialists, which by a compact arose. available. The finance minister had, with the government kept in power J. H. Hawthornthwaite objected to nowever, at the dictation of these the government, although having to the rule by which the city superin-

banks overridden his act impressing vote for measures which they opposed. tendent could not be dismissed by the taxation on the banks. These insti- The dictator voted for the School Act, school board. although this legislation was passed within the E. & N. belt should be exwas not a new rule, as it had been in at the very next session amendments empt from its workings. He really force before, and had not been prowere brought in altering nearly every took the ground that although the act tested against. working section of the bill. A com- was bad the other parts of the prov-Mr. Cameron thought it was rather mission was necessary to go into the ince should bear it, but not the part of a strange thing that a superintendent taxation in spite of the fact that the the province which he was interested could be engaged by a trustee board and paid by them, yet it was not with-

Nanaimo came in and asked the pre-

The Dyking Act of last year was at-

waite to the fact that they had sup-

piece of clap trap like that.

about assessments, and a staff of ac- ment. He made reference to the lands R. L. Drury called the attention of countants. On the commission two in Southeast Kootenay, which had the minister to the fact that he was business men were appointed, but to been rescued from the C. P. R. The not quite correct in saying there had watch them two ministers sat. The prospectors asked for licenses. The been no protest. The present governreport was against the government's government said "yes we'll give you ment might not have received a prolicenses more than you ask for, we'll test, but there was objection taken to line 1, the following: The amending act altered 83 sections give you a license covering the whole the section before. territory." The result was that \$100 The section was allowed to stand The legislation affecting the Land was taken, and law suits brought on. over. spect to oil and coal. The government "20. Section 31 of said act is hereby Referring to his own district he was open to severe condemnation.

repealed and the following substituted

power. He pointed out, however, that other companies had been incorporated to carry on business when the Cascade Company entered the field. The Green-wood Company, the only one which did anything, was forced to give up because it could not compete with the Cascade Company.

It was not asked that one company and the pointed out, however, that other companies had been incorporated to five said that of the said that of the said that of the current was to impose a loss of thousands to the province.

The Kitimaat land question was gone into. The chief commissioner had gone into. The chief commissioner had said before a committee of investigation that he knew nothing about these was an urgent one he had no object to five said before a committee of investigation that he knew nothing about these was produced.

It was not asked that one company. It was not asked that one company the understanding, however, that there should be protected against another. should be sufficient time given to altimber men had been in receipt of this ince were great beyond estimation. The other, the first election under the new per cent, Mr. Cameron explaining that information previous to the passing of minister of mines had done nothing to conditions shall be held as directed by this applied only to the time of an a special order in council; and in the election obtain licenses sending the receipts for these up to \$100,000. These men eral Mr. Oliver said he would not in incorporated into a rural municipality, was too low. having this inside information took up the absence of that gentleman say all the terms of office of the boards of licenses which gave them advantages that he had intended to. It was a trustees of the respective rural school carried, the percentage being 20 per in the way of preventing the royalty fact that indictments were prepared districts within such territory shall Budget Debate.

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> The amendment carried. Hon. Mr. Fulton also moved to add

"30. The said act is hereby amended not particular whether it was by sancby inserting the following section, im- tion of the Lieut.-Governor in council

"'43a. In cases where the boards of these running boards at the side while the car was crowded required the pertent to the smelting industry.

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The Dominion Trades and Labor (107a.) For licensing and regulating extrictions and those engaged in wirged buildings, poles or other structures

The Dominion Trades and Labor (107a.) For licensing and regulating property about 39 per cent. Or in like circumstances in the case of rural school disticts in any unorganized territory which may here to the act of last year. There was on possed a large salary and travelling expenses.

The province should have been able to property 165 per cent. The province sho municipality, such liabilities shall be for was that Victoria should be put on assumed by the municipal board of equal footing with Vancouver. tion 31 of this act."

H. C. Tanner and C. Munro offered Act as now amended. some objection to this amendment, at the same time admitting the situation fact that this advice from Mr. Bowser was a difficult one to overcome.

The amendment carried. Some other amendments were also out through by the minister. The committee rose and reported

progress. The House rose at six o'clock until Upon resuming in the evening the

bill to consolidate the Municipal Clauses Act was again committed. Mr. Cameron moved the following amendment:

tion 50 the following sub-section: "114a. For assessing real property The committee rose and reported profronting and adjoining any park, gress. square, public garden, drive or boule-Mr. Oliver sat down amidst loud and vard for and in respect of the sewerage and the improvements, works and services made, done or provided under. upon or in any such park, square, pub- & Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896. lic garden, drive or boulevard, in like streets, and for assessing the said the company seeking aid for section 4. lands for local improvements to the extent to which the corporation may deem such lands are specially benefited by such improvements; and where the lands on one side of a drive or bouleee on the bill respecting the use and or square (or for other reasons are ex- extent, or made written application for.

