

Legislative Assembly

Yesterday Was Devoted to Much Hard Work in Committee.

Night Sessions Began Last Evening and Will Be Continued.

Million Dollar Loan Bill Read a Third Time and Passed.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2:20 p. m.

Prayers were read by the Rev. W. Leslie Gray, B. A.

THE PETITIONS. The following petitions were received: From the city of Vancouver, for a private bill to amend the Corporation Act, No. 2.

From G. W. Hobson and others, for a private bill to incorporate the Vancouver Lumber Company.

The following petitions were presented and read: By Mr. Brown, for the city of Vancouver, for a private bill for enlarged corporate powers.

From Mr. Gilford, for J. Warren Bell and many others, for special licenses to cut timber.

REPORTS. Mr. F. C. Cotton presented the first report of the select standing committee on private bills.

Your select standing committee on private bills and pending orders has been to report as follows: That the time limited for the presentation of petitions for private bills be extended until January 12th, 1904.

That the time limited for the presentation of private bills be extended until the 22nd January, 1904.

That the time limited for the presentation of reports be extended until January 29th, 1904, and be to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted. P. CAMERON-COTTON, Chairman.

The report was received, and the standing orders having been suspended the report was adopted.

Mr. Cameron introduced a bill to amend the "Pharmacy Act." Read first time; second reading next sitting.

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Mr. Evans moved: That an order of the House be granted for a return showing land lands in the Victoria district were assessed as wild lands for the years 1902 and 1903, by whom such taxes were paid and the amounts so paid.

Mr. King moved: That an order of the House be granted for a return of the investigation of "East Kootenay" by Mr. Cameron.

On motion of the finance minister the report of bill No. 10 (to amend the million dollars) was adopted, and the bill was read a third time. The bill then passed.

The report of bill No. 11 (to amend the Revenue Tax Act, 1904), was adopted, and the bill read a third time. The bill then passed.

The House then went into committee on the bill to amend the Coal Mines Act.

Mr. Brown (Greenwood) moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. McNeill (Victoria), that the bill be amended so as to prospectors' license fee, which it is proposed to raise from \$50 to \$100.

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Montrealers Want Isles

Send Memorial to Ottawa Asking For St. Pierre and Miquelon.

Australia Will Probably Give Canada Benefit of Trade Preference.

Much Field Artillery and Many Maxims to Be Purchased in England.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Dec. 7.—The government has received a resolution from the Montreal Board of Trade in favor of the acquisition by Canada of the French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon.

According to D. H. Ross, commercial agent for the Dominion in Australia, there is every prospect of Canada being given before long tariff preference in Australia.

Writing to the department of trade and commerce, Mr. Ross says that all along the line a warm desire has been expressed to increase imports from Australia.

There is a new export in West Australia for Canadian cargoes, harness, refrigerators and asbestos coverings.

Mr. F. Borden, while in England, will purchase field artillery and siege guns (Maxim guns as well as counter batteries) for the Canadian army.

The War Office in regard to the appointment of a Canadian officer to command the Canadian militia of field artillery there will probably be about ten or a dozen batteries.

Of Maxim guns enough to equip every city corps. At present there are not more than fifteen Maxims in the country.

Hon. Mr. Prefontaine, minister of marine, and Mr. Gougeon, deputy minister, are expected to return to Ottawa to investigate the workings of a submersible.

The contract for the purchase of five or six submersibles by means of a receiver installed on board.

Hon. Mr. Clifford Sifton, in an address before the Canadian Club tonight declared himself in favor of a preferential trade if the terms with the other countries were satisfactory.

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The Ottawa Ministerial Association today decided to take a practical part in municipal politics this year.

FAVORS CHAMBERLAIN. Stratford, Ont., Dec. 7.—Board of Trade endorses Chamberlain tariff policy.

SUSPICIOUS DEATH. Chicago, Dec. 8.—Sudden death of Mrs. Emma Murray, wife of Henry Murray, a well-known local politician, has resulted in an investigation.

According to a note written by Mr. Murray his wife was murdered by thieves. Another report of the death of the coroner gave appoxly as the cause.

POWERS TAKES ACTION. Constantinople, Dec. 8.—M. Zinovoff, the Russian ambassador, has informed the Porte that Russia and Austria have definitely decided to appoint respectively M. Demerica, the consul-general of Russia at Beirut, and Herr von Mueller, the Austrian foreign officer to supervise the carrying out of the reform scheme of the powers for Macedonia.

A GLASS COMBINE. Muncie, Ind., Dec. 7.—Forty-five Indiana window glass manufacturers have formed the Federation Co-operative Glass Company, which will control 132 furnaces in this state and in the American Window Glass Company.

DOVIE PRESENTS HIS STATEMENT Shows Large Excess of Assets Over Liabilities and Asks For Time. Chicago, Dec. 7.—In a statement which places his assets at more than four times his liabilities, John Alexander Dowie today at a meeting with creditors submitted a proposal by which it is believed that the financial tangle of Zion City will be straightened out.

Dowie's communication to his creditors is accompanied by a list of assets valued at \$1,845,210 and liabilities valued at \$460,840.

Of his total indebtedness, that due to bank deposits and shares of stock in various Zion City industries is valued at \$1,190,079.

Bills payable on account of land were placed at \$315,443, due in 1905 and 1906.

The judgment of Samuel Stevenson is \$100,000, for which secured notes have been given.

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