

Legislative Assembly

Many Bills Passed Through the Committee Stage With Slight Amendment.

Important Point Raised in Connection With South East Kootenay Railway.

C. M. Munro Replaced on Kalen Island Committee of Enquiry.

Tuesday, February 13, 1906. At two o'clock p. m., the House met and after prayers by the Rev. W. L. Clay, the Speaker, the following are the salient features of proposed amendments to School Act.

Amendments to School Act. 1. Schools in rural municipalities to be under the control of one school board and the municipalities to be classed with cities under the style of "Municipal Districts." In such cases the assessment, collection and disbursement of school rates to be in the hands of the municipal councils.

2. In rural school districts outside of municipalities assessment and collection of school rates to be in the hands of provincial assessors. They shall make draft assessment roll to be submitted to the trustees instead of the trustees making up list of names in first place.

3. Government supplementary grant for teachers' salaries to be paid quarterly in municipal school districts, and in rural school districts instead of half-yearly in both cases.

4. Provisions for establishment of high schools only in municipal school districts, and not in a union of outside rural school districts, as formerly.

5. Income of regularly employed teachers and salaries and wages of persons under twenty-one years of age exempted from assessment.

6. Mines and mineral claims and railways to be included with assessable property under the Act.

7. Separate qualifications given for voters and trustees in assisted schools, and provisions made for qualification of voters in rural school districts before assessment list is made up.

8. The report on a Bill introduced an Act to incorporate Northern and Alaska Railway company, was adopted. Third reading tomorrow.

9. The report on a Bill introduced an Act to incorporate Southern Kootenay Railway Bill with Mr. J. R. Brown in the chair.

Hon. C. Wilson moved that such sections of this Bill as are contained in the Railway Bill be taken as read. Mr. John Oliver (Delta) said that he always understood that this was one of the purposes of the Railway Bill.

Hon. C. Wilson moved that subsection (c) of section 22 be reconsidered. The clause affected read as follows: "(c) The provisions of the Companies Act, 1897, shall apply to the company and to the directors of the company, or as any such provisions are amended or amended by any Act passed after the date of this Act, or the said British Columbia Railway Act, as incorporated into this Act, in which case the provisions of this Act or the said Railway Act as so incorporated herein, as the case may be, shall, to the extent of such repugnance or inconsistency, prevail."

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Dominion News Notes

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Mr. R. L. Borden Addresses the University Students on Political Institutions.

Many Marconi Stations in Operation on the Atlantic Coast.

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Imperial House Meets

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Investigation Is Con

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