Mr. Cameron said this was to cover the case of lands fronting on parks. | for same in accordance with existing objection to the principle of the amend- pre-emption of crown lands." ment, but thought it would come in better in another part of the act.

moved another amendment as follows: To add at the end of sub-section (129)

confiscated this and made these pay "And for preventing such connections save by plumbers duly licensed by the municipality. The power in this subreason for giving a privilege to the section contained to compel the conpersons who purchased land in 1887. He nection of any building with a branch, wanted to know why this was done. main or common sewer may be exercised whenever a main or co

Hon. Mr. Fulton wanted to know how this would work out if a municition was justifiable. It was only fair pality did not appoint licensed plumb-Mr. Cameron said that this would

> were licensed plumbers. Hon. Mr. Fulton said that work could only be done by licensed plumb-

The amendment with the consent of pany. Mr. Cameron was allowed to stand

section (138a), section 50: '(138a.) For assessing and levying, in addition to all other rates, a special apply for these lands until 1904. The Hon. F. J. Fulton introduced an rate for the payment of hydrant rent company had no rights in these lands upon all buildings and their contents until the assent of the Lieut.-Governor, that may be benefited by said hy- which might never happen. Further drants, said special rate not to exceed the lands were open to pre-emption

the annual rent of hydrants." tents of the buildings were protected laws or was not fitted for the position. by the water supply. He had in view a case where the municipality had by thers who went upon the land did not by-law taken the water from a private obtain their rights. If the amendment company. Either the hydrant rates did not go through these settlers were would have to be borne by the whole without rights. The opposition held municipality or else be collected as that the act of 1896 was null and void. was proposed by this amendment.

Hon. Mr. Fulton thought this was naimo knew little about the situation omething which should not be intro- if he said that the opposition held that duced. The municipality should either bear the expense or should not have held by the Liberals that the act reentered into the arrangement in which mained in force. case a private arrangement could have been made by the owners benefitted.

The amendment was lost. J. R. Brown moved an amendment to cover the necessity for borrowing ney in new municipalities.

should be put on the order paper and a way devised for overcoming it. J. D. McNiven moved the following

aminers of and the granting of cer- to give these men all the rights they tificates of efficiency to master plumb- should have under the Subsidy Act. ers and to journeymen plumbers, and Mr. Brown proposed that the amendto prohibit plumbing being done by ment of Mr. Hawthornthwaite should persons not possessing such certifi-cates, or carrying on their business more than 320 acres with the right to

contrary to the by-law.' The amendment was carried. Mr. Cameron moved:

Mr. Cameron said he was willing to The premier said he was agreeable timber licenses obtained in one year orders-in-council conveying lands to the spectrators and elected. In the event of a rural change the percentage. The principle timber licenses obtained in one year orders-in-council conveying lands

Hon. Mr. Fulton thought 10 per cent. The amendment of Mr. Cameron

tion to go into supply, John Oliver subject to being increased from time off and crossing the boundary line. The new conditions shall be held as direct had been passed it should be necessary to refer back to the people again before such by-law could be repealed. At the present time there was some doubt on this question. He moved that the peal of the by-law. He said he was

On the recommendation of Hon. Mr.

or by the sanction of the people.

school trustees to be elected under sec- Mr. Bowser said this was not necessary, according to the Land Registry

Mr. Cameron called attention to the was surely with bad grace, when by referring to the order paper there was an amendment for the Vancouver City Act, proposed by Mr. Bowser which was exactly the same as this one proposed by him.

Mr. Bowser said that he had been asked by the city solicitor of Vancouver to submit it.

Mr. Cameron said he was not a legal gentleman, but would like a vote on the question. Mr. Bowser said he did not think To add after sub-section (114) of sechis motion necessary, and the motion

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of Mr. Cameron was not pressed.

The House then went into committee on the bill to amend the Columbia S. Henderson moved to make it clear manner and with the like charges and that this land grant should be in final remedies as real property fronting or satisfaction for all the work of the abutting upon any of the public company, and to avoid any chance of

The amendment was lost. J. H. Hawthornthwaite moved to add the following as a new section "4. Provided, always, that where any settler or squatter has occupied convard are a public park, public garden | tinuously, or improved to a reasonable

empt from taxation), at least one-half prior to the year 1906, a portion of of the cost of such local improvements | land not exceeding 160 acres in extent shall be borne by the municipality gen- situated within the crown land granted by the said act, he shall be entitled to receive from the said company a grant Hon. F. J. Fulton said he had no regulations governing the disposal of Mr. Oliver took exception to this. What was the use of putting on the

Mr. Cameron agreed to this, and statute books laws like this when there was a government in power which overrode the laws and instructed its agents to tell applicants to deal with the C. P. R. alone. The settlers.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said that the amendment would do no harm. Mr. Oliver said that Mr. Hawthornthwaite had purported to have studied the question. Mr. Oliver read from the Subsidy Act to show that up to the time of the defining of the limits of the lands by the railway company the land was open to settlement and pre-emption. The government, however, had refused them the right o pre-empt, and were instructed by apply only to those places where there the agents to obtain their lands from

the C. P. R. Hon. R. F. Green said that this only applied to the land after the land had been set aside for the railway com-

Mr. Oliver said that the chief commissioner did not seem to grasp the J. N. Evans moved to insert as sub- situation. After 1903 the rallway company had no statutory rights to these lands. Moreover, the company did not after they were reserved. The chief Mr. Evans pointed out that the con- commissioner should know the land Mr. Hawthornthwaite said that set-

Mr. Oliver said the member for Nathe act of 1896 was not in force. It was

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said that if this amendment carried these settlers would be given their rights if the act had not been in force.

Mr. Oliver said that under the statute these settlers had the right to Hon. Mr. Fulton proposed that this pre-empt 320 acres and the right to purchase 640 acres. If these men had not complied with the law it was because the government, which Mr. Hawthornthwaite supported would not To add to section 50, sub-section (170) let them do it. If the member for Nanaimo wished to give these men "And for providing for a board of ex- their rights let him amend his motion

purchase up to 640 acres.

Hon. Mr. Green said that the right to pre-empt had been done under the In line 3 of sub-section (189) of sec- law as the government had the right to refuse these applications.

Mr. Brown said that east of the Cas-

Act had not been called for. The city The country had not been developed by Hon. Mr. Fulton moved to strike out of Victoria was filled in consequence the policy pursued by the government. section 20 and substitute the following of this proposed legislation by men No title could be obtained with re- therefor: