

connecting this Department with that of the Colonial Secretary, one civil engineer would be sufficient to transact all the business. That, therefore, for purposes of economy, it is expedient to abolish the office of Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and to reduce the permanent staff of the Department to not more than two civil engineers, under the supervision of the Colonial Secretary.

XIV. That the duties of the Treasury can be performed under efficient checks by two clerks; that, therefore, one clerk should be discharged, thereby saving \$1200 per annum.

XV. That the Auditor's Department is too expensively conducted. That two competent clerks can efficiently audit the public accounts at a salary not exceeding \$1800 and \$1500 respectively, thereby saving in this Department \$1750.

XVI. That the office of Registrar General of Titles at Victoria is almost a sinecure. That the incumbent draws a salary of \$2440 per year for a service that notoriously does not occupy him more than one hour a day; yet the Government refuses to reduce the salary; on the contrary has raised it \$485 in 1868, and persists in keeping the office separate instead of amalgamating it with some other and thereby utilizing the services of the incumbent. That reports are industriously published by the Government that the office is self-paying and ought, therefore, to be continued. But that is effected by imposing a high tariff of charges for registering documents and thereby the office is made self-paying at the expense of those who register. That by affixing a salary to this office proportionate to the labor performed, the tariff of charges for registration could be reduced four-fifths; that the labor employed in this service is not worth more than \$500 per annum. That by an alteration of local statutes (if necessary at all) so that the office may be amalgamated with that of Registrar of the Supreme Court, Victoria, the whole time of the incumbent might be employed, and at a salary of \$1800 per annum there would be saved in this Department \$700 and in the Supreme Court \$1500, making a total saving of \$2200 per annum. That the office of Registrar of Titles might be amalgamated with one of two other offices, yet retain all its efficiency and secure economy in the expenditure. That the continuance of this officer at the present salary is a glaring public wrong.

XVII. That the office of Stipendiary Magistrate for New Westminster should be abolished and that the duties should be discharged by the Registrar General of British Columbia, in addition to the duties of Post Master General.

XVIII. That the office of Harbour Master should be amalgamated with that of the Customs Department, that a saving would thereby be effected of \$1800, without any public injury.

XIX. That the salary of the Attorney General should be \$1500 with practice, and that he be allowed a clerk at \$1000 per year.

XX. That reform in the office of Sheriff is essentially necessary, as it is virtually a sinecure, without proper securities being filed by the Sheriff in case of errors or losses in Civil suits. That a division of the Shrievalty into two or more Shrievalties, the incumbents giving bonds in a suitable amount for the faithful performance of their duty, is required both for efficiency and security of the public. That the paying out of public monies as a bonus to the Sheriff under present circumstances is a wasteful and wanton expenditure.

XXI. That the office of Chief Inspector of Police is not required, and therefore ought to be abolished.

Moved by Mr. DeCosmos and seconded by Mr. McMillan: That the Report be received.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. DeCosmos and seconded by Mr. McMillan: That the Report be adopted.—Carried.