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Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1887.

From the Daily Colonist, Feb. 10.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

PROVINCIAL COURT.—Mah Gong, charged with stabing Du Aucht on the E. & N. railway, was remanded until Saturday.

THE Calgary *Herald* states that Mr. S. Tingley was in that town the other day. He has located a ranche and will place a herd thereon in the spring.

NOMINATIONS for the electoral district of Yale will take place on the 15th inst. at the court house, Kamloops, and the ballot boxes will be opened on March 17th.

THE WEATHER AT YALE.—Six degrees below zero; huge blocks of ice floating down the Fraser river; boisterous and cold cutting winds, enough to freeze the pigtails of the Chinamen.

DR. DAWSON, in a lecture before the Ottawa Literary and Scientific society, on Vancouver Island, predicted that its great natural and mineral advantages would in future earn for it the title of the Little Britain of the North Pacific.

THE MAIL will arrive early this morning. The Rithet will meet the Princess Louise in Plumper's Pass and a transfer of passengers and mails will be made to the former. It is expected that a regular service will again be made.

CORRECTION.—In the communication which appeared yesterday morning over the signature of Thos. W. Pierre, the line "it would appear the colored people had no business," should read "it would appear the colored people had no brains," etc

TRAFFIC EARNINGS.—The statement of traffic earnings of the Canadian Pacific for January shows the net profits for the month, an increase of $39,212 over the profits for December. For the months ending December 31st, the net profits were $3,703,486, an increase of $478,266, compared with the previous year.

Mainland Guardian:—While Master Hugh Connell was playing upon the river in front of the town, he fell into a hole made by cutting ice, and had it not been for Charlie Harrison, who saw him from the street, and very cleverly ran, seizing him by the hand and dragging him out, he would have been drowned.

THE MAILS ARRIVE.—Some eighty sacks of mail matter arrived by the steamer Princess Louise at 6 a. m. yesterday. The postoffice staff, under Mr. Cairns' direction, made an onslaught on the matter, and had all letters distributed by 9 a. m. The papers were distributed early in the afternoon. Mail is being now forwarded daily to the east.

AFTER being billed to appear in this city to-night and to-morrow night, the Thompson opera troupe slipped through on their return from Victoria and Seattle, going to Portland on this morning's train. It is understood they left unpaid a number of bills here that they had contracted. Their hurried passage was quite a surprise to the public.—*Tacoma News.*

OVERTURNED.—Miss Abbott and Mr. E. J. Wetherell, took a sleigh-ride yesterday afternoon, and were returning to the hotel, when, in turning the corner of Broad and Fort streets, the runner struck a stone, overturned the sleigh and threw Mr. Wetherell out, Miss Abbott following. The latter sustained no injury and the former very slight. The sleigh was badly smashed.

THE Bank of British Columbia announce their intention of opening a branch office in Kamloops. The bank proposes to erect a suitable building on the lot adjoining the *Sentinel* office, on the opposite corner to the court house, and have already plans of the structure under way. They will lose no time in completing the building and hope to to be in occupation during April.

THE CARIBOO RAILWAY.—H. P. Bell, C. E., arrived down yesterday evening from Barkerville, having completed the preliminary survey for the provincial government of the proposed line of railway to the Cariboo gold fields. He states that it will not be difficult to locate a line that will reconcile all the interests to be served without presenting any constructive difficulties worthy of mention.

ALWAYS LOW.—The contemptible reference of the *Times* to the gentlemen who occupied seats in the "gods" on Tuesday evening is being censured on all sides. It would seem as if that sheet, having exhausted its spleen on every public man in the community, is now turning its attention to those of our citizens who are unable to publicly defend themselves. Doubtless, those whom it has made a target for abuse, pay their bills promptly—a sufficient cause for jealousy and scurrillity on the part of the "smart" critic(?) of that abandoned sheet.

FUNERAL.—The funeral of the late J. W. Williams took place yesterday afternoon. A large number of friends of the bereaved family attending. Services were held in the Methodist church, Rev. W. Percival officiating. From the church the *cortege* proceeded to Ross Bay cemetry, where the mortal remains of the deceased gentlemrn were consigned to their last resting-place. The pall-bearers were:—Messrs. D. Spencer, Wm. Wilson, J. W. Carey, R. Hall, N. Shakespeare, M.P., E. M. Johnson, T. B. Humphreys, and Wm. Dalby.

THANKS.—The latest number of the Edmonton, N. W. T., *Bulletin* says: The Victoria COLONIST issues one of the finest holiday numbers of the year. It is a 24 page affair, each page the size of the full sheet of the *Bulletin*, with a beautifully illustrated cover, the design of a local artist, and a full page engraving. It is printed in new type and contains a very large amount of interesting information regarding British Columbia in general and Victoria in particular. The list of buildings erected in Victoria during the year will compare favorably with any city in Canada, including a $50,000 church and a $35,000 hotel. THE COLONIST is the leading paper of the Pacific coast.

THE SNOW which fell on Tuesday night and yesterday morning afforded excellent sleighing, every turn-out in the city being engaged. Skating is at a discount just now, but should the bracing north wind continue, lovers of that healthy sport may yet have a chance to exercise themselves. The eastern people who have lately become residents here do not understand the weather and naturally ask, "Where are the roses and Italian climate that we have read so much about?" In answer to that question a gentleman very aptly remarked, "Your eastern climate has heard so much about our Italian skies and beautiful climate that it has come out to see for its own satisfaction whether there is any truth in the statements."

ELEVEN members of the Thompson Opera Co., who were deserted to the tender mercies of an unpaid landlord, by their manager, have been relieved from their trying position through the generosity of Miss Abbott and other members of her company, who have subscribed liberally to aid them in getting to Portland, the prima donna leading the list. The members who were "left" by Mr. Thompson had two weeks salary due them, and were promised that they would be taken with the balance of the company up to the hour of departure. They now desire to express to Miss Abbott and company their heartfelt thanks for her kindness and practical sympathy in their trouble.

IT is reported that the thermometer registered 2° below zero on Wednesday night at Quamichan. The sleighing throughout the district is excellent, the road, being in remarkably good condition for this time of the year.

MARINE.

Steamship Wellington is at Departure bay taking in coal.

David Fleming, travelling agent of the C. P. R., is at the Clarence.

Ship T. M. Reid has been chartered to take coal from Departure bay to San Francisco.

Ship Mount Washington was towed to sea on Sunday by the Holyoke, with 1,900 tons of V. C. company's coal for San Diego.

E. W. McGinnis, the newly appointed agent of the C. P.R. at Seattle, arrived in the city yesterday by the steamer North Pacific.

Steamer Clara Parker was attempting to reach D. K. Warren's ranche, on Shipanon creek, near Astoria, Ore., with a load of cattle for him, when the ice knocked a hole in the bottom of the steamer. She sank and is now frozen in. The cattle were released, and clambered ashore and over the dyke without loss.

WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAY.

That the rainy weather has somewhat dampened the spirits of those attending the Montreal carnival. Indoor sports are largely patronized. An address was presented to his excellency and a happy reply made thereto.

That the government have decidedly refused to grant permission to any Canadian regiment to visit England next summer. The refusal has caused consternation among the members of the corps who were preparing to go.

PERSONAL.

Geo. Norris, editor and proprietor of the Nanaimo *Free Press*, is in the city.

H. C. Wilson, brother of Coun. Walter Wilson of Nanaimo, is reported dangerously ill in this city.

The *Brooklyn Magazine* for February has an interesting article on "Social Life in Canada," from the pen of Mr. Edmund Collins.

Judge Johnson, having returned from San Francisco, resumed his seat in the police court yesterday. He is much improved in health. Judge Harrison, it is understood, will continue to sit on the case of perjury.

GRAND LODGE I. O. O. F.

The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of this province held their thirteenth session at the Odd Fellows' hall yesterday morning. The following were present: F. Carne, G. M.; J. H. Meldram, G. W.; F. Davey, G. S.; J. E. Phillips, Grand Marshal; W. Huxtable, G. Herald; R. Scott, G. Chaplain; and representatives from the lodges in this city and the following representatives: From New Westminster Lodge No. 3, New Westminster—E. S. Scoullar, B. W. Shiles, P. G. M.; W. McColl, P. G. M.; R. J. Foulds, H. Hoy and A. McGowne; from Harmony Lodge No. 6, Wellington—R. Scott, G. Williams, J. Hoskins and E. Hoskins; from Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, Chilliwack—J. C. Henderson and J. A. Campbell.

The grand officers' report show that the order is increasing in number and the financial standing is such as to give great satisfaction. During 1886 two lodges have been opened, one at Vancouver and the other at Chilliwhack. The number of members has increased 100, and now amount to 700 members; 100 brothers and 5 widowed families have been relieved during the year, and the sum of $6,544 paid for this purpose. The annual receipts of the subordinate lodges have been about $1,400, and the lodges own capital amounting to $55,000, being equal to $80 per member. Since the establishment of the Grand Lodge in the year 1874, this order has paid to its members in this province the substantial sum of $55,684 for relief. These figures speak for themselves of the amount of good performed by the order in this province. There is some talk of instituting a lodge at Kamloops shortly, as there are several members of the order living there. The Grand Lodge convened again last evening, when the following officers were elected: Joshua Davies, Grand Master; John H. Meldram, Deputy Grand Master; Robert Scott, (Wellington,) Grand Warden; Frederick Davey; Grand Secretary; Walter Walker, Grand Treasurer.

FASHIONABLE WEDDING.

NESBITT-ELLA—A happy event occurred at the Reformed Episcopal church yesterday morning, when Samuel D. Nesbitt and Miss Marion Ella were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge. The groom, accompanied by his best man Mr. Joseph Wilson, arrived at the church at 11 o'clock and a few minutes later the bridal party entered, the organist, Mrs. Leech, playing a march as they approached the altar. The bride looked charming in a white satin dress with a train trimmed with white lace and beaded panel, a wreath of orange blossoms and veil. The Misses Ella, sisters of the bride, acted as bridesmaids and were attired in dresses of white nun's veiling. After the ceremony the choir sang the matrimonial hymn "Maccabeseus," after which benediction was pronounced by the bishop. The party then left the church, the organ pealing forth Mendelssohn's grand wedding march. From the church they proceeded to Wentworth villa, the residence of the bride's mother, where a reception was held from 2 to 5 o'clock, where the newly married pair received the hearty congratulations of their friends. Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt have our best congratulations.

DEATH OF CAPT. WALKER.

Yesterday morning about 8:30 o'clock Capt. Walker was found dead in his bed at his residence, Yates street. The deceased gentleman was in the best of spirits the evening before, laughing and talking with his friends. Death seems to have visited him without warning, as he was found lying in the same position as when he retired the evening before. He had been dead some hours, as the body was cold when found. Capt. Walker was a native of St. Andrew's, N. B., and came to this province in the early part of 1860. He was born in 1817 and was consequently 69 years of age at the time of his death, which is supposed to have resulted from apoplexy. In the death of this gentleman Victoria loses an estimable citizen, whose kind face will be much missed.

POLICE COURT.

(Before Edwin Johnson, P. M.)

Jennie; a Fort Rupert Indian woman, charged with being drunk, fined $5 or one month.

Ah Jim, charged with supplying an intoxicant to an Indian; remanded until to-day.

Victoria Peter, an Indian, charged with being in possession of an intoxicant, was remanded until to-day.

June Ling, a vagrant, discharged for want of evidence.

LAST NIGHT'S FIRE.

A fire alarm was sounded last night about 9 o'clock. The fire was located in a wooden dwelling house on Chatham street, between Government and Douglas, owned by H. E. Levy, of Seattle, and occupied by H. Cowan, an employe of the Transfer stables. Mr. Cowan and wife had a few minutes before driven as far as Fort street, and on their return found their residence in a blaze. The fire department was quickly on the scene, but there was a long delay in getting to work owing to the lack of water. The great crowd which had gathered literally *snowballed* the fire out, but the building was burned to the ground, notwithstanding their exertions. The conflagration was caused either by the explosion of a lamp which had been turned down, or from the stove in which a fire was blazing. Mr. Cowan had no insurance on his effects, none of which were saved, and places his loss at $800, this including his hard-earned savings in cash. The building is understood to be insured and the loss will not be heavy. Chief Phillips deserves praise for his efforts to prevent the fire spreading to the closely adjoining buildings.

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Proceedings of the First Session of the Fifth Parliament.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 9th.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2 p.m.

Prayers were read by the Rev. W. W. Percival.

The Petition of T. E. Ladner, R. Lipsett and others for the right to construct a railway was received.

Col. Baker, chairman of the private bills committee, reported that the standing rules and orders had been complied with in the cases of applications of the Upper Columbia and the Kootenay and Athabaska railway companies for private bills.

UPPER COLUMBIA RAILWAY.

Col. Baker asked leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Upper Columbia railway company.

After a lengthy discussion the bill was read a first time and referred to the standing committee on railways.

CORRESPONDENCE ASKED FOR.

Mr. Bole moved, seconded by Mr. Orr, that a respectful address be presented to the lieutenant-governor, requesting him to cause to be sent to this house, copies of all correspondence between James G. Jaques or anyone acting on his behalf, and the chief commissioner of lands and works, and between the government agent at New Westminster and the chief commissioner of lands and works respecting section 4, north range, 7 west, New Westminster district, and the petition of right with reference thereto.

The Hon. Mr. Robson was very glad the hon. member for New Westminster city had moved for the correspondence. When this matter was referred to incidentally, during a previous debate, the hon. gentleman had stated that he (Hon. Mr. Robson) had promised the piece of land in question to Mr. Boyd and Mr. Milligan, thus trying to take it away from the "poor fishermen," and when the statement was contradicted, the hon. gentleman said these men had told him so, and he believed them in preference to the provincial secretary. The matter having assumed the form of a question of veracity, he (Hon. Mr. Robson) would, with the permission of the house, make a brief statement of facts;—During the first days of July, Mr. Hugh Boyd had expressed a wish to obtain for his nephew a certain piece of land, upon which to make a home. He (Mr. Robson) told Mr. Boyd to send down a written application and he would see what could be done. Shortly after he received a letter from Mr. Boyd enclosing a formal application. The letter was dated July 8, 1886, and in it the following passage occurred:—"Enclosed you will find an application to the hon. the chief commissioner of lands and works, for permission to either pre empt or purchase (the latter I would much prefer) the lot I was talking to you about. I would ask you as a great favor to try and get it for me." Now that was not the language likely to be employed by one to whom the land had been *promised*; but what he particularly desired to bring to the notice of the house was this fact:—Mr. Boyd's application was dated the 8th of July, and (as would be found when the correspondence came down) the first application was made on behalf of the fishermen towards the end of August, five or six weeks afterward! It would be seen, therefore, how utterly absurd it was to charge him with having tried to snatch the land away from the "poor fishermen" and give it to Mr. Boyd! It was proper to state that the conversation and correspondence mentioned was all that took place between himself and Mr. Boyd, and that, as a matter of fact, the land described in Mr. Boyd's application was not lot 4, block 4 at all. Now, he did not wish to be understood as saying that the hon. member for Westminster was not told that he (Mr. Robson) had promised the land in question to Mr. Boyd; but he did say most emphatically that if Mr. Boyd did say so, the statement which was utterly untrue, and inconsistent with the evidence. Adverting to the case of Mr. Milligan, he emphatically denied having ever promised the land in question to that gentleman, although he had occupied the land for years and made improvements on it with the knowledge of the government. When that gentleman learned that the land was being sought after he applied to him (Mr. Robson) and was distinctly told that if the fishermen were prepared to carry out their scheme they should have the land in preference to all other applicants, but if not, the land would most probably be put up at auction and sold to the highest bidder, and, in such event, he (Mr. Robson) would endeavor to have the improvements valued and paid for, and he would read a passage from a letter written by Mr. Milligan, dated October 18th, showing that he so understood the matter:—"I did not hear from you by letter since my second letter to you. But Mr. Sexsmith told me he had a talk with you and you said that in case those parties (*i. e.*, the fishermen,) did not carry out their agreement, the only alternative would be to put the land up for public sale to highest bidder, and that the improvements would be allowed to me." He hoped he had made it sufficiently clear to the house that he had not promised the piece of land in question either to Mr. Boyd or Mr. Milligan, much less had he attempted to snatch it from the fishermen, and he concluded (amid applause) by expressing the opinion that before the member for Westminster had many years experience in public life he would learn that to manufacture or retail such slanderous stories in the house was an unprofitable, as it was certainly an unstatesmanlike occupation.

Mr. Bole had not stated that Mr. Milligan had alleged that the land was promised to him, but that Mr. Boyd had told him (Mr. Bole) that the provincial secretary had, at the time of the election, promised the land to him. He (Mr. Bole) would believe Mr. Boyd and not the provincial secretary.

Mr. Speaker—Order, order.

Hon. Mr. Robson quoted statements of the honorable gentleman from New Westminster city, published in the *Guardian*, in support of what he had said.

Mr. Orr said Mr. Boyd had told him also that the piece of land in question had been promised to him.

After considerable discussion, during which Mr. Bole was called to order by Mr. Speaker, the resolution passed.

ROADS.

Mr. Bole moved, seconded by Mr. McLeese, that an order of the house be granted for copies of all correspondence between W. H. Ladner, M. P. P., James Orr, M. P. P., and W. N. Bole, M. P. P., and the honorable chief commissioner of lands and works, respecting the roads between New Westminster and Fort Moody and New Westminster and Vancouver. Passed

CHARGES OF IRREGULARITY.

Mr. T. Davie, to a question of privilege, referred to a report of certain remarks of Mr. Grant published in THE COLONIST, which had been acquiesced in by the senior member for Victoria. The remarks reported were as follows: "If some of Mr. Beaven's supporters had not been prevented from voting, and if ballot papers with his name obliterated had not been given out that gentleman would have been at the head of the poll as usual."

Mr. Beaven said he did not use those words.

Mr. T. Davie continuing said this was a very serious matter and he would have thought when such a statement was made by an honorable gentleman that he would have called for a committee or taken some steps to substantiate what he had said. Since he had not done so he believed the house should.

Mr. Grant said he was not the only one who had been told that voters had received papers with a mark drawn through the name of the honorable senior member for Victoria. He had no doubt but the informants to whom he referred could be brought forward to give evidence.

PRIVILEGE.

Mr. Vernon rose to a question of privilege. In a copy of the *Inland Sentinel* of Feb. 5th he saw what was supposed to be the substance of his remarks on Mr. Beaven's amendment to his honor's speech. He (Mr. V.) was reported as saying that "the duty of the members was to act in harmony and to direct their attention to matters of *large public importance*, etc. And also a leading article in the same paper reflected strongly on these supposed remarks. The honorable member was not aware from what source the *Sentinel* had obtained its report, but in any case it was not what he had said or anything like it. He could conceive no question that was of greater importance to his constituents and to the province at large than that of the present excessive railway rates on the C. P. R. In his remarks on the debate he had referred to the necessity of united action. This was not a party question in any sense of the word. The whole province was interested in the matter and he had introduced his motion for a select committee to enquire into and report upon the subject of these rates as the only business like way that might tend to these rates being placed upon a more satisfactory basis. He thought if the report of the committee was forwarded to the federal government and the C. P. R. authorities a good result might be achieved and these present excessive rates modified. He regretted the remarks of the *Sentinel* as they were incorrect and not fair to him as a representative of the district. The hon. member felt sure that the erroneous report of his remarks in that paper was accidental and not dictated by malice. His anxiety to do all in his power to obtain a reduction of present excessive rates of the C. P. R. was sufficiently shown by the motion for a Select Committee presently to come before the house.

Mr. Vernon withdrew his resolution respecting the exemption of taxes from machinery for quartz mining purposes.

C. P. R. FREIGHT RATES.

Mr. Vernon moved, seconded by Mr. Theo. Davie, that whereas much dissatisfaction seems to exist at the transport rates charged by the C. P. R. Company in the province of British Columbia. Be it resolved, that a select committee be appointed by this house, with power to call for persons and papers, and examine witnesses, to inquire into and report upon the cause of such dissatisfaction, with a view of the house taking such action in the premises as may seem to it desirable. The honorable mover believed by going about the matter this way and representing the case properly to the railway authorities the difficulties complained of would be redressed. He would suggest that the resolution be amended providing that a select committee be be appointed by the railway committee.

It was proposed that a select committee of six be appointed, as follows: Baker, John, Cowan, Orr, Semlin, and the mover.

Mr. Higgins thought it would be a great mistake to appoint the committee without having one or two of the members for Victoria on it. Suggested that the names of Messrs. Prior and Turner be added to the committee.

Mr. Orr's name at his own request was removed, and the resolution passed with the names of the two members for Victoria city added, the committee being made to compose seven members instead of six.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVES.

Mr. Bole moved that a respectful address be presented to his honor the lieutenant-governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to the house copies of all letters, dispatches, minutes or orders-in-council, and all other correspondence, which passed between the Dominion government and his honor's ministers, relating to the cancellation of the reserve of lands west of North Road and North Arm, Burrard Inlet, referred to in a public notice dated 10th May, 1884, and signed by the honorable the chief commissioner of lands and works. Passed.

RAILWAY CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Beaven moved, seconded by Mr. Semlin, that a respectful address be presented to his honor the lieutenant-governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this house copies of all orders in council, correspondence, telegrams, agreements and communications not already published between the government of British Columbia, or any of its members, and the Canadian Pacific railway, or any one on its behalf, respecting the subject mentioned in their agreements of the 23rd February and 23rd November, 1885, or any other public matter.

The mover made this resolution that the house might have the fullest information of what had been done in this matter during the recess. Resolution passed.

ISLAND RAILWAY.

Mr. Beaven moved, seconded by Mr. Bole, that a respectful address be presented to his honor the lieutenant governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to the house copies of all orders in council, engineers' reports, telegrams, correspondence, agreements and communications between the government of British Columbia or any of its members and the Dominion government, or anyone on its behalf, with any other person, respecting the change in curvature upon the railway from Esquimalt to Nanaimo which resulted in the agreement, dated 20th August, 1883, and entered into between C. P. Huntington, of the city of New York, Chas. F. Crocker, and Leland Stanford, of the city of San Francisco, U. S. A., and Robert Dunsmuir, James Dunsmuir and John Bryden, of Nanaimo, B. C., of the one part, and her majesty Queen Victoria, represented by the minister of railways and canals of Canada, of the other part, being changed.

The mover said the agreement for the construction of the railway had been entered into under conditions extremely favorable to the company. Not only had it received a large grant of the most valuable portion of Vancouver island, but it was also subsidized by the Dominion government to the extent of $750,000. The contract provided that the railway should have a certain grade and that its curves should not exceed a certain radius. He claimed that Mr. Dunsmuir had changed the grades and forty-five curves from the fixed minimum, and had done so without sufficient authority. He wanted to know why the government should have undertaken to relieve a contractor so great a responsibility.

The honorable attorney-general pointed out that the authorized grade of curves could be legally diverted from when the character of the country was such as to justify the change. The house had before it when the vote was taken in regard to the curves the report of the Dominion government engineer which stated that a more durable road had been constructed than if the curves provided for in the specifications had been made. From his recollection the house had before it at the time the vote was taken, all the information in the possession of the government.

Mr. Stenhouse favored the resolution. He thought the returns asked for were necessary for the vindication of the government as well as for the satisfaction of the house. The procedure in regard to the change of curvature on the Island railway was known to but few, and the time had arrived when it should be made public. His constituents had a peculiar interest in the subject under discussion, and a complaint in the form of a petition would be sent in at the proper time, not to the local house but to Ottawa.

Hon. Mr. Robson said in view of the resolution referred to having passed by a vote of 16 to 2, it seemed to him that the remarks of the leader of the opposition were a great reflection on the late house. The only two who opposed that resolution were Mr. Beaven and the senior member for Yale. It was not to be wondered at, that the house should have been so unanaimous on this resolution seeing that it had before it the statement of the highest engineering authority, to the effect that a more durable and desirable road had been made than if the specifications had been followed in regard to the curvature. The house had simply acted as any set of business men would have done. It was well known, more than half of the road was owned by the hon. senior member for Nanaimo, whose pluck, courage and perseverance shown, in the undertaking must command the admiration of everyone and it was, therefore, to that gentleman's advantage to have a good durable piece of work. He was sure the honorable senior member for Nanaimo would be happy to sell the road to the leader of the opposition to-morrow for what it had cost him. (Mr. Dunsmuir—hear, hear).

Mr. Davie hoped the resolution would not be allowed to pass. It was clear the object of it was the annoyance of certain persons in this house and it was carefully framed so as to be offensive to them.

Mr. Dunsmuir said he had tried to benefit the country with what he had made in it. Although he said so himself, he believed he had benefitted the city of Victoria more than over the narrow minded leader of the opposition had. He was in a position to state that that gentlemen instead of encouraging capital to come in was driving it out of the country.

Mr. Grant said when the matter under discussion came up in the late legislature the government said their attention had been called to it only a day or two previous, while it had been done so months before.

Mr. Semlin had opposed the resolution in the late house and could therefore speak consistently. If the government had any correspondence on the subject they should bring it down.

Mr. Higgins said if he thought the resolution had any object or motive other than the annoyance of the senior member for Nanaimo, he would be glad to vote for it. The resolution, however, was the outcome of a species of warfare in this house, which to say the least, was very discreditable. The hope of the country was to induce capital to come in, and as was well known, it was shy enough without being harassed by the leader of the opposition.

Mr. Beaven said the government had a telegram in its possession dated the 25th February, 1886, relating to this matter, whereas it was not brought before the house till the 6th of April.

The resolution on being put was negatived by a vote of 14 to 7.

THE REPORTER'S GALLERY.

Mr. Higgins, to a question of privilege, called attention to the frigid condition of the reporter's gallery. Honorable members were not slow to rise in their places and complain if their remarks were not correctly reported, but it was impossible to make an accurate report in the present condition of the galleries. He had some experience in them and knew it was impossible. He suggested the use of gas stoves.

The attorney-general moved that the house adjourn, as he understood there was no gas.

Mr. Dunsmuir—There don't appear to be any scarcity of it. (Laughter.)

House adjourned at 5 p. m.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Higgins will ask leave to introduce a bill intituled "An act to amend the ballot act, 1877."

Mr. Higgins will introduce a bill intituled "An act to amend the municipalities act, 1881."

Mr. Orr will move—For copies of all correspondence between the Dominion and provincial governments respecting the railway bridge across False creek, in the district of New Westminster.

Mr. Davie will move—Whereas it has been stated by an honorable member, in his place in this house, that at the last general election, whereat the senior member for the city of Victoria was a candidate, ballot papers were supplied to electors with the name of the said senior member obliterated; be it resolved that a select committee be appointed with power to call for persons, books and papers, to enquire into and report to this house upon the conduct of the last general election in the city of Victoria, and whether any such obliterated ballot papers were supplied to any of the electors thereat and under what circumstances; such committee to consist of Messrs. Beaven, Grant, Turner, Prior and the mover."

Mr. John—That an order be granted for a return of all correspondence between the government and the municipal council of the city of Victria respecting the transfer of Mount Douglas reserve, Victoria district, to the corporation of Victoria city.

NOTICES OF QUESTION.

Mr. Higgins—Is it the intention of the government to place a sum on the estimates for the current year to provide for the erection of a suitable building for parliamentary purposes.

Mr. Cowan—Have any timber leases or grants in the Cariboo district been applied for; and if so, by whom; and for what extent?

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 10th.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2 p.m

Prayers were read by the Rev. W. W. Percival.

The chairman of the committee on private bills and standing orders reported that the Dalta railway company had complied with the usual forms.

EXPLOSIVES.

The attorney-general reported that the government had communicated with lieut.-colonel Holmes, in respect to the storage of combustibles in the drill shed, and had received a reply from him stating that the matter would be laid before the department at Ottawa. The colonel also stated that he had endeavored during the past three years to have these explosives removed. As there was nothing but cartridges stored in the building he did not apprehend any danger of an explosion unless the building took fire.

BONDED WAREHOUSES.

Mr. Anderson will move that an humble address be presented to His Honor the lieutenant-governor praying His Honor to request the federal government at its earliest convenience to cause to be constructed fire proof bonded warehouses for import and export with modern improvements and facilities for the discharging and loading of vessels, and hand the same over to responsible parties on condition that they keep the building in good repair and fully insured and give shippers and consignees the benefit of three (3) years' storage at a nominal charge, and advertise the same in the principal commercial centres of the world.

The mover said this resolution to encourage commerce was one which should receive the support of every British Columbian. The object was to induce vessels to come here with goods, which could be stored, insured, and await a favorable sale without being eaten up by enormous warehouse charges. Every ship which came into port could not go out again without putting from one to five thousand dollars in circulation and increasing trade. Hong Kong, once a barren rock, where lots sold at $1 each, had by encouragement built up a trade which brought 5,000,000 tons of shipping annually into port. Trade had, in fact, overgrown the capacity of the port. Many articles required in the east, such as tea, sugar, jute, rice, cotton and spices, would be brought here and held for a favorable sale if shippers knew that the warehousing would be reasonable.

Mr. Higgins seconded the resolution, and congratulated the honorable member on the clear and comprehensive manner in which he had brought this matter before the house. Victoria and Esquimalt were directly in the path of commerce, and the object of the resolution was to supplement the advantages which they naturally possessed.

Mr Allen was sorry he could not support the resolution just read: All the revenues of the province were required for developing the mines on the mainland.

Mr. Orr said there were several ports in the province entitled to equal consideration with Victoria and Esquimalt. He asked the honorable member to amend his resolution by striking out "Victoria and Esquimalt" and substituting therefor the words "numerous ports of British Columbia."

The resolution as originally drawn up was amended by the introducer by inserting words to the effect that private parties be encouraged to build bonded warehouses, the same to be subject to regulation by the Dominion government.

Mr. Prior would like to know if it was the intention of the mover that the Dominion government should control the rates for warehousing goods?

Mr. Anderson replied that that was the intention.

Mr. Prior said that he would have to oppose the resolution, first because he thought that there was no possibility of getting public aid, and secondly because he did not think it should be given under such circumstance that private rights would be interfered with. Goods were now stored here at 20 cents per ton per month. The establishment of such warehouses might have the effect of giving us cheap goods, but that would bring with it a corresponding reduction in salaries, etc., which he did not think was desirable.

Mr. Turner did not think the object of the resolution was good. It would undoubtedly be an interference with private rights. Warehouse accommodation would be provided as the trade required it. He was aware that at present sugar and rice from China were stored in Victoria at a lower rate than these goods could be warehoused in London.

Mr. Bole found the temptation too great to resist saying something. He decidedly objected to the idea going abroad that Victoria and Esquimalt were the only ports in British Columbia calculated to become the depots of the Asiatic trade. The city which he had the honor to represent had the best harbor of them all, or at least it could be made so by a nominal expenditure. It was capable of being made a second Liverpool. He did not favor the idea of the Dominion government monopolizing the warehouse business of the province. If such a thing as the resolution proposed should occur, matters would come to this that a man would have to tell whether he was a reformer or a conservative before he could get the key of a warehouse [laughter].

Mr. Anderson was sorry there was not a more patriotic feeling among members of the house. He claimed that it was the duty of the Dominion government to foster the trade of the younger provinces, and to encourage commerce in the way he intended did not necessarily interfere with private rights. He had no desire to give Victoria and Esquimalt an undue prominence, but the first place a ship with a cargo of goods would come to was the Royal Roads, and Victoria and Esquimalt were naturally the most convenient ports for warehouses.

Hon. Mr. Robson expressed a desire to see the amendment, proposed by Mr. Orr, made to the resolution, and several members had desired to speak on it, but as Mr. Anderson had closed the debate it was too late.

Mr. Anderson then asked leave to withdraw the resolution and will bring it up in another form.

PRINTING.

Mr. Beaven moved that the petition of McLeod Stewart and others for leave to introduce a private bill and the petition of Alexander McLean and others for a similar purpose be printed.

Hon. Mr. Robson said this was a new departure which would involve additional labor and expense without producing a corresponding benefit.

An amendment was moved that "all petitions for leave to introduce private bills be printed and bound with the journals of the house."

The resolution and amendment were both lost.

The Hon. Mr. Davie asked leave to introduce a bill intituled, "An Act relating to the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court."

Mr. Beaven—You must ask leave of the senior member for Nanaimo.

Mr. Dunsmuir—If the honorable gentleman had asked my leave to introduce these clap-trap resolutions of his he would have been saved from making a fool of himself. (Laughter.)

Mr. Allen entered his solemn protest against the time of the house being wasted in this manner.

Leave was granted to introduce the bill, which was read a first time, second reading on Monday.

COMMITTEE ON MINING LAWS.

Col. Baker moved, Mr. Mason seconded, that whereas it is expedient to amend certain clauses in the mining laws of the province, a select committee be appointed to consider the subject and report to the house.

The following committee were appointed: Baker, Grant, Orr, Cowan, Mason, McLeese, Allen.

TRANS-PACIFIC STEAMSHIPS.

Mr. Higgins moved that a respectful address be presented to his honor the lieutenant-governor, requesting that he will cause to be sent down to this house copies of all correspondence, telegrams or orders in Council, by this government, with any other government, or person, or persons whatsoever, relative to the calling of trans-Pacific steamships, carrying Her Majesty's mails, at the ports of Victoria and Esquimalt. Passed.

SOME QUESTIONS BY MR BOLE.

Mr. Bole asked—Have any bonds under or in pursuance of the "loan act, 1886," been issued or used? If so, in what manner?

Hon. minister of finance—No.

Mr. Bole asked—What amount the government had to its debit or credit at the government bank on 31st December, 1886, and what was the cash balance in deputy-treasurers hands at the same date?

Hon. minister of finance—Debit on current account, $303,728,06; credit, on special deposit by Columbia and Kootenay Railway company for fulfilment of bond, $25,000. Cash balance in treasury, $2080,53.

Mr. Bole asked—What amount of taxes have been collected on suburban lands in the city of New Westminster since 1st of January, 1873, to 31st December, 1886?

Hon. minister of finance—$14,49,63, nearly.

Mr. Bole asked—What expenditure has been made for roads and bridges, suburban lands, New Westminster City, since 1st January, 1873?

Hon. minister of finance—No distinction has been observed in the expenditure on roads and bridges, beyond the limits of